



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
STREETS, TRAILS AND UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
AUGUST 3, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Showalter called meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Commissioners Present: Showalter, Mauro, Hickey, Hedges, Burt, Turpin

Commissioners Absent: Walker, Hutnik
3. STAFF PRESENT: Terry Piorkowski, Public Works Supervisor
Lori Askew, Senior Engineer
Rose Matthews, Executive Secretary
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Hickey
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. June 1, 2009

M/S Hedges/Turpin to approve the minutes of June 1, 2009.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

8. NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Election of Officers – Chair

Public Works Supervisor Piorkowski gave a brief overview on the election of officers.

Commissioner Turpin nominated Chair Showalter for Chair.

Commissioner Hickey nominated Commissioner Hedges for Chair.

With no more nominations, Chair Showalter called for a show of hands vote.

The votes were four for Commissioner Hedges and two for Chair Showalter. Commissioner Hedges had the most votes.

M/S Hickey/Burttt to elect Commissioner Hedges to Chair of the Streets, Trails and Utilities Commission.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

B. Election of Officers – Vice Chair

PWS Piorkowski gave a brief overview on the election of officers.

Commissioner Hickey nominated Commissioner Burttt for Vice Chair.

Chair Hedges nominated Commissioner Showalter for Vice Chair.

With no more nominations, Chair Hedges called for a show of hands vote. The vote was tied.

Chair Hedges called for a ballot vote. The ballot vote was tied.

Chair Hedges called for a show of hands, again.

A show of hands vote resulted in two votes for Commissioner Burttt and four votes for Commissioner Showalter. Commissioner Showalter had the most votes.

M/S Showalter/Turpin to elect Commissioner Showalter to Vice Chair of the Streets, Trails and Utilities Commission.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

C. Approval of a One Year Extension of the Traffic Signal Maintenance Services contract with Republic ITS through June 30, 2010.

PWS Piorkowski presented the staff report regarding the traffic signal maintenance services contract with Republic ITS through June 30, 2010.

Discussion was held.

M/S Showalter/Hickey to recommend the City Council approve a one year extension of the traffic signal maintenance services contract with Republic ITS through June 30, 2010.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

D. Approval of a One Year Extension of the Maintenance Services contract with Orange County Striping Service, Inc. through June 30, 2010.

PWS Piorkowski presented the staff report regarding the maintenance services contract with Orange County Striping Service, Inc. through June 30, 2010.

Commissioner Hickey noted the Kips Korner area where the street striping was deteriorating.

PWS Piorkowski noted this was temporary striping due to the construction project.

Commissioner Showalter noted the deterioration of street striping on the older streets in the City.

PWS Piorkowski noted some of the reasons that paint/thermoplastic deteriorates on the City streets.

Further discussion was held.

Commissioner Turpin inquired if the old paint on the streets could be removed before the new striping was completed.

PWS Piorkowski noted that the old paint is not removed, but painted over on a regular basis.

Commissioner Showalter inquired if there were some areas that could be restriped more often due to excessive wear and tear.

PWS Piorkowski noted that those areas were already scheduled.

Further discussion was held on lighting and condition of street asphalt regarding striping visibility.

M/S Hickey/Burttt to recommend the City Council approve a one year extension of the maintenance services contract with Orange County Striping Service, Inc. through June 30, 2010.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

E. Approval of a One Year Extension of the Sewer Collection System Maintenance Services contract with National Plant Services, Inc. through June 30, 2010.

PWS Piorkowski presented the staff report regarding the Sewer Collection System maintenance services contract with National Plant Services, Inc. through June 30, 2010.

Discussion was held.

M/S Showalter/Hickey to recommend the City Council approve a one year extension of the Sewer Collection System maintenance services contract with National Plant Services, Inc. through June 30, 2010.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

F. Alternative Trail Fence Update

PWS Piorkowski noted the alternative trail fence update staff report and noted the request for direction regarding any new projects that may go out to bid.

Commissioner Hickey inquired what amounts would be considered a project.

PWS Piorkowski noted that over 10,000 feet of trail fence at 16 different locations needed to be repaired.

Commissioner Burttt inquired regarding the status of completion for the alternative trail fence.

PWS Piorkowski noted the problems regarding spacing, current specifications and the higher cost for additional reinforcement material or additional posts.

Further discussion was held.

Commissioner Showalter inquired if the current fencing material could be used in an alternative diamond shape and would it sag?

PWS Piorkowski noted the specifications of the alternative trail fence. Additional information could be sent to the manufacturer for new testing.

Commissioner Burttt inquired if the 2x6 rail with a round pole would work out better and be more inexpensive.

PWS Piorkowski noted the different types of proposed alternative fence materials that were brought previously to the two Commissions.

Further discussion was held on other alternatives, vehicle safety in traffic collisions, additional options of internal materials and priority of the repair locations including the timing of completion of an actual test product.

Commissioner Burttt inquired if both types of fencing could be used in conjunction with each other during this unknown, testing phase.

PWS Piorkowski noted any option could be explored depending upon the Commission's direction.

Commissioner Hickey noted that the manufacturer is moving forward because they believe they are going to produce a viable product, especially since there is no cost to the City. Commissioner Hickey notes she would be willing to wait as long as there is a solution to the 16 critical trail fence repair locations at this time.

Commissioner Mauro noted he does not understand why the fencing has failed from a chemical and scientific background. He suggested Equisafe, Inc. be invited to the Commission's next meeting and present facts and figures to the Commission.

Further, lively discussion was held on alternatives.

Commissioner Hickey inquired if PWS Piorkowski could bring a cost analysis on the different alternatives discussed to determine the priority of the 16 emergency trail fence repairs.

Jim Goede, 3398 Dapplegray Ln, 951.817.9222, former engineer and current horseshoer, commented that no one he had spoken with liked the sagging alternative trail material fence. He suggested placing 2x6 rails with round posts and prefers the design characteristics that would work as opposed to trying to find a solution with design characteristics that will never work. His other comment was the single source solution and the challenges that would be faced if the manufacturer went out of business. He did not agree with a single source option.

PWS Piorkowski noted background information regarding Equisafe, Inc. to answer JGoede's single sourcing issue.

Chair Hedges noted that matching the existing trail fence standard, in his opinion, did not work. He would like to see us start again at ground zero, but meanwhile make the trail fence repairs. Further, he would like to see the manufacturer present some alternatives to this Commission while keeping with the current trail fence standard.

Commissioner Turpin noted there are trail fence repairs that need to be made given the status of the alternative trail fencing.

Further discussion was held.

M/S Showalter/Mauro to receive and file the alternative trail fence update staff report, make repairs to trail fence as necessary and bring the manufacturer back to this Commission for an additional Q & A presentation.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Walker, Hutnik

ABSTAIN: None

9. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Waste-to-Energy Project

PWS Piorkowski noted that with any large project there have been some roadblocks thrown up but things were still moving forward.

Chair Hedges inquired if there were locations in the City for the waste-to-energy project.

PWS Piorkowski noted there were, however, he was not at liberty to discuss these locations. He did report that the property located on Bluff Street was in the Stage 2-Environmentals phase.

Discussion was held.

B. Wyle Updates

Chair Hedges called upon Commissioner Mauro to give the Wyle updates.

Commissioner Mauro noted that everything was still moving forward.

Discussion was held.

10. VERBAL UPDATES ON STREETS/TRAILS/UTILITIES ISSUES:

PWS Piorkowski noted that Senior Engineer, Lori Askew would update the Commission on the Silverlakes Project.

SE, Askew gave a brief overview of the Silverlakes Project and the ongoing discussions, meetings and questions and answers that usually are involved in a project this large. The first visible signs of the project will be the grading for the 28 soccer fields that will be grass planted during Phase I. The first soccer tournament is scheduled to be held in September of 2010. Phase II will consist of the beginning construction of buildings on the property. SE, Askew also noted the project was on track and progressing nicely.

Commissioner Hickey inquired how the City was going to handle the Judges' restrictions on the Silverlakes property.

SE, Askew noted that the City was within the Judges' order of keeping within a parks setting, and remaining park-like.

Commissioner Hickey inquired if there was a fee for park usage.

SE, Askew noted the public will be able to use the trail that will traverse the Silverlakes Project in conjunction with the Coast-to-Crest Trail. She also noted that Belstarr will provide security 24 hours a day and that a fee schedule for usage had not been discussed at this time.

Commissioner Showalter noticed at the Silverlakes Project some clearing of weeds and debris and wondered who was responsible.

SE, Askew noted she was not aware of any construction, although, a local design firm has been authorized to proceed on the Hamner Avenue widening.

PWS Piorkowski noted that the teams clearing the weeds and debris alongside the Silverlakes Project were California Department of Forestry crews.

Chair Hedges inquired regarding the status of the River Trails Riding Stables since Ralph Price's passing.

SE, Askew noted that the Parks Department has sent the Request for Proposal for the Project Management of River Trails out to bid. The project management of the riding stables may be in conjunction with the Silverlakes Project.

Discussion was held.

Marilyn Gursha, 4521 Hillside Avenue, 951.278.2846, reported an incident that occurred to her and her friend while on a ride. She reported a property owner has sprayed her friend with a power washer while they were on the horse trail.

They phoned the police and were informed that the dirt area was not a dedicated horse trail. The RSO officer did not allow the rider to perform a citizen's arrest. She inquired how she could get the Army Corp of Engineers to release the trail.

PWS Piorkowski noted the City of Norco does not have any jurisdiction in the area and the Army Corp of Engineers is the responsible jurisdiction. Until release of the property, there is no option for the City at this location.

11. OTHER MATTERS:

A. Community Center Parking Lot Update

SE, Askew updated the Commission on the Community Center Parking lot project including the possibility of going out to bid very shortly.

Discussion was held.

B. Cancer Cure Article

Commissioner Tony Mauro updated the Commission on the Cancer Cure article he requested to be distributed in the Commission packets. He noted "the on/off switch" for Cancer had been found and repeated his statement for emphasis. He further explained the significance of this research, the impact of this discovery and how it will affect the way water is treated.

Discussion was held.

Chair Hedges invited the public in the audience to speak.

Shari Maney, 3996 Hamner Avenue, 951.733.8887, noted she is still waiting to find out the status of her driveway.

SE, Askew noted that a decision has not been made, the profile has not been determined and the garage access is being researched at this time. She also noted the project plans are going out to bid the way Shari had seen them during their last meeting.

SM noted that her driveway and her mailbox will be gone and what was she to do. She reports being very frustrated by the many different answers she has received and mentioned the street light facing her home including the driveway access.

Chair Hedges inquired if SE, Askew could follow up with this resident.

SE, Askew noted she would follow up.

Commissioner Showalter inquired if there was an answer regarding the Health Officer for the City of Norco and the striping of Third Street and Hamner Avenue.

PWS Piorkowski noted that the Director of Public Works, Bill Thompson was researching the Health Officer status.

PWS Piorkowski noted the striping would be scheduled when the striping contract had been extended. He also noted the contract still remains to be approved at the City Council meeting.

Commissioner Showalter inquired as to the stop sign at Hillside Avenue and Third Street.

PWS Piorkowski noted there had been numerous discussions with the residents in the area as they will be the most impacted.

Commissioner Hickey inquired regarding the holiday and the September meeting.

PWS Piorkowski noted the next meeting date falls on a Holiday; hence the following meeting will be held on October 5, 2009.

Commissioner Turpin inquired regarding the status of encroachments into the trail.

PWS Piorkowski noted that some residents are cooperative and some are not, but the encroachment projects are ongoing.

Commissioner Showalter inquired regarding the Valley View Avenue – Third Street – Sierra Avenue project going out to bid as the Director of Public Works had stated at the last meeting.

PWS Piorkowski noted that the plans were being finalized, and yes, the project will be going out to bid shortly.

Commissioner Showalter inquired regarding the tree removals on Third Street and did this mean there was construction underway. He noted he was not aware of any construction projects in the area.

PWS Piorkowski noted the tree removals on Third Street were performed as the removed trees were determined to have been diseased.

Chair Hedges inquired regarding the status of the RCC trail. He reported he had not seen any changes there.

PWS Piorkowski and SE, Askew noted nothing new to report, and the project was still on track.

Chair Hedges inquired regarding the status of the post office trail as he noted it was recently closed.

Discussion was held.

SE, Askew noted the trail, owned by Guy Yoakum, was not officially dedicated to the City. She also noted there had been 2 accidents on that trail and those claims were forwarded to the private property owner who then chose to close the trail. The City does not have jurisdiction for the trail at the post office location.

Chair Hedges reported that while riding in the Norco Hills, he noticed that alternative trail material placed on the horse trail test site at Friesian Street was very hard and concrete-like. He reported that when the dg gets on this surface, it becomes very slippery and dangerous. He would like to see the City take a second look at this horse trail test area and possibly revisit or revised the trail standard for approved material in the horse trail.

Chair Hedges also noted he would like to see the Trail Master Plan brought back to this Commission at the next scheduled meeting.

Discussion was held.

12. ADJOURNMENT: 9:02 p.m.

Discussion was held.

M/S Mauro/Showalter to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., October 5, 2009.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Walker, Hutnik

ABSTAIN: None

William R. Thompson
Director of Public Works

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