



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
STREETS, TRAILS AND UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
MARCH 1, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Hedges called the meeting order at 7:05 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Commissioners Present: Mauro, Walker, Showalter, Hedges, Burt, Turpin

Commissioners Absent: Hickey, Hutnik
3. STAFF PRESENT: William R. Thompson, Director of Public Works
Terry Piorkowski, Public Works Superintendent
Rose Matthews, Executive Secretary
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Burt
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

Councilperson Kevin Bash, 3678 Pedley Av, wanted to introduce himself to the Commission and assure the Commission members that they could contact him at anytime. He would be willing to take any Commissioner on a tour around town and discuss any issues they may have. He presented his vision for the City and wanted to express his desire to have the Commissioner's message heard by the City Council.

John Box, 159 Oldenburg Ln, wanted to report that the Norco Ridge Ranch area has extremely eroded trails. He noted that the pedestrians are walking on the street due to the trail erosion. He has indicated that a number of people walk on the street and not on the trails (when the trails are properly groomed). As a disabled person, he cannot roll on the trails, either.

Commissioner Showalter asked Mr. Box what his opinion was regarding the installation a sidewalk on at least one side of the street. Mr. Box replied that some would be in favor and some would not.

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 1, 2010

Commissioner Mauro noted that on Page 3, his comments from the last meeting were taken out of context. His comments should be corrected to read that the potholes prevent drivers from traveling the speed limit not that the drivers should travel slower. He also noted that he wanted the City to take a look at the liability issues regarding pothole damage to vehicles.

Commissioner Mauro, noted on Page 5, he had some corrections regarding sharing and commingled refuse. The Director noted he would amend the minutes appropriately.

Commissioner Showalter noted on the last page, line 12 should read "parks and schools".

M/S Showalter/Burttt to approve the minutes of February 1, 2010 with the noted corrections.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hickey, Hutnik

ABSTAIN: None

8. NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Community Center Parking Lot Expansion and Hamner Avenue Street Improvements

The Director presented the Community Center Parking Lot Expansion and Hamner Avenue Street Improvement Project. The multiple funding sources required to complete the proposed project were outlined.

Commissioner Walker requested the Director summarize the project.

The Director described the project that includes Hamner Avenue street, storm drain, curb, gutter, bus shelter, community center parking lot expansion, entry sign, center medians on Hamner Avenue; Alhambra Street will intersect with Hamner Avenue including the installation of a new traffic signal and a trail that currently does not exist crossing across Hamner Avenue to Detroit Street.

Commissioner Showalter inquired if the \$58,000 was going to be spent on the bus structure. The Director explained the revised plan only includes a typical bus bench; the structure has been eliminated.

Commissioner Showalter inquired about a protected left turn movement at Alhambra Street in a south bound direction. The Director indicated the left or U turn pocket will be constructed.

Commissioner inquired of the \$45,000 for the entry sign. The Director indicated the project included the entry sign.

Commissioner Burtt inquired if \$45,000 was for one entry sign. The Director replied, yes.

Commissioner Showalter noted that improving the streets in the City would do more for attracting new businesses and commerce than anything else.

Chair Hedges made comments regarding the project and noted that the better facade that we can present, the better. He supports this project 100%.

The Director noted that one of the improvements included in this project is another east to west crossing of Hamner Avenue on the north side of town for pedestrians and equestrians at a signalized intersection.

Further discussion was held.

M/S Showalter/Walker to recommend to City Council to approve the Community Center Parking Lot Expansion and Hamner Avenue Street Improvements with the recommendation to include the installation of the entry sign.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

B. Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Annual Budget Request

The Director presented the report on the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Annual Budget Request. The Director took a few moments to explain the Zone 2 storm drain budget process and the two categories within the annual request.

Commissioner Showalter inquired when the City would know for sure when the funding is available. The Director noted that the funding requests are approved by the RCFC&WCD Board for the upcoming fiscal year.

Commissioner Showalter inquired when these projects would begin. The Director indicated that the Smokewood Avenue project is scheduled first, followed by the Wrangler Way drain and then the Kingman Avenue drain.

Commissioner Showalter inquired regarding the status of Parmentar Park. The Director noted that property is required from adjacent property owners prior to construction.

Chair Hedges inquired of the drains in the middle of the Seventh Street trails. The Director noted that they were scheduled in phases, with the first group being completed in the Pedley Avenue area.

Further discussion was held.

M/S Burt/Turpin to receive and file the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Annual Budget Request.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hickey, Hutnik

ABSTAIN: None

9. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Waste-to-Energy Project

The Director brought the Commission up to date on the Waste-to-Energy Project.

Discussion was held.

B. WRCRWA Expansion Update

The Director brought the Commission up-to-date on the WRCRWA Expansion Update

Discussion was held.

C. Chino Desalter Authority "CDA" Expansion Project.

The Director brought the Commission up-to-date on the CDA expansion project.

Discussion was held.

D. Annual Water Report

The Director advised the Commission he would bring this back at a future meeting.

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

A. Arsenic Removal Plant

The Director brought the Commission up-to-date on the Arsenic Removal Plant

Discussion was held.

11. OTHER MATTERS:

A. Commissioner Showalter brought the Commission up-to-date on the fence sample from Dos Lagos Shopping Center.

Commissioner Showalter noted he has passed the pictures of the fence samples "around" town and specifically at the donut shop. He gave details on the fence in the pictures.

The Dos Lagos fencing is made of cement, has #4 rebar inside and has a tendency to explode.

The vinyl fencing was 5 years old, readily available, and less expensive.

Bill Mallory, audience member, spoke out against the white color.

Much lively discussion was held.

Commissioner Showalter inquired when the signal's four-way flash at Crestview Drive and North Drive would go to a regular signal.

Commissioner Showalter inquired regarding the asphalt failure at 1050 Curtis Way.

Chair Hedges inquired to the Director if a trail etiquette portion has been added to the Master Trail Plan. The Director noted that training, education and an etiquette portion had been added.

The Director noted he has been working on the Master Trail Plan and there was ongoing research and many new elements.

The Director gave details on the Strategic Master plan that included the Silverlakes project, renewable energy, the recycled water program both in the City of Norco and the City of Corona, and the new auto read water meters.

Further discussion was held.

12. ADJOURNMENT: 9:37 p.m.

Meeting adjourned to April 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

M/S Showalter/Mauro to adjourn at 9:37 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hickey, Hutnik

ABSTAIN: None

William R. Thompson
Director of Public Works

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