



**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF NORCO**  
STREETS, TRAILS AND UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE  
APRIL 6, 2009

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1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Showalter called meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Commissioners Present: Showalter, Mauro, Hedges, Burt, Turpin, Hutnik  
  
Commissioners Absent: Hickey, Walker
3. STAFF PRESENT: Bill Thompson, Director of Public Works  
Rose Matthews, Executive Secretary  
Terry Piorkowski, Public Works Supervisor
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Hutnik
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. March 2, 2009

M/S Hedges/Hutnik to approve the minutes of March 2, 2008 with the noted corrections.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

8. NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Chino Basin Desalter Authority (CDA) Alternative Organizational Structure

The Director briefed the Commission on the Chino Basin Desalter Authority (CDA) Alternative Organizational Structure Report.

Discussion was held.

M/S Hutnik/Hedges to receive and file the CDA Alternative Organizational Structure report.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

B. Agenda Addition of the Founder's Day Event Discussion

The Director gave details regarding the Founder's Day Ride scheduled for May 9, 2009 beginning at 9 AM. He also noted the three street closures; Cedar Avenue, Norconian Drive and Alhambra Street.

The Commission decided to add the event discussion to the agenda based on dates scheduled.

Terry Piorkowski, Public Works Supervisor noted the absence of a special event permit and the time issues involved. He also noted the street closures and outlined those in greater detail.

Chair Showalter inquired the timing of the closures.

TP, PWS noted they had specific times regarding the beginning and ending of the ride and elaborated on the assistance of NCP and ROTC.

Parking is suggested to be at the Community Center parking lot.

Bonnie Slager, 3829 Valley View Avenue, Norco, CA 92860: noted that riders will be encouraged to ride in to the event, but some horses will be trailered to the event.

Some discussion was held by all parties regarding the parking issues.

Commissioner Burt inquired how riders from the East side will access the event.

Bonnie noted using Detroit Street would be the way to get to the event.

Further discussion was held on access to the event.

TP, PWS noted that a secondary entrance at CRC was already in the works.

Commissioner Hedges inquired if riders had more to do than just “check in.” He mentioned payment for the event, issuing the wristbands and checking other rules including release of liability forms.

Bonnie noted there were many items that consisted of “check-in.”

Further discussion was held on the possibility of having two check-in areas.

The Director elaborated on the crossing of Hamner Avenue at Fifth Street and the safety of this crossing versus other options.

Further discussion was held.

Commissioner Hutnik inquired if the streets could be posted with signage in advance.

The Director noted this could be done.

Commissioner Hutnik inquired if Hamner Avenue could be temporarily posted at a lower speed limit.

The Director indicated reduction of speed limits would not be part of the event.

Further discussion was held.

TP, PWS noted that three NCP vehicles and the Norco Mounted Posse will both have high visibility during this event.

The Commission noted their support for this event.

No motion required as this item was not on the agenda.

C. Review of 2009/10 Public Works Capital Improvement Fund Program Budgets.

The Director presented a review of 2009/10 Public Works Capital Improvement Fund Program Budgets report.

TP, PWS gave a brief explanation of a recurring issue with the alternative HDPE trail fence and kids at a school bus stop. The issues have been forwarded to the fence company and the Department is awaiting results. This issue was discussed as part of the program budget.

Discussion was held on several of the capital improvement projects.

Measure A was discussed by the Director while he passed out informational handouts.

The Director explained the Budget layout and which columns and rows indicated revenues, expenditures and balances.

The Street Capital Improvement Program Budget was the next to be reviewed. The Director noted revenue sources and discussed the capital improvement projects.

The Director will bring the Water/Sewer Budget back at the meeting on May 4, 2009.

M/S Hedges/Mauro to continue the 2009/10 Public Works Capital Improvement Fund Budgets to May 4, 2009.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hickey, Walker

ABSTAIN: None

D. Request to Adjust Rates for Collection, Transportation, Recycling and Disposal of Solid Waste to Reflect an Increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), and the Tipping Fee Increase in Accordance with the Agreement Between the City of Norco and USA Waste of California, Inc. DBA Waste Management, Inland Empire, Inc.

The Director presented the request to adjust rates for collection, transportation, recycling and disposal of solid waste to reflect an increase in CPI in accordance with the agreement between the City of Norco and Waste Management report.

The three elements involved are transportation, service and disposal costs. Transportation and disposal are pass-through costs.

Discussion was held at length regarding the new service fee, shutdown fee, redelivery fee and the green waste pass-through surcharge.

M/S Burt/Mauro to reject the four new special charges and have the disposal costs placed in writing with a more detailed explanation of the aforementioned charges

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hickey, Walker

ABSTAIN: None

9. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Waste-to-Energy Project

The Director noted the waste-to-energy project was continuing to move forward.

Discussion was held.

B. Alternative Trail Fence Update

The Director noted that there were some developments in the alternative trail fence project that were mentioned earlier in the meeting.

Discussion was held.

C. Splash Festival

The Director reported on the upcoming Splash Festival which promotes water conservation and celebrates Water Awareness during the Month of May. The City of Norco is a sponsor in this Festival.

Discussion was held.

10. VERBAL UPDATES ON STREETS/TRAILS ISSUES:

The Director noted there were none at this time.

Discussion was held.

11. OTHER MATTERS:

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

Chair Showalter inquired regarding horse trail map availability.

The Director noted they were not mailed but were prepared.

Commissioner Mauro inquired if the bike path was connected.

Discussion was held on some of the portions that were still not connected.

Chair Showalter inquired regarding Triton Water automated water meter reading program.

The Director noted it was moving along.

Chair Showalter inquired if the City was still going to change meter size without cost to the resident.

The Director noted that, yes.

Commissioner Burttt inquired if the meter boxes were going to change.

The Director noted that depending upon the vendor selected, location of existing meter, yes; many may be scheduled to change.

Commissioner Mauro, noted that FSMA HR875, was legislation in the works that makes chickens, geese, and gardens illegal and inquired who knew about this legislation.

Discussion was held.

Commissioner Hutnik reported broken fencing on Hillside Avenue between Fourth Street and Fifth Street.

Chair Showalter noted potholes in front of LA Fitness on Hamner Avenue.

Commissioner Turpin reported graffiti on the West side of town.

Commissioner Hedges noted that the Employee of the Year picture area was blank.

Further discussion was held.

12. ADJOURNMENT: 10:05 p.m.

M/S Hedges/Burttt to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., May 4, 2009.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Showalter, Mauro, Hedges, Burttt, Turpin, Hutnik

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hickey, Walker

ABSTAIN: None

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William R. Thompson  
Director of Public Works

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