



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
Corona-Norco Unified School District, 2820 Clark Ave
AUGUST 18, 2010

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- CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Hanna called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- ROLL CALL: Mayor Malcolm G. Miller, M.D., **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, Germain, Groves, King, Petree and Thompson
- Deputy City Attorney Burns – **Present**
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION: Council Member Sullivan
- PRESENTATION: In Recognition of the Vasquez Family
Miguel's Jr. 35th Anniversary
Mayor Pro Tem Hanna presented Mike, Mary and Javier Vasquez a Certificate of Appreciation in celebration of the 35th Anniversary of Miguel's Jr. Restaurant. Stephanie Benvenuto, representing Assemblyman Jeff Miller, also presented a Certificate of Recognition to the Vasquez family for their dedication to the community.
- REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:**
1. CRA CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:
- M/S BASH/AZEVEDO to approve the items as recommended on the CRA Consent Calendar. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:**
- AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, SULLIVAN**
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: MILLER
- A. CRA Minutes:
Regular Meeting of August 4, 2010
Recommended Action: Approve the CRA Minutes (City Clerk)
2. OTHER CRA MATTERS: **None**
- ADJOURNMENT OF CRA: 7:21 p.m.**

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

3. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

M/S BASH/AZEVEDO to approve the items as recommended on the 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: MILLER ON 3.A.

- A. City Council Minutes:
Regular Meeting of August 4, 2010
Recommended Action: **Approve the City Council Minutes** (City Clerk)
Council member Sullivan asked for some clarification on item number 3.H. from the Minutes of the August 4, 2010 Consent Calendar.
- B. Planning Commission Action Minutes, Regular Meeting of August 11, 2010.
Recommended Action: Receive and File (Planning Director)
- C. Procedural Step to Approve Ordinance after Reading of Title Only.
Recommended Action: Approval (City Clerk)
- D. **Ordinance No. 923, Second Reading.** City-Initiated Proposal to Add Chapter 18.58 to the Norco Municipal Code Entitled "Historic Preservation Overlay Zone". (Zone Code Amendment 2010-02). **Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 923.** (City Clerk)
- E. Acceptance of Bids and Award of Contract for Ingalls Park Security Fencing.
Recommended Action: Award the base bid with add alternates 1 – 7 for the Ingalls Park Security Fencing Project to Valley Cities/Gonzales Fence, Inc. in the amount of \$106,460 and authorize the City Manager to approve contract change orders up to 10 percent of the original contract amount. (Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services)

4. ITEMS PULLED FROM CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR: No items pulled.

5. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Public Hearing to Consider Amendments to the City's Zoning Code, and to the Norco Hills and Norco Ridge Ranch Specific Plans, Related to Accessory Structures
 - 1. Zone Code Amendment 2010-01 Amending Title 18 (Zoning) of the Norco Municipal Code.

This is a City-initiated proposal to amend the Zoning Code to regulate the size, height, and approval process of accessory buildings allowed in agricultural-residential zones.

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. ____ for first reading.
(Planning Director)

2. Specific Plan 91-02, Amendment 5 Amending the Norco Hills Specific Plan.

This is a City-initiated proposal to amend the Norco Hills Specific Plan to regulate the height and approval process of accessory buildings allowed in the Equestrian-Residential District.

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. ____ for first reading.
(Planning Director)

3. Specific Plan 99-01, Amendment 4 Amending the Norco Ridge Ranch Specific Plan.

This is a City-initiated proposal to amend the Norco Ridge Ranch Specific Plan to regulate the height and approval process of accessory buildings allowed in the Equestrian-Residential District.

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. ____ for first reading.
(Planning Director)

Planning Director Steve King presented the City Council public hearing item.

Council Member Bash noted that he had received many emails regarding this issue and read into the record an email he had received prior to the meeting noting fear of retaliation. He assured everyone that everyone has the right to be heard.

Council Member Sullivan stated he was concerned about A1 lots that have no PAKA and the requirements prior to requesting an accessory structure. In response, Planning Director King reviewed this stipulation and noted that one only needs to show that there is an open area based on the allowed number of animal units on the lot. Planning Director King also noted that PAKAs are generally fixed by deeds in most areas, but on A1 lots the animal areas are movable.

Council Member Bash clarified with Planning Director King that the conditions for minor site plans and conditional use permits are already part of the permit process. Council Member Bash referred to the Specific Plan which gives the Planning Commission power to handle all building requests, but noted that there are no guidelines for the Commission to follow.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanna read an email received prior to the meeting stating “vote to reject” and also read into the minutes the petition delivered to the City Clerk’s office against the proposed ordinance for restrictions on accessory buildings which was signed by 377 individuals.

Council Member Bash asked that the speakers be specific regarding what they are questioning noting that parts of what is being presented are already in the Norco Municipal Code.

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

Danny Azevedo stated that the NHA as a group supports the zone code amendments, “to protect our way of life”.

Norvah Williams stated that she is in favor of the amendments.

Kristie Compton stated that she is in support of animal keeping and supports the ordinances.

Bill Wirtz stated that he supports the proposed ordinances.

Cory Spencer stated that he supports the passage of the proposed ordinances.

Linda Dixon stated that she supports the proposed ordinances.

Ed Dixon stated that he supports the approval of the ordinances.

Pat Overstreet stated that she supports the approval of the ordinances.

Joy Chase stated that she supports the approval of the ordinances.

Karen Leonard stated that she supports the approval of the ordinances.

Bonnie Slager stated that she supports the approval of the ordinances.

Shel Richman stated that he objects to ordinance.

Vern Showalter stated that he opposes the ordinances.

Susan Yasui stated that she supports the approval of the ordinances.

Kathy Walker read a written statement assuring the public that the purpose of the ordinances is to support animal keeping, but has concerns on parts of the ordinance.

Denise Shoemaker stated that she supports the approval of the ordinances.

Linda Mitchel stated that she supports the approval of the ordinances.

Ty Mitchel stated that he supports the approval of the ordinances.

Pat Walsh stated that he supports the ordinances but they need to be improved on.

Susan Remington stated that above all else she supports the protection of our animal keeping.

Su Bacon stated that she supports the ordinances.

Roy Hungerford: stated that he lives in the hills and supports the ordinance.

Don Bowker stated that he supports the ordinance.

Don Kooiman stated that he supports to keep animals and the right to keep them and doesn't want HOAs.

Kathy Thistlethwaite stated that she supports the ordinances.

John Box submitted his comments to the City Council for the record and stated that he does not support the ordinances.

Curtis Coombs stated that he does not support the ordinances.

Glenn Hedges stated that all of the Council Members ran their campaign on animal keeping and supports the ordinances.

Stephanie Kooiman stated that requirements must be clear to new residents to Norco and would like to see what is on the table tonight reevaluated.

Jeanine Adams stated that she supports the approval of the ordinances.

Jim Sassin stated that he supports the ordinances.

Julie Waltz stated that she believes the ordinances need more work.

RECESS: Mayor Pro Tem Hanna recessed the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

RECONVENE: Mayor Pro Tem Hanna reconvened the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Jodie Webber stated that she is unsure on the passage of the ordinances and provided proposals to City Council.

Jackie Shires stated she submitted the petition to the City Clerk opposing the proposed amendments to the Norco Ridge Ranch Specific Plan and submitted a letter for the record.

Mike Garrison stated that he opposes the proposed ordinances.

Vern Shoemaker stated that he supports the ordinances

Dan Irwin stated that he supports the ordinances.

Allyson Gagnon stated that she opposed the ordinances.

Lois Loock stated that she opposes the ordinances.

Dan Leach stated that he opposes the restrictions on these ordinances.

Bill Kohl stated that he opposes the proposed ordinances.

Brian Smith stated that he is concerned with the lack of specificity and would like the ordinances re-examined

Bill McNames stated that he opposes proposed ordinances.

David Hagerty stated that he opposes proposed ordinances.

Bobbie Pope stated that she supports the ordinances.

Bob Cuervo stated that he supports the ordinances.

Mike Harris stated that he supports animal keeping but opposes the changes to the Norco Ridge Ranch Specific Plan.

Robert Curtis stated that he opposes the ordinances.

Liza Rogers stated that she supports the ordinances with a moratorium placed on sizes.

Emmet McKune stated that he supports further review of the proposed ordinances.

Lisa Butler stated that she supports the ordinances.

Rick Rosa stated that he opposes the ordinances.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanna CLOSED the public hearing.

Mayor Miller reminded everyone that that this has been discussed for two years.

Council Member Bash stated that he is in favor of passing the proposed amendments and will place his comments on his blog tomorrow.

Council Member Azevedo stated that she supports the zone code amendments and further noted that the Council has voted to reduce the fees. She added that the City just wants to look at anything 864 square feet or over to make sure no commercial buildings are built.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he feels the current revisions are a bit rushed and not clear. He added that they are too restrictive and properties can be changed when new owners purchase the property. He further noted that the City needs to reinforce the codes.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanna stated that he has listened to both sides and heard that the majority want their animal rights saved. He noted that he doesn't like the division within the City and added that all citizens are Norconian. He stated that he will continue to support the rights of animal-keeping in this town.

M/S Bash/Azevedo to adopt Ordinance No. 924 for first reading of Zone Code Amendment 2010-01 Amending Title 18 (Zoning) of the Norco Municipal Code with a change to read ~~pens, corrals~~, "covered corrals and pens" and "on lots ~~two~~ one acre or less". The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

M/S Miller/Bash to adopt Ordinance No. 925 for first reading of Specific Plan 91-02, Amendment 5 Amending the Norco Hills Specific Plan with a change to read ~~pens, corrals~~, "covered corrals and pens". The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

M/S Bash/Miller to adopt Ordinance No. 926 for first reading of Specific Plan 99-01, Amendment 4 Amending the Norco Ridge Ranch Specific Plan with a change to read ~~pens, corrals~~, "covered corrals and pens". The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

Larry Palmer: Mr. Palmer shared his thoughts on the uniqueness of Norco and asked the Council to do the right thing.

Lois Loock: Mrs. Loock thanked Council Member Sullivan for his support of the Norco Chamber of Commerce Fair held on the weekend of August 5, 2010.

Ron Lohan: Mr. Lohan addressed his concerns about the constant speeding on Sierra Avenue and asked that the City Council and staff consider speed bumps to slow the traffic down.

Janice Price: Ms. Price shared her concerns regarding speeding on Sierra Avenue as well. She added that she does not agree with Mr. Lohan regarding speed bumps, but would like something to be done.

Julie Waltz: Ms. Waltz asked that a light ordinance be developed.

Pat Overstreet: Ms. Overstreet stated she was going to address the statement made by Mr. Swindell at the last Council meeting but most of his issues seemed to have been touched on by other speakers. She agrees with the previous speakers regarding the speeding on Sierra Avenue and noted that there are a few small bumps on her street and it is not that bad.

7. OTHER MATTERS – COUNCIL:

Council Member Sullivan:

- ✚ Made reference to the petition received opposing Agenda Item 5. A. as compared to the speakers supporting the item that spoke tonight.

Council Member Azevedo:

- ✚ Invited everyone to the Norco Mounted Posse Rodeo this weekend beginning on Friday, August 20th.
- ✚ Stated that she had received many emails prior to tonight's meeting asking to have their names taken off the petition that had been turned in which opposed Agenda Item 5.A.

Council Member Bash:

- ✚ Asked the City Manager what the process is for placement of an item on a future agenda pertaining to development of a policy for the process regarding accessory buildings.

Mayor Miller:

- ✚ Thanked everyone for the well wishes and also thanked Mayor Pro Tem Hanna for stepping in for him to preside over tonight's meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanna:

- ✚ Asked about a crossing guard at Temescal and Second Streets for the elementary school students. Lt Cooper confirmed that there is one crossing guard at the corner everyday.

8. OTHER MATTERS – STAFF: Nothing to report.
9. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Pro Tem Hanna adjourned the meeting at 10:49 p.m.

DIANE GERMAIN
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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