



MINUTES CITY OF NORCO

CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
FEBRUARY 3, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Malcolm G. Miller, M.D., **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**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Sullivan

INVOCATION: Pastor Vernie Fletcher
Grace Fellowship Church

PRESENTATION: Recognition of the 81st Anniversary of the Opening of the Norconian (February 2, 1929)

Mayor Miller and Council Member Bash, along with the members of the Lake Norconian Club Foundation, presented Linda Dixon and City Historian Ron Snow with a plaque and a certificate of appreciation for their tireless efforts in the preservation of the Norconian Hotel and service on the Lake Norconian Club Foundation.

REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

M/S Hanna/Sullivan 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:

Regular Meeting of January 20, 2010

Special Meeting of January 25, 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 GWEN Phoenix, LLC, as part of the Norco Façade Improvement Program, at 3646 Hamner Avenue

Recommended Action: Continue the CRA Public Hearing to February 17, 2010 to allow time for the Participant to submit final required documents. (Director of Economic Development)

M/S Baxh/Azevedo to continue the CRA Public Hearing to February 17, 2010. 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 CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Development of 122 Acres of Property Known as the Silverlakes Equestrian and Sports Park:

This joint public hearing includes several interrelated documents and actions related to the Silverlakes project on Hamner Avenue at the north end of the City. Staff has been working diligently with the Belstarr development team to negotiate the provisions in these complex agreements. Progress continues to be made and the developer has continued to fund the staff and consultant costs associated with the process. Continuing the joint public hearing item will assure that all necessary documents and agreements are ready in order to provide a complete package to the City Council/Agency Board for consideration.

Recommended Actions: Continue the CRA/City Council Joint Public Hearing to March 17, 2010. (Executive Director/City Manager)

M/S Sullivan/Bash to continue the CRA/City Council Joint Public Hearing to March 17, 2010. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

4. OTHER CRA MATTERS:

ADJOURNMENT OF CRA: 7:25 p.m.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

M/S Hanna/Bash to approve the 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

5. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

- A. City Council Minutes:
Regular Meeting of January 20, 2010
Special Meeting of January 25, 2010
Recommended Action: Approve the CRA Minutes (City Clerk)
- B. Planning Commission Action Minutes, Regular Meeting of January 27, 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. **Ordinance No. 918, Second Reading.** 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. **Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 918.** (City Clerk)
- E. Approval of a Two-Year Weed Abatement Contract Extension with Warren Brothers Tractor Work to Provide Weed Abatement on Vacant Parcels.
Recommended Action: Approve a Two-Year Contract Extension (Fire Chief)

- F. Approval of Contract with Pierce Fire Apparatus for the Purchase of a Replacement Fire Engine. **Recommended Action: Approve Contract** (Fire Chief)
 - G. Appropriation of Additional Funds for the Reservoir No. 4 Booster Pump Station Project. **Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2010-03, appropriating additional funds for the Reservoir No. 4 Booster Pump Station Project in an amount not to exceed \$170,000.** (Director of Public Works)
 - H. Acceptance of Bids & Award Contract for the Annual On-Call Street Maintenance Program. **Recommended Action: Approve and award the contract for the Annual On-Call Street Maintenance Program to Caliber Paving Company, Inc.** (Director of Public Works)
 - I. Fiscal Year 2010 Second Quarter Budget Performance Report. **Recommended Action: Receive and File** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)
 - J. Resolution Amending the City's Conflict of Interest Code Applicable to Designated Employees Pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974. **Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2010-04, amending the City's Conflict of Interest Code.** (City Clerk)
6. ITEMS PULLED FROM CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:
7. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS:
- A. Ordinance Amending Specific Text in the Norco Municipal Code to Correctly Reference the Title of Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance

The Norco Municipal Code makes several references to the title of Director of Fiscal and Support Services. As this title has been reclassified to the title of Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance, the proposed Ordinance has been prepared to correctly reference that title throughout the entire NMC. Code Change 2010-02.

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. ____ for first reading.
(City Clerk)

City Clerk Jacobs presented the City Council item.

Mayor 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, Mayor Miller CLOSED the public hearing.

M/S Bash/Hanna to adopt Ordinance No. 920 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

- B. Urgency Ordinance for the Extension of an Existing Moratorium on the Approval of New Plans for the Construction of Accessory Structures that Exceed 2,500 Square Feet on Residentially and Agriculturally-Zoned Properties

The City Council and Planning Commission have been working to amend the Norco Municipal Code to address excessively large accessory structures in residential and agricultural zones. Staff and the Planning Commission are currently in review of a revised proposal that is anticipated to get to the City Council in March, but it will not be before the current moratorium expires. The proposed moratorium extension will allow staff and Planning Commission to finish a recommendation to the City Council.

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 919 to become effective immediately. (Planning Manager)

Planning Manager King presented the City Council item.

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 spoke against this ordinance.

Pat Overstreet. Ms. Overstreet spoke in favor of this ordinance.

Mayor Miller CLOSED the public hearing.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he had a problem with extending the moratorium if it is going to affect other residents who want to build a new garage or barn. He further noted that he would like to see approval of accessory buildings in the future go before the Planning Commission.

Planning Manager King stated that we would need to change the ordinance in order for that action to take place.

Council Member Azevedo stated that it was confirmed to her that there are currently no plans submitted that this ordinance would affect. She also stated that she is in support of this ordinance and has no problem extending it for one year. She also noted that she wants it brought back in a manner that "she can understand it."

Mayor Pro Tem Hanna stated that he is in support of this ordinance as long as it continues in effect.

Mayor Miller stated that he is in support of the ordinance.

M/S Azevedo/Hanna to adopt Ordinance No. 919 to become effective immediately. 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:

Vern Showalter. Mr. Showalter recommends that progress reports from City staff become available to the public regarding projects that have been approved by the Council. Mayor Miller confirmed that progress reports are generated

9. OTHER MATTERS - COUNCIL OR STAFF:

Mayor Pro Tem Hanna:

- ✚ Reported on the Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District open house in celebration of its 50th anniversary on Thursday, January 21, 2010. He added that members of the Council attended and toured the facility.
- ✚ Reported that NART received four used hand-held radios and a battery charger from the Norco Fire Department for its use. He added that NART also received a hand-held GPS device and they are now very well equipped.
- ✚ Stated that NART participated in another horse rescue a week ago, this took place on a site almost identical to the rescue a year ago.

Council Member Bash:

- ✚ Reported that there were 280 participants in attendance on Saturday, January 30th, for the clean up at the Navy Base.
- ✚ Suggested that if we get someone to run Ingalls Park, the City could name the buildings.
- ✚ Stated that Riverview Elementary is about to close, and Norco has nobody who votes on the Corona-Norco Unified School District Board. He suggested looking into changing voting year to even years to get more voters out.
- ✚ Stated that he would like to see the City do something to mark the date of May 9th, when the "great Norco bank robbery" took place and Deputy Adams was killed.
- ✚ Reported that there is a new donut shop open in Norco on the southeast corner of Sixth and Hamner.

Council Member Azevedo:

- # Stated that she is now the City's representative on WRCOG and was informed at the last meeting she attended that they budgeted \$16 million for TUMF projects this fiscal year and only received 9.3 million in revenue. She added that some of the projects are not going to be happening and was concerned about Norco's Hamner Avenue Widening Project.
- # Reported that local economist John Husing spoke regarding SB 375, and talked about the projected population of 5.1 million in Western Riverside County by 2035. Of that 5.1 million, 2.9 million are projected to be in the 14 member cities of WRCOG. She added an interesting fact that the birth rate is not staying even with the death rate and additional planning will be required to accommodate for this growth in population.
- # Reported that a brochure was put together for distribution at the Equine Affaire selling Norco as a destination point. She suggested that links to the City's boarding stables could be put on the City's web site.
- # Stated that with Riverview Elementary closing, the City needs to think about that property and what is going to become of it.
- # Inquired from Director Thompson about the flooding that took place with the recent heavy rains and asked if there has been a projected plan developed for when this happens again. Director Thompson confirmed that there is a plan in place and the priorities will be set in order of safety. He added that the biggest challenge right now is the asphalt repairs and most of the trails should be repaired in the 3 to 4 weeks as far as rutting is concerned, unless we have more heavy rains. Director Thompson noted that ten people and 3 tractors have been dedicated to the clean-up efforts. He also confirmed that the sand for sandbags is available to the public.
- # Thanked Lt. Cooper for his work on the drug paraphernalia ordinance that was passed and added that within the last month 500 drug paraphernalia items have been removed from the City.

Council Member Sullivan:

- # Reported to Director Thompson on an Edison transformer leak at 130 Rawhide. He asked that Director Thompson check if Edison had been contacted.
- # Inquired from Director Thompson if the City has done anything in preparation for the upcoming rains in the areas around the City where there was flooding damage. Director Thompson stated that the residents in LMD 4 decided that it was in their best interest to hire an outside vendor to bring in sand bags as a preventative measure and that vendor has not yet been selected.
- # Commented on what Council Member Bash stated regarding changing the voting year from odd to even and stated that this could be discussed under "Other Matters" at the next Council Meeting or at a Study Session.

Mayor Miller:

- # Reported that he attended a transportation workshop and received some good information relating to the proposed tunnel through the Santa Ana Mountains and also the proposed bullet train.
- # Reported that there will soon be blue boards along freeway advertising ability to dial 511 for updates and information. He added that additional information is located at <http://www.ie511.org>.

Director Petree:

- ✚ Reported that he has received solicitations regarding the potential “fair festival”. He added that he has met with Jim Sassin who has organized a volunteer group. A request for qualifications (“RFQ”) has been prepared for submittal from interested organizations. A request was received today from the Chamber to receive the RFQ. The RFQ and recommendations will be brought back to the Council for its consideration.

City Manager Groves:

- ✚ Stated that there will be a Special Meeting – City Council Study Session on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 2 p.m. in Conference Rooms A and B to discuss 1.) The Southeast Quadrant of the City Circulation – Second Street in Light of Decisions to Leave Valley View Avenue and Corona Avenue Closed and 2.) Community Center Parking Lot Expansion and Hamner Avenue Improvements Project.

10. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

BRENDA K. JACOBS
CITY CLERK

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