



**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF NORCO**  
**STREETS, TRAILS AND UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE**  
**MARCH 2, 2009**

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1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Showalter called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Commissioners Present: Showalter, Hickey, Mauro, Walker, Hedges, Burt, Turpin, Hutnik
3. STAFF PRESENT: Bill Thompson, Director of Public Works  
Rose Matthews, Executive Secretary
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Turpin
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:
6. TO BE READ BY THE CHAIR: "All discretionary actions before the Streets, Trails and Utilities Commission are advisory in nature and final actions will be confirmed, modified, or deleted by the City Council."
7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
  - A. February 2, 2009

M/S Mauro/Burt to approve the minutes of February 2, 2008.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Showalter, Hickey, Mauro, Walker, Hedges, Burt, Turpin  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: Hutnik

8. NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS:
  - A. Alternative Trail Fence (HDPE) Standard 705

The Director briefed the Commission on the updating of the alternative trail fence standard and the various locations of installation.

Discussion was held.

Commissioner Turpin noted the lightness of the color of the new material.

Commissioners Hutnik and Hickey also noted the color was too light.

Commissioner Showalter noted the comments he received were positive.

Commissioner Hedges noted that many people did not notice the fencing as it blended so well. CH also noted the longevity of the fencing material and the color being more reflective at night.

Commissioner Walker noted the height of the fencing and believes it is safer than the older fence specification.

The Director noted the slight sway of the fence but also noted it was sturdy.

Commissioner Mauro wondered when he could look at the material specifications.

The Director noted that the specifications would be available when the fencing is approved.

Discussion was held regarding installation costs and the ease of installation.

Commissioner Showalter noted everyone he spoke with really likes the new fence material.

M/S Hedges/Burt to recommend City Council approve the alternative trail fence material (HDPE) including equestrian trail material standard 705.

Motion carried by the following vote with one abstention by Commissioner Mauro until he is able to see the alternative trail material specifications.

AYES: Showalter, Hickey, Walker, Hedges, Burt, Turpin, Hutnik  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: Mauro

B. Norco Municipal Code Amendment – Chapter 10.12.030

The Director presented an updated traffic study report amending the speed limit on Hidden Valley Pkwy and noted the details for the modification.

Discussion was held.

M/S Hutnik/Turpin to recommend City Council approve an Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 10.12.030 of the Norco Municipal Code including the modification of the speed limit at Detroit Street from Valley View Avenue to Hamner Avenue. It is recommended that the speed limit be decreased from 30 mph to 25 mph based on equestrian activity and school bus stops and that the amendment only impact the street segment identified as Hidden Valley Parkway from Hamner Avenue to 4000' east of I15. A letter of support

for the recommended action has been provided by the engineering firm of Albert Grover & Associates.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Showalter, Hickey, Mauro, Walker, Hedges, Burt, Turpin, Hutnik  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

C. TUMF Reimbursement Agreement: Hamner Avenue

The Director presented the report for the TUMF reimbursement agreement for the widening of Hamner Avenue.

Chair Showalter inquired if the Hamner Avenue Bridge would also be widened along with the Hamner Avenue street project.

The Director noted the Hamner Avenue Bridge was already in design through the County and would blend at the appropriate time.

Commissioner Walker inquired if the left hand turn pocket would be included from the Community Center expansion.

Discussion was held.

Commissioner Mauro inquired if any studies had been done on Sixth Street to alleviate the traffic congestion.

The Director noted that the synchronization was underway and the traffic congestion would be alleviated.

Commissioner Walker requested a "waiver of segregation" be added regarding Item D, "Workers' Compensation", on page 6 for the City's protection.

Commissioner Hutnik inquired of the utilities on Hamner Avenue and how they would be affected.

The Director noted that the utilities were in the public right-of-way but were behind the curb line.

Commissioner Hutnik noted the Hamner Avenue utilities were not upgraded to the new specifications.

The Director noted that Hamner Avenue has had new lomar and clomar maps created to alleviate the new regulations for storm water discharge according to the FEMA regulations.

M/S Hedges/Walker to recommend that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a TUMF Reimbursement Agreement with Western Riverside Council of Governments for street improvements 1,500 feet north and 1,500 feet south of Citrus Avenue.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Showalter, Hickey, Mauro, Walker, Hedges, Burt, Turpin, Hutnik  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

The Director noted that an equestrian bridge was also to be included with the Hamner Avenue Widening project.

9. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Waste-to-Energy Project

The Director noted the waste-to-energy project was moving forward at the City Council meeting on March 4, 2009 for the final leg of the negotiation and the responsibilities and liability to be incurred.

Commissioner Mauro wondered what was actually going to happen.

The Director noted that the City Council approval would allow the design plan to move forward in order to find funding to take the manure and convert it to energy.

Discussion was held.

B. Trail Master Plan

The Director noted that there were some developments in the trail master plan and indicated he would be mailing out information later in the week to all Commissioners. He still intends to get the mailing accomplished. Also, colored maps of the trail system identifying trail fence, fence, and street improvements would be mailed as soon as completed.

Discussion was held.

The Director noted he will include this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

10. VERBAL UPDATES ON STREETS/TRAILS ISSUES:

The Director noted the Water and Sewer Department has been authorized to incur a \$40MM debt giving the City the ability to build infrastructure and complete maintenance on water facilities.

The Director also noted that they had met with Triton Water Technologies and the City was well on the way to an automated meter reading system to include the sizing upgrade of the water meter if the residents so desired. The one time only upgrade will be at no cost making the water service more efficient. This new automated water meter reading program will have software available to assist the resident to monitor their water usage.

Discussion was held.

11. OTHER MATTERS:

The Director did not have any other matters to bring forward.

Commissioner Mauro noted that mineral oil is a carcinogen.

Discussion was held.

Commissioner Walker noted she had received an email from EDD. They advised if you were impacted by the drought condition, the business could hold off paying their payroll taxes. She noted this was a significant email.

Commissioner Hedges inquired about Lori Askew, Senior Planner, who had a horse accident last Saturday.

The Director noted that Lori had a great attitude and had been coming to work although she would be off for some additional medical procedures.

Chair Showalter inquired if Commissioner Hedges has anything to report from the trails advisory task force meeting.

Commissioner Hedges noted that *slot drains* have been installed, Stalok and soil cement have been used and they are still trying to find a solution. CH also noted that all of the properties are different and a solution may be long in coming.

Commissioner Turpin inquired if the 7/Eleven was trying to secure a liquor license.

Discussion was held.

12. ADJOURNMENT: 9:25 p.m.

M/S Walker/Hedges to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., April 6, 2009.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Showalter, Hickey, Mauro, Walker, Hedges, Burt, Turpin, Hutnik

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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William R. Thompson  
Director of Public Works

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