



MINUTES CITY OF NORCO

CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
JANUARY 20, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Malcolm Miller, **Present**
Mayor Pro Tem Berwin Hanna, **Present**
Council Member Kathy Azevedo, **Present**
Council Member Kevin Bash, **Present**
Council Member Harvey C. Sullivan, **Present**

Staff Present: Carlson, Cooper, Groves, Jacobs, King, Okoro, Oulman, Petree and Thompson

City Attorney Harper – **Present**

THE CITY COUNCIL/CRA RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION (SECTION 54954) TO CONSIDER MATTERS:

Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiator

Street Address or Parcel Numbers: APN's 123-080-028; 123-260-003, -004, -006, -010; 123-250-007, -006, -005; 123-320-001; 123-330-011, -001, -036

Negotiating Parties: Norco Redevelopment Agency and EnviroFinance Group

Points Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION: With nothing to report from Closed Session, Mayor Miller reconvened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Miller

INVOCATION: Pastor Vernie Fletcher
Grace Fellowship Church

PROCLAMATION: Chett Floyd
Eagle Scout Project in the City of Norco --- Completed an intersection inventory, rating each and every 4-way stop sign in the City.

REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

M/S Sullivan/Hanna to approve the items as recommended on the CRA Consent Calendar. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

1. CRA CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

A. CRA Minutes:

Special Meeting of December 14, 2009

Regular Meeting of December 16, 2009

Special Meeting of January 13, 2010

Recommended Action: Approve the CRA Minutes (City Clerk)

2. CRA PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Approval of an Owner Participation Agreement, by and between the Norco Redevelopment Agency and Dr. Jennifer M. Wells & Roland F. Schmitz as part of the Norco Façade Improvement Program, at 911 Sixth Street

Dr. Jennifer M. Wells & Roland Schmitz ("Participant"), the owners of the building located at 911 Sixth Street, have submitted a request to participate in the Façade Improvement Program. The proposed Owner Participation Agreement ("OPA") will fund the project for an amount not-to-exceed \$60,000 and will be used for the comprehensive Western themed renovation of the property, including new facades and approved signage, parking and landscaping. The Façade Improvement Program ("Program") helps the Agency meet strategic objectives and promotes Norco's signature theme of "Horsetown USA."

Recommended Action: Adopt CRA Resolution No. 2010-___, approving an Owner Participation Agreement by and between the Norco Redevelopment Agency and Dr. Jennifer M. Wells & Roland F. Schmitz for a building located at 911 Sixth Street. (Director of Economic Development)

Economic Development Director Oulman presented the CRA item.

Council Member Azevedo stated that she supports the Façade Improvement Program and asked if there are funds available to continue this program. Director Oulman responded that there are remaining funds this fiscal year for the Program. Council Member Azevedo also asked about the landscape proposed for this project. Planning Manager King stated that they meet the requirements.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanna asked if the existing building will be demolished. Economic Development Director Oulman responded that it will be mostly demolished. Mayor Pro Tem Hanna stated that he likes the building and also received confirmation from staff that there will be enough parking.

Chairman Miller OPENED the public hearing, indicating that proper notification had been made and asking for the appearance of those wishing to speak. With no one wishing to speak, Chairman Miller CLOSED the public hearing.

M/S Bash/Sullivan to adopt CRA Resolution No. 2010-02, approving an Owner Participation Agreement by and between the Norco Redevelopment Agency and Dr. Jennifer M. Wells & Roland F. Schmitz for a building located at 911 Sixth Street. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

**AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE**

3. JOINT CRA/CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR ITEMS:

CONSENT ITEMS:

M/S Sullivan/Bash to approve Items 3.A. and 3.B. as recommended on the Joint CRA/City Council Consent Calendar. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

**AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE**

- A. Required Disclosure of Real Property Ownership. **Recommended Action: Receive and File** (City Clerk)
- B. Approval of a Reimbursement Agreement by and between the City of Norco, the Norco Redevelopment Agency and Belstarr Sports Management, LLC. **Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2010-02 and CRA Resolution No. 2010-03, approving a Reimbursement Agreement for demolition of various structures, clearing and grubbing of the Silverlakes property.** (Director of Public Works)

ACTION ITEM:

- C. Exclusive Negotiating Agreement by and among the City of Norco, the Norco Redevelopment Agency and EnviroFinance Group

The owner of the Wyle property, EnviroFinance Group, is interested in discussing a sale of the property to the Norco Redevelopment Agency or the City. They also expressed concerns regarding the proposed Zone Change on the property. They have proposed entering into an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with the City of Norco / Norco Redevelopment Agency ("City/Agency") for a 90 day period. During that time, EnviroFinance Group will not market nor attempt to sell the property to any other party, in exchange for the City Council delaying action on the second reading of the zoning ordinance for that period.

Recommended Action: Approve the Exclusive Negotiating Agreement.
(City Attorney)

City Attorney Harper presented the Joint CRA/City Council item as stated in the summary. He noted that the 90 days is the maximum term of this agreement and either party can terminate the agreement without cause upon five business days' advance written notice to the other parties.

Linda Dixon. Ms. Dixon spoke against this agreement.

Pat Overstreet. Ms. Overstreet spoke against this agreement and in support of adopting the three ordinances.

Su Bacon. Ms. Bacon spoke against this agreement and in support of the zone change.

Betsy Roberts. Ms. Roberts spoke against this agreement and in support of the zone change.

Vernon Showalter. Mr. Showalter spoke in support of the agreement.

Glenn Hedges. Mr. Hedges spoke against this agreement and in support of the zone change.

Don Bowker. Mr. Bowker spoke against this agreement.

Stanley Lamport. Mr. Lamport represented the third party to the agreement and stated that there is a legal issue in re-zoning this property. He further noted that there are no "deals" negotiated at this point and this agreement preserves the status quo.

Jeff Compton. Mr. Compton represents the Norco Regional Conservancy and spoke in support of adopting the ordinance and against this agreement.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he feels like most of the people that spoke; however, this is a wonderful opportunity that will not do anything but cost the City 90 days at the worst. He further noted that this is an opportunity to look at the property for all possibilities and added that the only negative is waiting the 90 days to adopt the second reading of the ordinance.

Council Member Azevedo stated that her goals when she was elected were to restore the Norconian Hotel and have open space, with no residential development on the Wyle property. She noted that she is in support of the zone change and that the only way the City would be to purchase would be if the State does not “take away” Redevelopment funds. Tax Credits are a possibility. She further noted that there are endless opportunities with the new zone change but does not see a down side to waiting 90 days. Council Member Azevedo added that the zone change could be approved in 24 hours.

Council Member Bash stated how hard he fought for the City to purchase the Silverlakes property. He noted that right now is an incredible opportunity in regards to the Wyle property. Council Member Bash stated that as more information gets out, people will realize that the 90 days is the course we need to take.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanna stated that this is a hard decision and doesn't see that the budget will look any different in 90 days. He noted that he believes that the people that spoke representing the Conservancy are right.

Mayor Miller stated that through land use planning, the opportunity is present to determine how the land is used. He added that the City needs to explore the opportunities for this land, and whether the City can afford it. Mayor Miller noted that if we do get the land, there needs to be a plan with financial backing. He stated that the 90 days will give the City the opportunity to realistically explore the possibilities and is in favor of this agreement.

M/S Sullivan/Bash to approve the Exclusive Negotiating Agreement. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: HANNA
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

ADJOURNMENT OF CRA:

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

Items 4.I., 4.J., and 4.K. were pulled for discussion

M/S Sullivan/Bash to approve the remaining items as recommended on the City Council Consent Calendar. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

4. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

- A. City Council Minutes:
Special Meeting of December 14, 2009
Regular Meeting of December 16, 2009
Special Meeting of January 13, 2010
Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Minutes (City Clerk)
- B. Planning Commission Action Minutes, Regular Meeting of January 13, 2010. **Recommended Action: Receive and File** (Planning Manager)
- C. Procedural Step to Approve Ordinance after Reading of Title Only.
Recommended Action: Approval (City Clerk)
- D. Report on Fiscal Year 2009 Audited Financial Reports. **Recommended Action: Receive and File the Fiscal Year 2009 Audited Financial Reports.** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)
- E. Approval of the Quarterly Investment Report for Quarter Ended December 31, 2009. **Recommended Action: Receive and File the Fiscal Year 2009 Audited Financial Reports.** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)
- F. Appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission. **Recommended Action: That the City Council appoint Terri Jacquemain, M.A. to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission.** (City Clerk)
- G. Approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Existing Contract with So Cal Sandbags for Clearing of the Silverlakes Property. **Recommended Action: Approve Amendment No. 2 to the existing contract with So Cal Sandbags and authorize the mayor to execute said Agreement.** (Director of Public Works)
- H. Request for Proposal (RFP) for Management of the George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center. **Recommended Action: Approve the Request for Proposal for the George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center.** (Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services)

- I. **Ordinance No. 915, Second Reading.** Zone Code Amendment 2009-01 (City of Norco); A Proposal to Establish a New Zone with Corresponding Development Standards Entitled "Preservation and Development" zone. **Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 915.** (City Clerk) **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**
 - J. **Ordinance No. 916, Second Reading.** Zone Change 2009-01 (City of Norco); A Proposal to Change Existing Zoning on Property Corresponding to the Former Wyle Laboratories Property from "General Manufacturing" and "Hillside" to "Preservation and Development." **Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 916** (City Clerk) **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**
 - K. **Ordinance No. 917, Second Reading.** Zone Change 2009-02 (City of Norco); A Proposal to Change Existing Zoning on Property Corresponding to the Former Norconian Resort Around Lake Norconian from "Open Space" and "Limited Development" to "Preservation and Development." **Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 917** (City Clerk) **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**
5. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING:
- A. City-Initiated Proposal to Amend Title 6, Chapter 6.42 of the Norco Municipal Code Applying the Ten Percent (10%) Waste Hauler Franchise Fee to Service Providers Other Than the City's Exclusive Franchisee for Refuse Collection, Recycling and Disposal

The existing Code Section pertaining to licensing fees is silent on the application of the ten percent (10%) franchise fee for the City's exclusive franchisee for refuse collection, recycling and disposal, as well as for independent waste haulers lawfully contracted by other governmental entities, such as the California Department of Corrections, Riverside Community College District or Corona-Norco Unified School District. The proposed ordinance amending this chapter of the Municipal Code will clarify and formally codify the application of this franchise fee.

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. ____ for first reading.
(Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)

Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Okoro presented the City Council item.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanna received confirmation from staff that the Corona-Norco Unified School District and Riverside Community College Norco Campus have contracted with another waste hauler. City Attorney Harper stated that this franchise fee is only applicable to public agencies.

Mayor Miller OPENED the public hearing, indicating that proper notification had been made and asking for the appearance of those wishing to speak.

Vern Showalter. Mr. Showalter received clarification from staff that this franchise fee will not affect independent haulers for residents.

Mayor Miller CLOSED the public hearing.

M/S Hanna/Bash to adopt Ordinance No. 918 for first reading. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

6. CITY COUNCIL ITEMS FOR ACTION:

- A. Approval of the Organizational Strategy for the Norconian Preservation Strategic Plan**

The Norco Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed a draft organizational strategy for development of a Strategic Plan for the preservation of the former Norconian Club Hotel site. The draft document is being presented for City Council approval along with a recommendation to appoint two City Council Members.

Recommended Action: 1. Approve the organizational strategy for the Norconian Preservation Strategic Plan; and 2. Appoint two Members of the Norco City Council to serve on the Norconian Strategic Plan Committee. (Director of Economic Development)

City Manager Groves presented the City Council item. She recommends creating a committee to do the work as described in the plan and a communication group in order to move forward. She noted that the Historic Preservation Commission recommended that there be 2 members from its Commission.

M/S Bash/Hanna to approve the organizational strategy for the Norconian Preservation Strategic Plan with the addition of one Parks and Recreation Commission Member and one alternate, and two Historic Preservation Commission Members to the Norconian Strategic Plan Committee.

AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

M/S Sullivan/Hanna to appoint Council Member Azevedo and Council Member Bash to serve on the Norconian Strategic Plan Committee. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

B. Update on the Discussions Regarding the Norco Valley Fair

At its December 16, 2009 meeting, the City Council directed the City Manager to meet with representatives of the Norco Chamber of Commerce to determine whether or not the Chamber is planning to sponsor a 2010 Norco Valley Fair. This report contains a report on that meeting with the Chamber representatives.

Recommended Action: Staff is requesting City Council direction. (City Manager)

City Manager Groves presented the City Council item. She noted that a meeting was held with Chamber representatives and they stated that they plan on moving on with the Norco Valley Fair on Labor Day Weekend. City Manager Groves stated that she is seeking direction regarding moving forward with the lease of the facilities.

Jim Sassin. Mr. Sassin commented on the article in the *Press Enterprise* regarding the Chamber making cuts and raising costs at the Fair. He noted that he spoke with many people that are willing to work with a community group to put on the Fair and they have already checked into entertainment. He stated that with the City's support, they would provide all of the volunteers.

Glen Hedges. Mr. Hedges stated that the Norco Valley Fair has been going down hill and many of the vendors are not returning. He noted that a committee, not associated with the Chamber, could gain respect from the vendors so they would return. He further noted that the Fair needs more community involvement and exhibits. Mr. Hedges stated that it is time for change and put the Fair in the hands of the community.

Su Bacon. Ms. Bacon stated that when she first came to Norco, the Fair was a huge thing. She noted that over the course of the last six years it has gone down hill, along with the reputation of the Chamber. She spoke against the Chamber putting on the Fair.

Pat Overstreet. Ms. Overstreet stated that she believes that it is audacious that the Chamber thinks they should put the Fair on this year. She noted that in the last four or five years, the Fair has gone down hill. She spoke in favor of attracting local service groups and non-profits back to the Fair.

Richard Hallam. Mr. Hallam stated that the powers to be at the Chamber are stale. He noted that the Chamber is not willing to listen to new ideas and as a Parks and Recreation Commission Member he hears many complaints regarding the Fair. Mr. Hallam also stated that the Chamber is consumed with the Fair and has done nothing for the local businesses.

Richard Boyle. Mr. Boyle stated that it would be easy to continue the status quo, but the Council should look at what the residents deserve. He noted that the Fair takes a lot of work and commitment and the Chamber has not shown that. He further noted that there are people in the City that can step up to the plate.

Lisa Shaver. Ms. Shaver stated that she believes that the Norco Chamber should be relieved of its reasonability in putting on the Fair and those responsibilities be given to and involved community.

Pam Smith. Ms. Smith stated that the Chamber has not paid its bills from last year's Fair. She noted that if we want a successful fair, we need to make sure there is a different set of people putting on the Fair.

Ann Marie Knutsen. Ms. Knutsen spoke in support of the Fair and was concerned that it would no longer be called the Norco Valley Fair.

Vernon Showalter. Mr. Showalter stated that in the past the City has donated money to the Chamber to put on the Fair. He noted that the fair can be called something else.

Linda Dixon. Ms. Dixon stated she and her husband were involved with a "real" Chamber of Commerce in their past. She noted that she is willing to work with a community group on the Fair. She further noted that she would rather see no Fair than the Chamber put it on again.

Dana Prechtl. Mr. Prechtl is a Board Member of Horseweek and stated that it takes about \$70,000 to put on that event. She noted that the City could put on the Fair in conjunction with another event in the City.

Tom Willison. Mr. Willison stated that the Chamber has lost its integrity. He noted that the NHA puts over 900 hours into the Fair. He further commented that this Chamber has no confidence from the community or local businesses.

Terri Baker. Ms. Baker stated that the Fair used to be fun and casual and they did not charge for everything. She noted that the Chamber has mismanaged the Fair and we need to look into how it can be made better.

Kevin Russell. Mr. Russell stated that what he is hearing is that the Fair needs to be profitable for the local businesses and should get back to what it used to be. He noted that the City does not give Chamber money to put on the fair, but because they represent and promote the City. He further noted how the chamber receives calls daily and promotes the City. Mr. Russell stated that he has been involved with the Fair for the last

12 years, and it is still what it used to be. He added that the businesses on Sixth Street gear up for the Fair and it is profitable for them. He noted files in a folder with renewed memberships and stated that the Chamber is not broke and is paying off its bills.

Shalyn Stanfield. Ms. Stanfield stated that the Norco Valley Fair has been in the City for 63 years. She commented that she is concerned that the Fair has declined and cannot imagine not having a Fair. She asked that for the sake of the Fair and the community that the best decision would be made so that the Fair can continue in the way it should.

Tom Wilson. Mr. Wilson stated that no matter who runs the Fair, it would make sense for a professional company to manage and coordinate it.

Danny Azevedo. Mr. Azevedo stated that he has been to every fair since 1961 and that the Fair is for the people that live in Norco. He noted that we need to get back to reality regarding what the fair was for and it is time for a new start! Mr. Azevedo stated that the Fair should come back to the people of the City. He further stated that the Chamber is being paid to represent the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanna stated that the City met with the Chamber representatives and still has not figured out how they would pay their bills from last year. He further stated that he cannot see that anyone would pay for advertising or a booth space when they did not get paid from last year.

Council Member Azevedo commented on her past involvement at the Chamber. She stated that the Chamber made up of 15 Board of Directors and asked where are the Board of Directors tonight. Council Member Azevedo stated that as a Council Member, she needs to look at fiscal responsibility to the City. She further stated that she hopes that community people will "jump on board."

Council Member Sullivan stated that he cautioned Council at the last meeting to go into this discussion carefully. His recommendation would be to direct the City Manager to receive proposals from other groups and if the Chamber wants to participate in the process, they can.

Council Member Bash stated that the Fair started with business people that wanted to participate. He further noted that he was not sure if the Chamber really owned the right to the title of Norco Valley Fair. Council Member Bash stated that the purpose of the Chamber is to create commerce through community and further noted that the Chamber has lost sight of that purpose. He asked the question regarding what the cost would be for a group of citizens to put on the Fair and rent the space for 5 days. In response, City Manager Groves stated that Director Petree could put that information together.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanna commented that he did not think that the businesses on Sixth Street benefited financially during the Fair because sales tax was lower during that period. He noted that he thought it was wise for a new group to put on the Fair and in no way connected to the Chamber.

Council Member Sullivan stated that several years ago the Council put together a committee to assist with the development of contracts. He noted that if an event was put on by a non-profit group, the City would assist so that this event could be put on. Council Member Sullivan stated that he is willing to help but groups should meet with the City to discuss this.

Mayor Miller thanked everyone for sharing their opinions. He stated that the consensus he heard was that Director Petree will put together the criteria required to put on the Fair, as required by the City; groups will submit proposals to the City; and then staff recommendations will be brought back to the Council.

M/S Azevedo/Sullivan to not go into negotiations with the Chamber regarding the Fair and allow 30 days for staff to have the opportunity to meet with community groups, including the Chamber of Commerce, to formulate a plan to run the Fair and bring recommendations back to the Council the second meeting in February.

Substitute M/S Sullivan/Hanna to entertain offers from all interested parties regarding putting on the fair, without sending out a formal request for proposals, and Director Petree will present an update to the Council at its February 17, 2010 meeting. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote

AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

7. ITEMS PULLED FROM CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

Linda Dixon. Ms. Dixon stated that she would like to see the Council rescind its vote on the ENA and adopt Ordinance No. 916.

Dave Henderson. Mr. Henderson asked if there was any reason Items 4. I. and K could not be passed. His question was clarified by the City Attorney that no, there was no reason that they could not be passed.

Su Bacon. Ms. Bacon would like to see the prior vote rescinded and spoke in favor of adopting Ordinance No. 916.

Stanley Lamport. Mr. Lamport asked for clarification on the adoption of the Ordinances.

Jeff Compton. Mr. Compton stated that the message is loud and clear from the Council and hopes everything works out.

- I. **Ordinance No. 915, Second Reading.** Zone Code Amendment 2009-01 (City of Norco); A Proposal to Establish a New Zone with Corresponding Development Standards Entitled "Preservation and Development" zone. **Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 915.** (City Clerk)

M/S Bash/Sullivan to Adopt Ordinance No. 915. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

- J. **Ordinance No. 916, Second Reading.** Zone Change 2009-01 (City of Norco); A Proposal to Change Existing Zoning on Property Corresponding to the Former Wyle Laboratories Property from "General Manufacturing" and "Hillside" to "Preservation and Development." **Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 916** (City Clerk)

M/S Sullivan/Bash to table the consideration of the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 916 in accordance with the approved Exclusive Negotiating Agreement. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

- K. **Ordinance No. 917, Second Reading.** Zone Change 2009-02 (City of Norco); A Proposal to Change Existing Zoning on Property Corresponding to the Former Norconian Resort Around Lake Norconian from "Open Space" and "Limited Development" to "Preservation and Development." **Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 917** (City Clerk)

M/S Bash/Azevedo to Adopt Ordinance No. 917. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

Denise Shoemaker. Ms. Shoemaker requested permission from the Council to advertise the NHA Casino Night on the Norco Auto Mall Sign.

Ann Marie Knudsen. Ms. Knudsen commented on the use of RDA money for road repair and made additional comments on City expenditures during this time of recession.

Vern Showalter. Mr. Showalter commented on the need for a dog park in Norco and suggested Parmenter Park.

9. OTHER MATTERS – REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF:

Mayor Pro Tem Hanna:

- # Stated that the Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District will be celebrating 50 years and will be holding an open house from 1-3p.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2010.
- # Asked Director Thompson about the use of rubber rails on the trails instead of sandbags. Director Thompson stated that he just heard about them and would request that the Trail Committee investigate this, along with other ideas received.

Council Member Bash:

- # Congratulated Director Petree on the joint use agreement with the High School.
- # Congratulated the Parks & Recreation Department on the Award of Excellence for the Horsetown USA Logo.
- # Stated that he spoke with Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Okoro regarding the audits and noted his achievements in preparing these financial documents.
- # Asked about Commission Member Hedges' comments included in the Planning Commission Action Minutes regarding the signs that have not been posted at the Community Center and the displaying of vehicles for sale that was still occurring, and her comments on the Wall Design CUP compliance issues. Staff confirmed that these were being looked into. Director Petree noted that the signs at the Community Center should be ready next week.
- # Stated that the clean-up day at NSWC was postponed to the 30th of January.

Council Member Azevedo:

- # Stated that she and City Manager Groves went to a WRCOG workshop where they were looking for input from all the Member cities.
- # Confirmed that City Manager Groves and Director Thompson are in communication with Caltrans regarding way-finding signage on the freeway.
- # Asked Director Thompson if some temporary lighting could be placed at the intersection of Hamner and Detroit until permanent lighting is completed, as it is very dark and is a dangerous intersection.

Council Member Sullivan:

- ✚ Stated that action should be taken following the last Planning Commission meeting, when one of the Planning Commission Members spoke out of line to persons in the audience that provided public comments. It was determined that the Mayor will speak with Planning Manager King regarding this matter and will then contact the Planning Commission Member.
- ✚ Commented on a new news group in town called the newsfornorco.com, from which he received a lot of emails this past weekend regarding the need for sandbags. He suggested that the Council make it known that citizens should contact City staff.
- ✚ Commended the Public Works staff on their work during this most recent storm.

Mayor Miller:

- ✚ Thanked Department Heads for the staff reports provided to the Council.

10. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:39 p.m.

BRENDA K. JACOBS
CITY CLERK