



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
MAY 19, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Malcolm Miller, **Present**
Mayor Pro Tem Berwin Hanna, **Present**
Council Member Kathy Azevedo, **Present**
Council Member Kevin Bash, **Present**
Council Member Harvey C. Sullivan, **Present** (Arrived at 7:00 p.m. following Closed Session)

Staff Present: Carlson, Cooper, Groves, Jacobs, King, Okoro, Oulman, Petree and Thompson

Deputy City Attorney Burns – **Present**

Deputy City Attorney Burns recommended that one item be added to Closed Session Section 54956.8 as the need for this immediate discussion came to staff's attention subsequent to the agenda being posted.

M/S Bash/Hanna to add the recommended item to Closed Session. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: SULLIVAN
ABSTAIN: NONE

THE CITY COUNCIL/CRA RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION (SECTION 54954) TO CONSIDER MATTERS:

Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiator

Street Address or Parcel Number: APN 126-120-038

Negotiating Parties: Norco Redevelopment Agency and CardinaleWay

Points Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiator

Street Address or Parcel Number: APNs 152-060-004-0; 152-060-011-6; 152-070-001-8; 152-070-002-9; & 152-070-011-7

Negotiating Parties: Norco Redevelopment Agency and Belstarr Sports Management, LLC

Points Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

Section 54957.6 – Conference with Labor Negotiator

Negotiating Parties: City Manager Groves and
Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Okoro

Employee Organizations: Norco Battalion Chiefs Association
Norco Firefighters Association
Norco General Employees Association
Norco Public Works & Parks Maintenance
Workers Association

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION: With nothing to report from Closed Session, Mayor
Miller reconvened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Bash

INVOCATION: Council Member Bash

PRESENTATION: Keep America Beautiful (“KAB”) Trail Grant
*Julie Reyes, Manager of Community
Relations for Waste Management, presented
the KAB Trail Grant in the amount of \$5,000
to Danny Azevedo, President of the Norco
Horseman’s Association, in partnership with
the City of Norco to be used to clean up the
trails throughout the City.*

REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

1. CRA CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM:

**M/S Bash/Hanna to approve the items as recommended on the CRA Consent Calendar.
The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:**

AYES: BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: AZEVEDO

A. CRA Minutes:
Regular Meeting of May 5, 2010
Recommended Action: Approve the CRA Minutes (City Clerk)

2. OTHER CRA MATTERS: No other CRA matters.

ADJOURNMENT OF CRA: 7:09 p.m.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

Council Member Bash pulled Item 3 F., G. and H.; Council Member Azevedo pulled Item 3 E.

M/S Hanna/Bash to approve the items as recommended on the Amended City Council Consent Calendar. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: AZEVEDO ON 3.A -- Regular Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2010

3. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

- A. City Council Minutes:
Special Meeting of April 29, 2010
Regular Meeting of May 5, 2010
Recommended Action: **Approve the City Council Minutes** (City Clerk)
- B. Planning Commission Action Minutes, Regular Meeting of May 12, 2010.
Recommended Action: No action recommended -- meeting cancelled.
(Planning Manager) **NO ACTION TAKEN**
- C. Procedural Step to Approve Ordinance after Reading of Title Only.
Recommended Action: Approval (City Clerk)
- D. Acceptance of Property Dedication at 2857 Hamner Avenue for the Hamner Avenue Widening Project. **Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to accept the dedication of street right-of-way at 2857 Hamner Avenue (Cow Girl Café), authorize the City Clerk to record the Grant Deed and authorize the City Manager to execute the Certificate of Acceptance.**
(Director of Public Works)
- E. Extension of the Contract for Street Tree Maintenance and Management with West Coast Arborists, Inc. **Recommended Action: Approve the extension of the Street Tree Maintenance and Management Services Agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. for five (5) years through 2015.** (Director of Public Works) **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**
- F. Approval and Adoption of the Annual Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. **Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2010-21, approving the annual appropriation limit for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance) **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

- G. Establishment of Annual Special Tax for Community Facilities District No. 93-1 for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Recommended: Adopt Resolution No. 2010-22, Establishing Annual Special Tax for Community Facilities District No. 93-1 for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011. (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance) **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**
- H. Fiscal Year 2010 Third Quarter Budget Performance Report. **Recommended Action: Receive and File** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance) **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

4. ITEMS PULLED FROM CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 3. E. Extension of the Contract for Street Tree Maintenance and Management with West Coast Arborists, Inc. **Recommended Action: Approve the extension of the Street Tree Maintenance and Management Services Agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. for five (5) years through 2015.** (Director of Public Works)

Council Member Azevedo requested that the Public Works Director clarify the necessity of this agreement as the proposed budget reflects a deficit in the Gas Tax Fund. She suggested eliminating the tree trimming next fiscal year, or make evaluations on a case-by-case basis to save money. Public Works Director Thompson stated that if we do not trim the trees, there is an exposure to liability in the case of an accident, which would be paid for out of the General Fund. He also stated, in response to comments regarding the trees being "butchered," that the City is not who is doing that, but that there are many companies that privately trim trees in Norco. He added that Edison is the entity that "tops" the trees. Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Okoro commented on the timing of the City's receipt of the Gas Tax payments, which is why the Fund shows a deficit as of March 31, 2010. He added that the State is planning to delay the disbursement of these funds to the City next fiscal year.

M/S Azevedo/Sullivan to approve the extension of the Street Tree Maintenance and Management Services Agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. for five (5) years through 2015. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

- 3.F. Approval and Adoption of the Annual Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. **Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2010-___, approving the annual appropriation limit for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)

In response to Council Member Bash, Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Okoro stated that based on a complex formula set by the State, the appropriations limit for Norco (the maximum the City would spend) would be approximately \$31 million. The expenditures for Norco are nowhere near this limit.

M/S Bash/Hanna to adopt Resolution No. 2010-21, approving the annual appropriation limit for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

3.G. Establishment of Annual Special Tax for Community Facilities District No. 93-1 for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011. **Recommended: Adopt Resolution No. 2010-___, Establishing Annual Special Tax for Community Facilities District No. 93-1 for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011.** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)

In response to Council Member Bash, Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Okoro stated that a resolution is required to be adopted every year approving the annual special tax levy for CFD 93-1, which is located within the Gateway Center. The tax levy generates funds for the payment of the debt service on the bonds issued for the construction and installation of public facilities in the district. He added that there was no change from the previously approved tax rate. He confirmed that a public hearing is not required for this item.

M/S Bash/Hanna to adopt Resolution No. 2010-22, Establishing Annual Special Tax for Community Facilities District No. 93-1 for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

3.H. Fiscal Year 2010 Third Quarter Budget Performance Report. **Recommended Action: Receive and File** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)

In response to Council Member Bash, Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Okoro stated that the report is intended to provide the Council with an update on the budget-to-actual performance of the various Operating Funds for the first three quarters of Fiscal year 2009-2010. He confirmed that this information is available to the public.

M/S Bash/Azevedo to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2010 Third Quarter Budget Performance Report. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

5. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Ordinance Approving a Zone Code Amendment to Regulate Accessory Structures in Agricultural/Residential Zones

The proposed Ordinance would amend the A-E and the A-1 Zones for regulations to control the size of accessory structures and the approval process for all accessory structures.

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. ___ for first reading amending Title 18 of the Norco Municipal Code to regulate the size, height, lot coverage, and approval process of accessory structures allowed in agricultural-residential zones. Zone Code Amendment 2010-01. (Planning Director)

- B. Ordinance Approving Amendment No. 5 to Specific Plan 91-02 to Regulate the Height of Accessory Structures Allowed in the Equestrian Residential District

The proposed Ordinance would amend the Norco Hills Specific Plan to regulate the height of accessory structures and the approval process for all accessory structures.

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. ___ for first reading amending the Norco Hills Specific Plan to regulate the height and approval process of accessory structures allowed in the Equestrian Residential District. (Planning Director)

- C. Ordinance Approving Amendment 4 to Specific Plan 99-01 to Regulate the Height of Accessory Structures Allowed in the Equestrian Residential District

The proposed Ordinance would amend the Norco Ridge Ranch Specific Plan to regulate the height of accessory structures and the approval process for all accessory structures.

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. ___ for first reading amending the Norco Ridge Specific Plan to regulate the height and approval process of accessory structures allowed in the Equestrian Residential District. (Planning Director)

City Manager Groves noted that this item is a public hearing to consider amendments to the City's zoning code related to accessory structures. She stated that this has been a lengthy process with spirited input at both the City Council and Planning Commission level. The proposal being recommended tonight by the Planning Commission is intended to regulate the size of accessory structures and preserve adequate open areas to maintain animal-keeping as a primary use by maintaining contiguous undeveloped open land on residential lots.

Planning Manager King reviewed the three proposed Ordinances noting that the Planning Commission and the City Council have reviewed several options to control the size of accessory structures and preserve adequate open areas to maintain animal-keeping as a primary land use in the City's residential areas. The Planning Commission proposed a zone code amendment along with specific plan amendments with the intent to establish controls without creating a new level of review and approval too onerous for residents. A majority of the Planning Commission Members came to agreement on the primary components of what the proposed code amendment and specific plan amendments should contain, which have been presented to the Council for their review.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he has a problem with the requirement of a contiguous open area on the A-1 property. He added that he doesn't believe that the City should tell property owners where they should build the structure as long as they meet the setbacks. He noted that he does not approve the height restriction, as it is a little restrictive, and should let the Planning Commission review them. Council Member Sullivan stated that he would like to have seen a definition of a barn in the Ordinance.

Mayor Miller OPENED the public hearing, indicating that proper notification had been made and asking for the appearance of those wishing to speak.

Kathy Walker. Ms. Walker attended some of the Planning Commission meetings and commented that she is sympathetic to what is trying to be accomplished. She noted concerns about the costs that are being addressed, as this could be very expensive. She stated that she did not realize that a CUP is a deed restriction and stays with the property. She would like to see clearer use and definitions of a barn, workshop, etc., as well as better guidelines that can be followed. As she is a real estate agent, she noted that this information will be useful to pass on to clients after it is cleaned up.

Bill Kohl. Mr. Kohl spoke as a resident of Norco and a local real estate agent. He noted that it is critical that further investigation be done so that better guidelines, definitions and criteria are established. He added that persons buying homes need to know this information before they buy in Norco. He stated that this needs to go back to the Planning Commission to develop these definitions and criteria for guidelines.

John Box. Mr. Box stated that he fully supports the idea of managing the accessory buildings; however, he does not agree with the outcome. He further stated that the Planning Commission should revisit this, as the process is very subjective as stated. He noted that this is a deed restriction and added that in the event that this is passed, it may expose the City to litigation.

Danny Azevedo. Mr. Azevedo, speaking for himself as a Norco resident, stated that he is sorry that this Council needs to make this decision, as it should have been done by our forefathers. He further spoke as the President of the Norco Horseman's Association, stating that they are in favor of this proposal, as they support issues that will keep Norco as Norco.

Rich Rosa. Mr. Rosa noted that this is too burdensome on the property owner and reads like a homeowners association.

Roy Hungerford. Mr. Hungerford stated that he supports the approval of the ordinances tonight. He recommended that the size of the accessory structure proposed at 600 sq. ft. be raised to 865 sq. ft., as this is the size of an average four (4)-horse barn. He stated that an educational process provided to the real estate boards would be beneficial.

Richard Craig. Mr. Craig stated that the height limit is restrictive and should be at least a minimum of 16 feet. He is worried about the CUPs, and noted that anyone with a CUP on an accessory building can be inspected by the City and the owner can say nothing. He further noted that CUPs were originally designed for commercial purposes and were never intended or designed for residential purposes.

Pat Overstreet. Ms. Overstreet commented on how difficult it has been to make everybody happy at the Planning Commission meetings. She stated that she likes the checklist and the formulas proposed, but wants to make sure that the accessory buildings built are not used for commercial purposes. She added that we need to protect the City's animal-keeping and thanked Danny Azevedo for his comments.

Greg Newton. Mr. Newton talked about the allowable area and noted that the purpose is to not dictate where the contiguous area is for animal-keeping. He noted that he would also like to see a definition of a barn and a workshop included, but it is difficult defining use and that is how the Planning Commission came up with a CUP. He stated that 600 sq. ft. was the number created for definition purposes and added that 20 ft. has always been the height defined in the specific plan. He noted that the Planning Commission worked with Mr. Rosa, resulting in a successful project.

Rich Rosa. Mr. Rosa responded to Mr. Newton's comments stating that the Planning Commission denied his plan and he had to come before the Council for approval with his paid appeal.

Robert Leonard. Mr. Leonard commented that he has a CUP on his property and would not have a problem with the City coming on his property for verification purposes.

Norvah Williams. Ms. Williams encourages the addition of the definition of a barn.

Margaret Harris. Ms. Harris stated that the issue is not about PAKAs, it is about the process homeowners have to go through and the potential to have the process be abusive. She referred to City Attorney Harper's opinion and stated that the CUP will lower property values. She added that this is a complicated process to deal with and understand and does not see this as bettering the community. She stated that there needs to be a process that is understandable with no confusion and does not understand why a CUP is required.

Mayor Miller CLOSED the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanna noted it is time we did this, as he has seen accessory buildings going up all over and taking up the property. He agrees with Mr. Hungerford regarding the size of 24 x 36 sq. ft. for a four-horse barn. He stated that there needs to be definition of a barn or a workshop and added that it would be a good idea to state on the check list that the Planning Commission needs to review every barn or building that is built. He noted that staff has been bad about approving accessory buildings, as we do not know what they are going to be used for.

Council Member Bash commented on City Attorney Harper's opinion email and noted that the conclusion made was that this would not devalue property. He received clarification from Deputy City Attorney Burns that a CUP does not give the City the right to enter the property without the owner's consent and the City would need to secure a warrant in the situation where they were not allowed to enter if there were health and safety concerns. He stated that the problem is that there is so much confusion around this and the issue is how we protect neighbor's rights, along with the person building the structure. Council Member Bash stated that he believes that the City's properties will be worth a fortune in the future and questioned how we protect our community and still create community. He is concerned about a minor CUP, as he worries about the slippery slope that will follow. He is also concerned about the contiguousness of property and wants to protect the value of properties. He stated that there needs to be a definition of barns included. He noted that he does not want to see another "aircraft hanger" in the City.

Council Member Azevedo stated that she is concerned about staying within the intent of the A-1 zone and noted that the City should require a PAKA, as this is the intent of an A-1 lot. She noted that she likes this proposal because each accessory building goes to the Planning Commission on a case-by-case basis. She stated that she supports the 1% application fee, as this is significantly less than a minor CUP review. She commented that she wants barns in Norco, but also wants to protect the neighbors of these properties that have the huge buildings, as they infringe on their property rights. Council Member Azevedo noted that there are guidelines that will be followed and the Planning Commission is qualified to take on this task. She added that if this process is not working, it can be changed. She also believes that the definition of a barn is needed. She stated that she would also support increasing the 600 sq. ft. to 864 sq. ft.

Council Member Sullivan stated that if each plan goes to the Planning Commission, he does not see the need to specify a size. He added that the Planning Commission can make that determination. He would like to see the ordinances sent back to the Planning Commission for definitions of a barn and a workshop. He noted that he is against the PAKA, as they do not work in the hills and added that it sounded like a good idea, but it became burdensome for the property owners. He stated that the Planning Commission nor the Council should dictate where the structure is built and still believes in the 60/40 lot structure.

Mayor Miller commented that this is the third time this item has come back to the Council and stated that he thinks that we are almost there. He added that the constructive comments made will help in fine-tuning this. He stated that his preference is to send the ordinances back to the Planning Commission to include clearer definitions and guidelines.

Following Council discussion, Deputy City Attorney Burns stated that the two options at this time were to either recommend the amendments to the ordinances for approval at the second reading, or send them back to the Planning Commission.

M/S Sullivan/Miller to send the three (3) proposed ordinances back to the Planning Commission. The motion failed as a result of the following roll call vote:

AYES: MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Planning Manager King stated that the Planning Commission would need to know what the Council wants to include in regards to definitions for regulation purposes. He added that the enforcement down the road and the regulations to control the uses of the buildings will be the problem. He further added that the Building Code does not differentiate between the definitions of the buildings.

Deputy City Attorney Burns commented that a clear and descriptive definition of a barn, if created, makes it more restrictive.

Council Member Bash stated that he would like to see guidelines created for the benefit of the Planning Commission and the Council.

City Manager Groves confirmed that this new lower fee would need to be adopted by the Council in the Comprehensive Fee Resolution.

Council Member Azevedo stated that the Council should be very clear and concise before the ordinances are sent back to the Planning Commission as the comments so far are very vague.

Public Works Director Thompson stated that there is staff involvement that enters into this process and this will need to be better defined for the inspection process.

Council Member Bash stated that Deputy City Attorney Burns noted that a minor CUP could be done as a Charter amendment.

A. Ordinance No. ___ for first reading amending Title 18 of the Norco Municipal Code to regulate the size, height, lot coverage, and approval process of accessory structures allowed in agricultural-residential zones. Zone Code Amendment 2010-01.

SUBSTITUTE M/S Azevedo/Hanna to adopt Ordinance No. ___ for first reading, amending the size to 864 sq. ft., and bring back the checklist and definitions as a resolution instead of including them in the ordinance.

The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, SULLIVAN
NOES: MILLER
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

- B. Ordinance No. ___ for first reading amending the Norco Hills Specific Plan to regulate the height and approval process of accessory structures allowed in the Equestrian Residential District.**

SUBSTITUTE M/S Azevedo/Hanna to adopt Ordinance No. ___ for first reading, amending the size to 864 sq. ft., and bring back the checklist and definitions as a resolution instead of including them in the ordinance.

The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA
NOES: MILLER, SULLIVAN
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

- C. Ordinance No. ___ for first reading amending the Norco Ridge Ranch Specific Plan to regulate the height and approval process of accessory structures allowed in the Equestrian Residential District.**

SUBSTITUTE M/S Azevedo/Hanna to adopt Ordinance No. ___ for first reading, amending the size to 864 sq. ft., and bring back the checklist and definitions as a resolution instead of including them in the ordinance.

The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA
NOES: MILLER, SULLIVAN
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

RECONSIDERATION: M/S to reconsider Ordinance No. ___ for first reading amending Title 18 of the Norco Municipal Code to regulate the size, height, lot coverage, and approval process of accessory structures allowed in agricultural-residential zones. Zone Code Amendment 2010-01 – followed by the SUBSTITUTE MOTION to adopt Ordinance No. ___ for first reading, amending the size to 864 sq. ft., and bring back the checklist and definitions as a resolution instead of including them in the ordinance.

The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

**AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE**

M/S Sullivan/Miller to adopt Ordinance No. ___ for first reading, amending the size to 864 sq. ft., and bring back the checklist and definitions as a resolution instead of including them in the ordinance.

The motion failed as a result of the following roll call vote:

**AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA
NOES: MILLER, SULLIVAN
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE**

THAT MOTION NOW FAILS, AS THIS IS A CHARTER VOTE

RECESS: 9:11 p.m.

RECONVENE: 9:23 p.m.

RECONSIDERATION: M/S Bash/Hanna to reconsider Ordinance No. ___ for first reading amending the Norco Hills Specific Plan to regulate the height and approval process of accessory structures allowed in the Equestrian Residential District – followed by the SUBSTITUTE MOTION to adopt Ordinance No. ___ for first reading, amending the size to 864 sq. ft., and bring back the checklist and definitions as a resolution instead of including them in the ordinance.

The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

**AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE**

RECONSIDERATION: M/S Bash/Hanna to reconsider Ordinance No. ___ for first reading amending the Norco Ridge Ranch Specific Plan to regulate the height and approval process of accessory structures allowed in the Equestrian Residential District – followed by the SUBSTITUTE MOTION to adopt Ordinance No. ___ for first reading, amending the size to 864 sq. ft., and bring back the checklist and definitions as a resolution instead of including them in the ordinance.

The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

**AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE**

SECOND SUBSTITUTE M/S Bash/Hanna to send the three (3) proposed Ordinances back to the Planning Commission for modifications to the guidelines and the checklist.

The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

**AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE**

FINAL MOTION AND VOTE UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Council Member Azevedo stated that she has faith in the Planning Commission and will see if this can be rectified.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he is concerned with having a PAKA throughout the City.

Council Member Bash stated that he supported sending the ordinances back to the Planning Commission because of all of the confusion.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanna stated that if we are going to change the wording, it needs to go back to the Planning Commission so that they can put in the proper wording.

Mayor Miller stated that he wants to see the entire package cleaned up and brought back to the Council for approval.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he is concerned about the enforceability.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

Pat Overstreet. Ms. Overstreet invited everyone to the Friends of Norco Hills Ranch Tour to be held on Saturday, May 22. She noted that because of the advertisement display in the *Daily Bulletin*, there will be more attendees from outside of Norco. Ms. Overstreet also thanked Council Member Sullivan for the wonderful Extreme Mustang Makeover event that took place.

7. OTHER MATTERS – COUNCIL:

Council Member Sullivan:

- ✚ Thanked all of the volunteers and staff that helped with the Extreme Mustang Makeover. He noted that City staff was great to work with and he hopes to bring it back again next year.

Council Member Azevedo:

- ✚ Thanked Council Member Bash for nominating her to receive the President's Award from the California Preservation Foundation. She added that she received the award in Grass Valley on May 13th and it was an amazing experience.

Council Member Bash:

- ✚ Commented on the 30th Anniversary of the Norco Bank Robbery event to be held on Friday, May 21st at the Lake Norconian Club, where he will have the privilege of serving as the stage manager.
- ✚ Thanked Julie Reyes for contributions received from Waste Management.
- ✚ Requested that the Sheriff's Department look into crime that is being reported at and around Parmenter Park.
- ✚ Reported on the Norco Junior ROTC Grand Ball that he attended, where the unveiling of the George Alan Ingalls ROTC plaque took place.

Mayor Miller:

- ✚ Encouraged attendance at the "Spring into Awareness: The Power of Prevention" Town Hall gathering on Thursday, May 20th at Nellie Weaver Hall. This event is sponsored by the UNLOAD Committee with the purpose of educating adolescents and their parents on alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention strategies, empowering them to live a drug-free lifestyle.

8. OTHER MATTERS – STAFF:

- A. Discussion of Community Opinion Surveys. (City Manager)

City Manager Groves stated that in response to the Council's request, staff contacted a company that provides a statistically significant phone survey including the creation, implementation, data processing and a final report in regards to a public opinion on the local tax measure options. She added that the cost for this survey would be approximately \$17,500.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanna stated that the way the budget is at this time, this is too expensive and is not in support of this.

Council Member Bash stated that he does not want to proceed with the survey.

Council Member Azevedo stated that the Council got the message loud and clear that the residents do not want a tax and does not support a survey.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he wants to look at raising sales tax by one-half percent, maybe for the next two or three years. He further stated that he supports using an informal opinion poll through an insert in the water bills.

Mayor Miler confirmed that there is no purpose in pursuing the survey at this time.

- B. Modifications to the Trail Fence Material for the Sierra Avenue Street Improvement Project. (Public Works Director)

Public Works Director Thompson stated that Commission Member Showalter performed an informal survey regarding alternative trail fence material, which was then discussed with the Streets, Trails and Utilities Commission. The Commission requested that a sample of the white diamond vinyl fence be presented to the Council for placement as a pilot project.

Jeannie Hallgrimson. Ms. Hallgrimson stated that the vinyl does deteriorate and added that white is not rural. She noted that she has seen other fencing that looks better and added that she likes the vinyl for the safety factor, but not how it looks.

Mario Torres. Mr. Torres stated that he has a problem with the PVC fencing, as it has already been used as a pilot project. He noted that the City should put it in an area where there is no current fencing. He further noted that the City should replace the rotted trail fence wood throughout the City.

Pat Overstreet. Ms. Overstreet stated that they have had PVC fencing on their yard for 20 years and it was just power washed and looks brand new. She added that it has held up beautifully, but agrees that it is not as rustic looking as the wood.

Evon Torres. Ms. Torres noted that the PVC fence she has does get brittle.

Following discussion by the Council Members, the consensus was to install the white diamond vinyl fencing at the site of the new Community Center Parking Lot to serve as a pilot project for community review and comments.

- 9. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:31 p.m.