



# MINUTES CITY OF NORCO

CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE  
DECEMBER 1, 2010

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CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: 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, Groves,  
Jacobs, King, Okoro, Petree, and Thompson

City Attorney Harper – **Present**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tem Hanna

INVOCATION: Council Member Sullivan

REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL/NORCO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
BOARD:

A. Election of Mayor/Chairman

**M/S Bash/Azevedo to elect Berwin Hanna as Mayor/Chairman. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:**

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

B. Election of Mayor Pro Tem /Vice Chairman

**M/S Sullivan/Azevedo to elect Kevin Bash as Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:**

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

**PRESENTATION:** Pat Overstreet, representing RURAL, presented a gift card in the amount of \$500 to Patty Ireland to be used for the cats at the Norco Animal Shelter.

**REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:**

1. CRA CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

**M/S Azevedo/Bash to approve the item 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: NONE**

- A. CRA Minutes:  
Regular Meeting of November 17, 2010  
**Recommended Action: Approve the CRA Minutes.** (City Clerk)

2. OTHER CRA MATTERS: No other CRA matters

**ADJOURNMENT OF CRA:** 6:06 p.m.

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:**

3. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

**M/S Sullivan/Bash 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, SULLIVAN**  
**NOES: NONE**  
**ABSENT: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**

- A. City Council Minutes:  
Regular Meeting of November 17, 2010  
**Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Minutes.** (City Clerk)
- B. Approval of the Annual Reports for Community Facilities Districts 2001-1 and 2002-1 for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010. **Recommended Action: Receive and file the Report.** Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)
- C. Approval of Resolutions Fixing the Employer's Contribution and Electing to Establish a Health Benefit Vesting Requirement for Future Retirees Under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act. **Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2010-67, fixing the employer's contribution under the Public employees' medical and Hospital Care Act; and Resolution No. 2010-68, electing to establish a health benefit vesting requirement for future retirees under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act.** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)

- D. Temporary Right of Entry Agreement between the City of Norco and Western Municipal Water District. **Recommended Action: Approve the Temporary Right of Entry Agreement with Western Municipal Water District to construct the California Rehabilitation Center Auger/Grinder Wastewater System and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement.** (Director of Public Works)
4. ITEMS PULLED FROM CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:
5. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING:
- A. Confirming Costs for 2010 Tumbleweed Abatement

*The 2010 Tumbleweed Abatement Report of Costs lists property owners whose vacant parcels were abated by the City's weed abatement contractor in October 2010. 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 tumbleweeds 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 public hearing item. He noted that of the 137 notices sent out, only four (4) parcels required abatement.

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

**Geoff Kahan.** Mr. Kahan asked if the abatement process was something the Boy Scouts could assist with in the future.

**City Manager Groves** stated that when the City gets to this point in the process, it often requires access to private property which limits who can assist with the weed abatement.

**City Attorney Harper** stated that some of the clearing of the parcels is done with heavy equipment and there are liability issues associated with that process.

**Mayor Hanna CLOSED the public hearing.**

**M/S Bash/Azevedo to adopt Resolution No. 2010-69, confirming the report of costs for abatement of tumbleweeds 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, SULLIVAN**  
**NOES: NONE**  
**ABSENT: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**6. CITY COUNCIL ITEM FOR ACTION:**

- A. Request for a Twelve-Month Extension of time for Tentative Tract Map 35650 (Essenmacher)

*Tentative Tract Map 35650 is due to expire on December 5, 2010. However, an extension of time can be considered if a request for the extension is submitted prior to the expiration date. The request for extension was submitted on November 18, 2010. The State Subdivision Map Act and the Norco Municipal Code allows for extensions of time on approved tentative maps not ready for final approval by the City Council and recordation with the County Recorder's Office.*

**Recommended Action: Approve the extension of time for recording a final map for Tentative Tract Map 35650 with a new expiration date of December 5, 2011. (Planning Director)**

**Planning Director King** presented the City Council item noting that the applicant delayed the recordation of the map due to the downturn in the economy.

**M/S Sullivan/Bash to approve the extension of time for recording a final map for Tentative Tract Map 35650 with a new expiration date of December 5, 2011. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:**

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

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:**

**Jonathan Kahan.** Mr. Kahan stated that he is 13 years old and is a Stars Scout and Chaplain Aid for Troup 33 in Norco. He stated that he is pursuing his Life Scout rank and is working on earning merit badges that are required to achieve that rank. He noted that one of the requirements to earn a merit badge is to attend a public meeting.

**Geoff Kahan.** Mr. Kahan addressed a comment made by Council Member Sullivan at a recent Council Meeting regarding Dick White and asked if Mr. White was still needing assistance. He added that the Boy Scouts are willing to assist with needs in the community.

**Pat Overstreet.** Ms. Overstreet invited everyone to the Sixth Annual Parade of Lights and Winter Festival to be held on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. She noted that there are over 50 entries with over 800 people involved in this parade. She further commented on many of the highlights of the parade and festival.

**Barry Scott.** Mr. Scott commented on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers work on the Santa Ana River Trails and noted one trail that was not put back in place. He further commented on the importance of the trail and asked the Council to contact the Army Corps.

8. OTHER MATTERS – COUNCIL:

**Mayor Pro Tem Bash:**

- ✚ Requested clarification from Director Petree about the money to be given to the Norco sports youth groups from the Fair fund.
- ✚ Asked if anyone had a platform to use at the December 7<sup>th</sup> event.
- ✚ Commented on the December 7<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor Day event at the Lake Norconian Pavilion and invited everyone to attend. He noted that RSVPs are recommended and Photo IDs are required for entrance. Rich Barron, President of the Lake Norconian Club Foundation, further commented on the program at the event.

**Council Member Azevedo:**

- ✚ Informed the Council that WRCOG is voting next Monday on the TUMF fees. She noted that she believes that it is best for our town to vote to continue the 50% reduction in TUMF fees, as this is a large savings to developers. City Manager Groves added that the vote will be to allow cities to make that decision.

**Council Member Sullivan:**

- ✚ Stated that he would recommend placing on the December 15, 2010 agenda a proposal to add the motto “In God We Trust” to the Council Chambers.

**M/S Bash/Hanna to approve placing an item on the December 15, 2010 agenda adding the motto “In God We Trust” to the Council Chambers. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:**

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

**Mayor Hanna:**

- ✚ Stated that he would recommend placing on the December 15, 2010 agenda an ordinance to prohibit felons from serving on the City's Commissions.  
Bash/Sullivan Approved

**M/S Bash/Sullivan to approve placing an ordinance on the December 15, 2010 agenda prohibiting felons from serving on the City's Commissions. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:**

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

9. OTHER MATTERS – STAFF:

- ✚ City Manager Groves congratulated Mayor Hanna and Mayor Pro Tem Bash.
- ✚ Asked the Council Members to check their calendars for availability on January 10, 2011 to hold a Special Meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Hanna adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m. in Memory of Former Mayor Malcolm G. Miller, M.D.

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BRENDA K. JACOBS  
CITY CLERK