



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
STREETS, TRAILS AND UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
APRIL 5, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Hedges called the meeting order at 7:01 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Commissioners Present: Mauro, Walker, Showalter, Hedges, Burt, Turpin, Hutnik

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

Bonnie Slager, 3829 Valley View Avenue, noted she had three comments. The first was the completion status of the Third Street trail by the college and mentioned that there was no break in the trail. The second was to note that the Hillside Avenue trail from Second Street to Third Street was dangerous. The third was the need to prevent vehicles from accessing the property above Valley Drive and Vandermolen Drive.

Superintendent Piorkowski commented that the barricades placed at Valley Drive and Vandermolen Drive were placed a month ago and there had been no vehicle traffic since. The Director noted in response to the third comment that as soon as boulders were available, they would be placed instead of the large blocks.

The Director noted on the first comment that the Third Street trail by the college was still in the final stages of completion, improvements remaining include the emergency vehicle gate at the west end.

The Director noted on the second comment that the Hillside Avenue trail would be improved in the future with the street improvement project.

Linda Aguilar, 1384 Detroit Street, noted that she maintains the trail in front of her property. She also noted the high volume of traffic, the lack of a stop sign and the poor condition of the street at the intersection of Detroit Street and Sierra Avenue.

The Director thanked her for maintaining the trail and noted in response that the speed limit had been reduced during the last year and requested the resident scribe a letter to the Director requesting the installation of a stop sign.

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 1, 2010

M/S Showalter/Walker to approve the minutes of March 1, 2010.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hickey

ABSTAIN: Hutnik

8. NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Annual RSO Report on Traffic and Crime

Lt Cooper presented the annual RSO report on traffic and crime in the City of Norco with a PowerPoint presentation.

There was a question and answer period and further discussion was held.

M/S Showalter/Hutnik to receive and file the Annual RSO Report on Traffic and Crime.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hickey

ABSTAIN: None

B. Sierra Avenue Street Improvement Project Award

The Director presented the Sierra Avenue Street Improvement Project Award and noted details per the staff report.

Discussion was held.

M/S Showalter/Walker to recommend to the City Council to award the Sierra Avenue Street Improvement Project to the lowest and most responsible bidder.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hickey
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 and the possibility of two facility locations.

Discussion was held.

B. WRCRWA Plant Expansion

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

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. Trail Master Plan

The Director brought the Commission up-to-date on the progress of the Trail Master Plan.

Discussion was held.

B. Capital Projects

The Director brought the Commission up-to-date on a number of Capital Projects such as the Hamner Avenue Street Improvements from Sixth Street to Detroit Street; the Fourth Street Storm Drain; and the Reservoir #4 Booster Station projects and noted some of the funding challenges new projects would entail.

Further discussion was held.

11. OTHER MATTERS:

Commissioner Mauro noted he had notice more wheelchairs were visible at Pikes Peak Park than every before.

Discussion was held.

Commissioner Walker inquired if there could be more enforcement regarding cell phone usage while driving and inquired if the Director could suggest active enforcement.

The Director noted he would share the request with Lt. Cooper.

Commissioner Showalter noted he had surveyed over 125 residents regarding trail fence material alternatives, and had 93 respond in favor of the diamond fence and 27 for flat fence. Also, for preferred color choices, he had 70 residents select white and 26 select khaki.

Commission further discussed if there would be some type of pilot program for "testing" the new alternative polyvinyl fence.

Commissioner Hutnik reported that at the South East corner of Hamner Avenue and Fourth Street at the right hand turn lane when traveling north; there was a pothole.

Superintendent Piorkowski noted he would take care of the pothole.

Commissioner Showalter inquired regarding the status of Mary Kruger on Hillside Avenue

The Director replied, he understood that she had been contacted.

Commissioner Hedges presented "duramax fencing" flyers to the Commission and also inquired regarding the status of trail repair in Norco Ridge Ranch.

Superintendent Piorkowski noted some repairs were accomplished and three of the five neighborhoods were completed.

The Director reminded the Commissioners about the formation of the trails committee to evaluate permanent trail improvements and remedies in the Norco Ridge Ranch area.

Further discussion was held on the Norco Ridge Ranch area and the LMD fee challenges.

Further discussion was held on the Silverlakes project and a few details were presented by the Director.

12. ADJOURNMENT: 10:05 p.m.

Meeting adjourned to May 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

M/S Burt/Turpin to adjourn at 10:05 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hickey

ABSTAIN: None

William R. Thompson
Director of Public Works

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