



MINUTES CITY OF NORCO

CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
FEBRUARY 2, 2011

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

ROLL CALL: Mayor Berwin Hanna, **Present**
Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Bash, **Present**
Council Member Kathy Azevedo, **Present**
Council Member Greg Newton, **Present**
Council Member Harvey C. Sullivan, **Present**

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

City Attorney Harper – **Present**

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

Section 54957.6 – Conference with Labor Negotiator

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

Employee Organization: Norco Firefighters Association

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION: With nothing to report from Closed Session, Mayor Hanna reconvened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Azevedo

INVOCATION: Grace Fellowship Church
Pastor Vernie Fletcher

REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

1. CRA CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

M/S Sullivan/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, NEWTON, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

- A. CRA Minutes:
Regular Meeting of January 19, 2011
Recommended Action: Approve the CRA Minutes (City Clerk)

2. OTHER CRA MATTERS: No other CRA Matters

ADJOURNMENT OF CRA: 7:15 p.m.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

3. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

Council Member Sullivan pulled Item 3.B. Item 3.F. was pulled by the public.

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

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

- A. City Council Minutes:
Special Meeting of January 25, 2011
Regular Meeting of January 19, 2011
Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Minutes (City Clerk)
- B. Recap of Actions Taken at the Planning Commission Regular Meeting of January 26, 2011. **Recommended Action: Receive and File (Planning Director) PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**
- C. Procedural Step to Approve Ordinance after Reading of Title Only.
Recommended Action: Approval (City Clerk)

- D. Approval of Fire Department Discipline and Administrative Review Policy and Procedure **Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2011 05, approving the Fire Department Discipline and Administrative Review Policy and Procedure.** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)
 - E. Award of a Professional Services Contract to Design a New Traffic Signal Project at the Intersection of Hamner Avenue and Detroit Street. **Recommended Action: Award a professional services contract to W.G. Zimmerman, Inc. to design a new traffic signal at the intersection of Hamner Avenue and Detroit Street Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$12,500; and adopt Resolution No. 2011-06, appropriating \$12,500 for the design of the new traffic signal.** (Contract City Engineer)
 - F. Extension of the Term of the Declaration of a Local Emergency Dated December 22, 2010. **Recommended Action: Extend the term of the declaration of the existence of a Local Emergency two weeks, to February 16, 2011.** (City Manager) **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**
4. ITEMS PULLED FROM CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:
- 3.B. Recap of Actions Taken at the Planning Commission Regular Meeting of January 26, 2011. **Recommended Action: Receive and File** (Planning Director)

Council Member Sullivan appealed Item 9.B. and recommended that it be placed on a future Council agenda.

M/S Sullivan/Bash to appeal Item 9. B. and receive and file the remaining items on the recap of actions taken at the Planning Commission regular meeting of January 26, 2011. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 3.F. Extension of the Term of the Declaration of a Local Emergency Dated December 22, 2010. **Recommended Action: Extend the term of the declaration of the existence of a Local Emergency two weeks, to February 16, 2011.** (City Manager)

Jodie Webber. Ms. Webber inquired if there is a list of projects available to review, as submitted to FEMA, and asked if there was a timeline included. City Manager Groves responded that there is a process for submitting damage reports. She added that

FEMA has already reviewed the Norco damage and the next step will be to continue the process and submit the requests to FEMA once we know what qualifies for reimbursement. City Manager Groves stated that FEMA will reimburse up to 75% of the cost for restoration purposes and is limited to public property.

M/S Sullivan/Bash to extend the term of the declaration of the existence of a Local Emergency two weeks, to February 16, 2011. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

5. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. City-Initiated Proposal to Amend the Norco Municipal Code Adding Chapter 5.10 Establishing Regulations for Filming Permits (Code Amendment 2011-01)

There are currently no codified regulations governing the filming of motion pictures, television and commercials in the City of Norco. Currently, production companies obtain special event permits for film shoots in the community. The establishment of new film regulations would provide a clear, predictable and equitable permitting process, while creating restrictions that mitigate the impact of filming on streets and neighborhoods.

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 930 for first reading.
(Contract Economic Development Specialist)

Economic Development Specialist Grody presented the public hearing item. He noted that this will help create temporary jobs, fill hotels and restaurants, and generate interest in Horsetown USA as a tourist destination.

Council Member Azevedo asked if staff time would be covered through this permit. City Manager Groves responded that if this is approved tonight, there will be permit fee amounts set to pay for the staff services, in addition to the filming permit.

Council Member Newton asked if there are any health standards that would be required for onsite food services. ED Specialist Grody noted that any catering onsite would need to get required permits and inspections.

Mayor Pro Tem Bash commented on the ranches and staging areas in Norco that would be of assistance for filming purposes. He added that he hopes that we can keep our fees down and added that the big draw is commercials.

Council Member Sullivan asked about filming done in the past adjacent to the City. ED Specialist Grody noted that one of the things we anticipate doing is collaborating with the Inland Empire Film Commission and through that, Norco sites can gain greater exposure.

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

Brian Boyd. Mr. Boyd noted that there are persons in the community that are members of the Screen Actors Guild that could assist with these efforts.

Mayor Hanna CLOSED the public hearing.

M/S Sullivan/Bash to adopt Ordinance No. 930 for first reading. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

Brian Boyd. Mr. Boyd commented on the events that took place at the last Council Meeting and publically apologized to Mayor Hanna. He commented further on the events that took place after the Council Meeting held on January 19, 2011.

Marla Capps. Ms. Capps commented on her concerns about the frivolous lawsuits that could take place regarding the loss of a horse as a result of the flooding. She noted the great work of the NART and thanked them for their efforts.

Amy Kaleta. Ms. Kaleta noted that she lives on one of the steepest streets in the Norco hills and stated concerns about the drains that are going to be installed, as she does not believe that they will work. She further commented that the builder should be accountable for the expense of putting in the drains, not the homeowners through LMD funds. Ms. Kaleta requested quarterly updates on LMD No. 4 be made available to those property owners.

Katherine Bish. Ms. Bish commented on the River Trails flooding event and requested that a debriefing be presented to the public, as it was a major incident. She further noted that Norco City Council and immediate family members are incompatible to be

included on volunteer rescue units within Norco that interact with Agencies that receive City funds.

Jodie Webber. Ms. Webber commented on the LMD No. 4 Equestrian Trail Drainage Improvements Project included on the January 19, 2011 City Council agenda and noted that the public should be noticed when these LMD issues are on the agendas. She further noted that there should be an open public hearing when direct tax assessments are being discussed and added that she questioned if the purchase and installation of the drains is a proper use of LMD funds. Ms. Webber also requested that LMD No. 4 issues and financial information be provided on a quarterly basis. She noted concerns regarding the electricity for the pumps and added that this was supposed to be discussed with Edison.

Pamela Smith. Ms. Smith reminded everyone of 15th Annual Casino Night to be held on April 9th.

Karen Leonard. Ms. Leonard noted that she has sponsorship applications available for Casino Night and added that pre-sale tickets are for sale at \$10.

Su Bacon. Ms. Bacon noted her support of the NART. She added that it is a difficult thing that happened with the loss of a horse and it is easy to point fingers. Ms. Bacon stated that she is familiar with the chain of command and noted that NART was under the swift water rescue team at the River Trails flooding/rescue event.

Linda Dixon. Ms. Dixon commented on the NART and noted what a great organization they are under the Norco Fire Department. She added that they do not operate as an independent group. She praised Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director Petree for his contributions to the City and noted that she has worked with him many years and he has always been there working extra hours and is a kind and helpful person.

7. OTHER MATTERS – COUNCIL:

Council Member Newton:

- ✚ Asked City Manager Groves about the Volunteer Code Enforcement Program. City Manager Groves noted that the City's Code Compliance Officer, Ken Swank, is coordinating the first round of the Program and 4 individuals have been contacted who have shown interest. She added that the City is looking for 4-6 volunteers to assist with the first noticing for sign enforcement. City Manager Groves stated that there is a volunteer application on the City's web site for any interested persons.
- ✚ Thanked Bill Thompson for his department repairing the trail heads on Vandermolen Drive that were burned. He added that this makes for easier access to the hills.

Mayor Pro Tem Bash:

- ✚ Commented that he was in favor of the Volunteer Program implementation.
- ✚ Thanked Director Petree for his efforts in coordinating the great youth basketball program in the City and also for the improvements to the Animal Control Program.
- ✚ Spoke on the 82nd Anniversary of the opening of the Norconian and presented old photographs of the City and the Norconian Hotel. He further noted that he is encouraged that direction was given from Sacramento to fix the leaky roof on the historic Norconian Hotel.

Council Member Azevedo:

- ✚ Commented on the presentation made by Council Member Bash and complimented him on his efforts to make the Norconian visible.
- ✚ Noted that the 2011 California Preservation Conference will be held in Santa Monica from May 15 – 18 and Council Member Bash will be presenting information on the historic Norconian Hotel at the conference.
- ✚ Stated that she took an active role Monday night by attending a Clean Energy Seminar in Riverside. She shared with the attendees that the City received the grant for the horse manure-to-energy plant and they were all very impressed.
- ✚ Reported that a meeting was held with Congressman Calvert regarding the cleanup efforts in the City resulting from the flooding event.
- ✚ Stated that Senator Emmerson is supporting the efforts of the preservation of the Norconian Hotel.

Council Member Sullivan:

- ✚ Inquired if there has been any headway in requesting the name change for the Navy Base from Corona to Norco. In response, City Manager Groves noted that there are two parties involved on the Base and Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station, as the land owner, has been contacted to change the name from the Corona Detachment to the Norco Detachment. She further noted that the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division is the name given by the Navy.
- ✚ Thanked Mayor Pro Tem Bash for his preservation efforts on the historic Norconian Hotel. He added that someday, the Norconian will add a great amount of interest and money to the City.
- ✚ Noted that the loss of the horse following the flooding event at River Trails was a tragedy and added that nobody is trying to blame NART. He added that he does not like it that we keep talking about it at Council meetings, noting that the debriefing should take place somewhere else.
- ✚ Commented that he does not have a problem with agendizing LMD No. 4 information every quarter. He further commented on the steps to take if the property owners are unhappy with the way the LMD functions.

Mayor Hanna

- ✚ Commented on the orange fencing on the trail on Crestview to stop people from going into the open space, noting that there is another possible place for the orange fencing on River Drive at Hillside where the trail washes out and is dangerous. Public Works Director Thompson noted that the trail will be closed, as it is maintained by the City.
- ✚ Reminded everyone that the Equine Affaire starts tomorrow, where the City has a booth.
- ✚ Noted that the Norco Winter Rodeo Classic 2011 to be held on February 4th and 5th at the George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center.

8. OTHER MATTERS – STAFF:

City Manager Groves:

- ✚ Noted that the City has had a very active volunteer program for a long time and added that volunteer applications are available on the City's website.
- ✚ Commented on the 3/50 project <http://www.the350project.net/about.html> noting that this project is all about supporting small independent businesses in the community.

Public Works Director Thompson:

- ✚ Stated that everyone can now ride on the west side of the DMV, as the weeds have been removed from the trail.

9. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Hanna adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

BRENDA K. JACOBS, CMC
CITY CLERK