



MINUTES CITY OF NORCO

CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
JULY 7, 2010

- CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 7:06 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**
- Staff Present:** Carlson, Cooper, Jacobs, Okoro, Oulman, Petree, Robles and Thompson
- City Attorney Harper – **Present**
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Pro Tem Hanna
- INVOCATION:** Grace Fellowship Church
Pastor Vernie Fletcher
- PROCLAMATION:** Parks and Recreation Month – July 2010
Mayor Miller proclaimed that "Parks Make Life Better"
- PRESENTATIONS:** Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009 – *Presented to Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Okoro for the seventh year in a row.*
- Lt. Cooper introduced Captain Dan Feltenberger to the Council, who is replacing Captain Cynthia Mayman at the Jurupa Station.

REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

1. CRA CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

Agency Board Member Azevedo pulled Item 1.C.

M/S Bash/Miller to approve the CRA amended Consent Calendar items. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Agenda Item 1.A. & 3.A.

- A. CRA Minutes:
Regular Meeting of June 16, 2010
Recommended Action: Approve the CRA Minutes (City Clerk)

- B. Resolution Making Certain Findings Regarding the Borrowing of Funds from the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund to Assist with the Payment to the Supplemental Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (SERAF) for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. **Recommended Action: Adopt CRA Resolution No. 2010-14, making certain findings regarding the borrowing of funds from the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund to assist with the payment to SERAF for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)

- C. Acceptance of Bids and Award of Contract to Vizion's West, Inc. for the Demolition of Blighted Structures at the Southwest Corner of Sixth Street and California Avenue. **Recommended Action: Award a contract to Vizion's West, Inc. for the demolition of two (2) single-family houses in teardown condition at the southwest corner of Sixth Street and California Avenue in the amount of \$13,080, and authorize the Executive Director or her designee to approve change orders up to 10 percent of the contract amount.** (Director of Economic Development)
PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

Agency Board Member Azevedo inquired from Chief Carlson if this demolition could be used for a fire drill training to save money. Chief Carlson responded that the AQMD would not allow this. Agency Board Member Azevedo also noted that she fully supports taking down the buildings as this would attract developers and added that the money spent is worthy.

Vice Chairman Hanna inquired if the demolition of the structures would benefit the owner of the site and asked if the site was sold, could the Agency get its money back. City Attorney Harper responded that there is no way that we could take down the buildings and lien the property.

Chairman Miller stated that this would benefit Sixth Street as this is the entrance to George Ingalls Equestrian and Event Center.

Agency Board Member Bash stated concerns that there is not a plan for Sixth Street and many structures look bad along the street. He noted that a plan should be developed to entice development on Sixth Street.

Agency Board Member Sullivan commented on the Sixth Street Revitalization Plan and noted that it did not work. He further commented on items that previous Councils voted against and noted that a full Council vote should be taken before they are revisited. He stated that he viewed this site with the City Manager and noted that it could be assembled with other sites.

Agency Board Member Bash stated that the Economic Development Advisory Council wanted to look at parts of the Sixth Street Revitalization Plan in order to formulate ideas regarding the promotion of commerce on Sixth Street.

M/S Azevedo/Sullivan to award a contract to Vizion's West, Inc. for the demolition of two (2) single-family houses in teardown condition at the southwest corner of Sixth Street and California Avenue in the amount of \$13,080, and authorize the Executive Director or her designee to approve change orders up to 10 percent of the contract amount. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

2. JOINT CRA/CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM:

M/S Azevedo/Sullivan to approve the Joint CRA/City Council Calendar item. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- A. Reimbursement Agreement No. 2 Between the City of Norco, the Norco Redevelopment Agency and Belstarr Sports Management, LLC to Fund Additional Clearing and Soil Testing of the Silverlakes Property.
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2010-40 and CRA Resolution No. 2010-15, approving Reimbursement Agreement No. 2.
(Director of Public Works)

OTHER CRA MATTERS: No other CRA matters.

ADJOURNMENT OF CRA: 7:30 p.m.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

3. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

Council Member Azevedo pulled Item 3.B., Council Member Hanna pulled Item 3.C. and Mayor Miller pulled Item 3.D. for Pat Overstreet.

M/S Bash/Azevedo 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: NONE

- A. City Council Minutes:
Regular Meeting of June 16, 2010
Recommended Action: **Approve the City Council Minutes** (City Clerk)
 - B. Planning Commission Action Minutes, Regular Meeting of June 30, 2010.
Recommended Action: Receive and File (Planning Director) **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**
 - C. Approval to Declare Various City Assets as Surplus. **Recommended Action: Declare various City assets as surplus and authorize the Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance to dispose of surplus assets through appropriate means.** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance) **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**
 - D. Rejection of the Show Ground Management Proposal for the Management of the George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center. **Recommended Action: Reject the Proposal and continue to review options for the management of the facility.** (Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services) **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**
 - E. Approval of Amendment No. 3 to the Existing Contract with So Cal Sandbags to Provide Additional Clearing and Grubbing Services on the Silverlakes Property. **Recommended Action: Approve Amendment No. 3 to the existing contract with So Cal Sandbags and authorize the Mayor to execute said Agreement.** (Director of Public Works)
4. ITEMS PULLED FROM CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

3.B. Planning Commission Action Minutes, Regular Meeting of June 30, 2010.
Recommended Action: Receive and File (Planning Director)

Council Member Azevedo requested full review of the completed draft minutes, including the accessory building checklist.

M/S Azevedo/Bash to Receive and File the Planning Commission Action Minutes - Regular Meeting of June 30, 2010. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

3.C. Approval to Declare Various City Assets as Surplus. **Recommended Action: Declare various City assets as surplus and authorize the Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance to dispose of surplus assets through appropriate means.** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)

Mayor Pro Tem Hanna inquired if the City had a date set for the sale and if it would be advertised. Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Okoro responded that no date or method of disposition has yet been determined, but it is typically through a public auction.

Council Member Azevedo inquired about the motorcycles and if they were being sold as a result of the elimination of the motor officers. In response, Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Okoro confirmed that they were used by the motor officers. Also in response to Council Member Azevedo, Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Okoro stated that it is in the City's best interest to sell them and not hold them in storage in case the motor officers were brought back.

M/S Hanna/Bash to declare various City assets as surplus and authorize the Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance to dispose of surplus assets through appropriate means. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

3.D.. Rejection of the Show Ground Management Proposal for the Management of the George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center. **Recommended Action: Reject the Proposal and continue to review options for the management of the facility.** (Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services)

Pat Overstreet. Ms. Overstreet stated that she is "curious" regarding the details of the rejection of this proposal and was looking forward to the George Ingalls Equestrian and Event Center being professionally managed. In response, Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director Petree stated that the proposal did not meet the requirements of the RFP and because of that, the reviewing committee unanimously determined that their recommendation was not to move forward. He added that the RFP was too restrictive for most of the interested parties and this would be brought back to the Council at a future study session to discuss various management models available. Also confirmed was that the members of the reviewing committee included Mayor Pro Tem Hanna, City Manager Groves, Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director Petree, Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Okoro, and Chairman of Parks and Recreation Commission Hallam.

M/S Bash/Hanna to reject the Proposal and continue to review options for the management of the facility. 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. Public Hearing Confirming Costs for Spring Weed Abatement

The 2010 Spring Weed Abatement Report of Costs lists property owners whose vacant parcels were abated by the Fire Department's weed abatement contractor for the 2010 Spring Weed Abatement Program. After Council adopts the Resolution, property owners will be invoiced for payment of the abatement.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2010-___, confirming the report of costs for abatement of weeds and hazardous vegetation as a public nuisance and imposing special assessment liens on vacant parcels within the City. (Fire Chief)

Fire Chief Carlson presented the Council public hearing item on the cost of weed abatement and the costs associated with it.

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

Greg Newton. Mr. Newton commented on the half-completed building located next to the Circle K on Fourth Street and noted that this structure is a safety issue. He further noted that the property has been posted, but the weeds have grown over the temporary fencing and asked why this property was not on the list for abatement. Fire Chief Carlson responded that they did post the property but it does not fall under this category for abatement.

Mayor Miller CLOSED the public hearing.

Council Member Sullivan inquired from Fire Chief Carlson why the notices are not sent out earlier and added that by the time we get to cutting the weeds down, they are already dead and a fire hazard. Fire Chief Carlson responded that we start in April and need to follow a process. City Attorney Harper stated that the statute, as we follow, allows you to abate weeds based upon the weed being a fire hazard.

M/S Sullivan/Hanna to adopt Resolution No. 2010-41, confirming the report of costs for abatement of weeds and hazardous vegetation as a public nuisance and imposing special assessment liens on vacant parcels within the City. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

Pat Overstreet. Ms. Overstreet inquired when the pole barns at the George Ingalls Equestrian and Event Center were built. Council Member Azevedo responded that it was some time in the late 70s. Ms. Overstreet commented on her desire to have the pole barns preserved, as the Animal Shelter Project has been downsized. Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director Petree responded that in the plan for the modification to the Animal Shelter Project, the existing pole barns will not be taken down.

Glenn Hedges. Mr. Hedges commented on the emails he has been receiving regarding the clean-up efforts on the Navy Base and on Hidden Valley. He noted that Norco is looking worse and worse with weeds growing along the parkways and trails. He further stated that the City should hold a clean-up day. Council Member Azevedo responded that the Norconian Club Foundation sponsors the clean-up day at the Navy Base and suggested that one of the service clubs in the City could organize a clean-up day in the City and would be willing to assist with those efforts.

Ted Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman commented on the banners that were placed on Sixth Street and noted that it "cheapened" the military service personnel honored by advertising community service organizations and businesses on the banners.

Vern Showalter. Mr. Showalter stated that he agreed with Mr. Hoffman regarding the banners and noted that it was a dreadful mistake and hopes it will be corrected. He also requested that the Council support Arizona SB 1070 -- Support Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhoods Act.

7. OTHER MATTERS – COUNCIL:

Mayor Pro Tem Hanna:

-  Commented on a flyer that he picked up advertising a benefit car wash for Horsetown U.S.A. and noted that it does not state who the organization is that is promoting this event.
-  Inquired when the Street, Trails and Utilities Commission was going to decide on the trail fence and added that the trail fences are down, broken and missing in areas throughout the City and he knows that this has been going on for a year or so. Public Works Director Thompson responded that this year's trail fencing projects will be completed with the wood fencing and he hopes to begin in early August.

- ✚ Commented on the most recent Ingalls open-arena night and noted that he was told that there were quite a few participants that attended with no City staff person on site to collect liability release forms. Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director Petree responded that this event is staffed through the City's volunteer program and will inquire why no one was in attendance. He added that all new people would need to sign a waiver and would then receive a handout with all of the rules stated.

Council Member Bash:

- ✚ Stated that the City of Redlands has a community group that puts on the Fourth of July event and would like to see the City of Norco do the same. He noted that possibly Norco and Eastvale could jointly hold a Fourth of July event on the Silverlakes property next year and added that he would be happy to chair the committee to plan this event.
- ✚ Noted a meeting to be held Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. at Ted Brooks Park regarding concerns about the Santa Ana River trails. Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director Petree stated that this is a restoration project by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for arundo removal and habitat restoration.
- ✚ Commented on the clean-up efforts on the Navy Base and noted the need to create a good relationship with them.
- ✚ Commented on the Sixth Street Revitalization Plan and the fact that he was looking at parts of this Plan as part of the goal is to create economic development on Sixth Street.
- ✚ Stated that he takes personal responsibility for the banners and noted that the people that put their business names on the banners are people that do a lot for the community. He added that in the future, we are hoping to have two separate banner programs.

Council Member Azevedo:

- ✚ Commented on the car wash flyers and noted that she may know who is putting on the event and will contact them and let them know that they need a special event permit and permission to use the Horsetown USA name.
- ✚ Stated that many vendors will be participating in the Day of the Cowboy event. She noted that there will be fabulous events for Norco residents to participate in and the day will close out with an old fashion barn dance.
- ✚ Stated that she met with one of the new Eastvale Council Members at the WRCOG General Assembly and added that the Council should attend one of their meetings in show of support. City Attorney Harper responded that this would be purely ceremonial and noted that the meeting would be public and subject to the Brown Act.

Council Member Sullivan:

- ✚ Stated that he attended an event at the American Legion where Congressman Ken Calvert spoke. At that event, he discussed the Arizona SB 1070 with Congressman Calvert and the possible support from the Norco City Council relating to that law. He also asked if the City could require businesses in Norco to use E-Verify, which is a bill that Congressman Calvert sponsored. He further noted that Arizona, Mississippi and five other states are working on the law to use E-Verify. City Attorney Harper responded that the E-Verify would be problematic, as this is a function of the state. He further noted that in terms of a resolution in support of the Arizona law, it would be within their prerogative. The Council voted unanimously to place an item on a future agenda in support of Arizona SB 1070.
- ✚ Stated that he did not see a problem with some of the business names that were placed on the banners on Sixth Street and noted that it was a good idea to see the entire street filled up. He further stated that he would have liked to see all of the banners reflecting a name of military personnel. He also commented on the costs involved in the banners and noted that other vendors should be contacted to bring the cost down. Council Member Sullivan stated that he noticed one of the banners in front of Boot Barn was blocked by a tree. Public Works Director Thompson responded that the tree would be trimmed so that the banner could be viewed.

8. OTHER MATTERS – STAFF: Nothing to report.
9. ADJOURNMENT: M/S Hanna/Sullivan and Approved 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

BRENDA K. JACOBS
CITY CLERK