



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
STREETS, TRAILS AND UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
OCTOBER 4, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Hedges called the meeting order at 7:00 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Commissioners Present: Mauro, Walker, Showalter, Hedges, Turpin, Burtt

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

Linda Aguilar, requested the status of her stop sign request at Detroit Street and Woodward Avenue. The Director noted the traffic survey had been scheduled.

Terri Baker, wanted to speak regarding the fencing survey Norco Horsemen Association conducted at the Fair on the basis of “money not being an object” and “having all the manpower in the world” – which type of fencing material would be preferred. Although, the cards were anonymous, and not counted, approximately 1000 persons stopped by the booth and 85% of the persons chose the existing wood fencing as their preference.

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. August 2, 2010

M/S Showalter/Burtt to approve the minutes of August 2, 2010.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

8. NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Amendment to the TUMF Agreement

The Director presented the Amendment to the TUMF Funding Agreement Report with WRCOG for the Hamner Avenue Widening Project to the Commission and noted he will present to the City Council on Wednesday, October 6, 2010.

Further discussion was held regarding the monies that were reduced and the impacts to the project.

M/S Showalter/Walker to recommend City Council approve the Amendment to the TUMF Funding Agreement.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

B. Street Sweeping Contract Award

The Director presented the Acceptance of Bid and Award of Contract for Street Sweeping Services report to the Commission and gave details regarding the process and noted he will present to the City Council on Wednesday, October 6, 2010.

Discussion was held regarding the purpose of street cleaning, schedule of sweeping, cost of sweeping and dust issues.

M/S Showalter/Burtt to recommend City Council accept the bid and award the Street Sweeping Contract to Clean Street for street sweeping services.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

C. RCFC Cooperative Funding Agreement

The Director presented the Riverside County Flood Control Cooperative Funding Agreement Amendment to the Commission for the Western Avenue Storm Drain Project. The Director explained that the monies will only be used for storm drain improvements and noted he will present to the City Council on Wednesday, October 6, 2010.

Discussion was held on funding expenditures. The Director explained the CIP storm drain projects that will qualify for funding.

M/S Showalter/Walker to recommend City Council approve the Amendment to the RCFC Cooperative Funding Agreement for the Western Avenue Storm Drain Project.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Mauro, Walker, Showalter, Hedges, Turpin, Burt
NOES: None
ABSENT: Hoffman
ABSTAIN: None

D. Auger/Grinder Purchase

The Director presented the report for the Wastewater System Auger/Grinder Purchase to the Commission and explained the CRC system's wastewater removal and noted he will present to the City Council on Wednesday, October 6, 2010. The funding for this purchase was approved in the current budget for this project. The Director also noted the Auger/Grinder Installation bid opening will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at 10am.

Further discussion was held on the chain of events that led to the purchase of the auger/grinder and the costs involved.

M/S Showalter/Turpin to recommend City Council approve the Wastewater System Auger/Grinder purchase for the CRC wastewater collection system.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Mauro, Walker, Showalter, Hedges, Turpin, Burt
NOES: None
ABSENT: Hoffman
ABSTAIN: None

E. SCE Transmission Pole Design/Adjustment

The Director presented the SCE Transmission Pole Design/Adjustment report to the Commission. All of the SCE transmission poles adjacent to the Silverlakes property require adjustment. These deposit monies will be used for the Design to shift and raise the transmission poles out of the flood plain and be level with the roadway. This report will also be presented to the City Council on Wednesday, October 6, 2010.

Further discussion was held on intersection grade levels, the widening solution and possible addition of turn pockets to move traffic more easily in and around this area and adjacent areas affected by the anticipated through traffic.

More discussion was held on how many poles were going to be moved and the height of the poles.

M/S Showalter/Burt to recommend City Council approve the SCE Transmission Pole Deposit of \$30,000 in monies for the Design/Adjustment of the SCE transmission poles.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hoffman

ABSTAIN: None

Chair Hedges called for a short recess.

9. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Trail Fence Capital Improvement Project

The Director brought the Commission up-to-date on the Trail Fence Capital Improvement Project. Bids were advertised on September 9, 2010 with the bid opening to be held on November 2, 2010 for 20,000 lineal feet of trail fence.

Discussion was held regarding footages, the "gapping" policy and solutions to create more "lineal" feet of fencing repair.

B. AMI Meter Installation

The Director brought the Commission up-to-date on the AMI Meter Installation Project. Approximately 3800 meters have been installed to date. Additional crews have been added to the project. A completion date was to be determined.

Further discussion was held.

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

A. Well No. 13

The Director brought the Commission up-to-date on the status of Well No. 13. The manufacturer's estimate for replacement is approximately \$70,000. The Director expressed his concern over the longevity of the well pump and hopes to get Well No. 13 operational as soon as possible.

Discussion was held.

B. Norco Elementary Street Modifications

The Director brought the Commission up-to-date on the status of the Norco Elementary street modifications. After a meeting with the residents in the area, many traffic congestion solutions were discussed. The Director discussed a number of options such as signage, street striping, lane widening and parking issues.

Discussion was held.

C. Hamner Avenue/Third Street Protected Left Turn Movement

The Director brought the Commission up-to-date on the status of the Hamner Avenue/Third Street Protected Left Turn Movement installation.

Discussion was held.

11. OTHER MATTERS:

Commissioner Turpin reports his neighbor on Vine Avenue says “thank you “for fixing the fence” - it had been broken for a number of years.

Commissioner Turpin reports that at the Kips Korner Road and Parkridge Avenue intersection at the backyard trail; the fourth house down – the resident is using the trail as a dumping ground to dump manure from his yard, over the fence and into the trail. Superintendent Piorkowski will make arrangements to visit the site.

Commissioner Turpin inquired regarding the business operating on Half Moon Court.

Commissioner Showalter reports the road plates on Second Street have moved.

Commissioner Showalter says “thank you” for fixing the Norco Drive/Sixth Street asphalt.

Commissioner Showalter reports the boutique located on Sixth Street with the illegal sign was still posted on the tree. He would like it removed. Superintendent Piorkowski will make arrangements to visit the site.

Commissioner Mauro reports that last Wednesday on Fourth Street, he noted the street was not posted as closed or detoured while the construction was taking place.

Commissioner Mauro reports working at the Senior Center Garden and discovering the water pressure problems they have there. He was assisted by Valley Crest (contractor) and Bob March (building maintenance), but there are still some problems. He also noted several of the seniors who work at the garden lost crops due to the lack of water pressure and the inability for the water to reach the crops. He noted there was also a lot of vandalism in the locked garden, an example: one of the gardener’s electrical watering timer was stolen (approximately \$150.00) and times have changed.

Commissioner Mauro reports that at Pikes Peak Park, there are a lot of dog feces that are not picked up, that the pesticide used (Prosecutor) at the park is dangerous and the "no smoking" ordinance should be enforced at the public parks. He noted that at the Senior Garden, many users are smoking. No smoking sign should be posted as they will also be posted at the public parks. Also, at the Senior Housing Apartments, many of the residents and visitors smoke with secondhand affecting many of the renters. Code enforcement should monitor this.

Commissioner Mauro notes the dog feces is a serious health issue and people should pick up after their animals; the bags and instructions are there and supplied for the residents to use.

Commissioner Hedges reports there is a significant speed traffic problem in Norco especially on Sierra Avenue.

Lively discussion was held with regard to speed bumps, humps and tables with descriptions of each.

12. ADJOURNMENT: 9.50 p.m.

Meeting adjourned to November 1, 2010 7:00 p.m.

M/S Showalter/Turpin to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Mauro, Walker, Showalter, Hedges, Turpin, Burt
NOES: None
ABSENT: Hoffman
ABSTAIN: None

William R. Thompson
Director of Public Works

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