



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
STREETS, TRAILS AND UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
FEBRUARY 7, 2011

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

Commissioners Absent: None
3. STAFF PRESENT: William R. Thompson, Director of Public Works
Andy Okoro, Deputy City Manager/Director
Fiscal & Support Services
Terry Piorkowski, Public Works Superintendent
Rose Matthews, Executive Secretary

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Mauro

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

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. November 1, 2010

M/S Showalter/Walker to approve the minutes of November 1, 2010.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Mauro, Walker, Hedges, Turpin, Burtt

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Showalter, Hoffman

8. NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The Director requested that an urgency item will be added to the Agenda as 8G, Well No. 14. The Commission agreed.

A. Proposed Water/Sewer Rate Adjustments

Andy Okoro, Deputy City Manager/Director, Fiscal & Support Services along with Director Thompson presented the proposed Water/Sewer Rate Adjustments to the Commission. Director Okoro presented this information to the City Council at a Council Workshop.

Discussion was held on water trends, state-mandated issues, fixed charges and tiered rate structure in the Water/Sewer Funds.

Commissioner Walker noted she was in favor of Option 2.

Commissioner Hedges noted the 38% increase was very high.

Director Okoro indicated current rates and a brief history of increases during previous years for fixed and commodity rates.

Commissioner Hedges noted the expectation of increases revenues with the installation of the new meters, and that the lack of revenue was the cause of the rate increase.

Director Okoro noted the first billing has occurred for the radio read meters in the amount of approximately \$450,000.00. He also noted this is very low.

Commissioner Hedges inquired if the city was selling water to the prison and the navy.

The Director notes that yes, the city has been selling water to the prison and the navy since 2001.

Commissioner Hedges inquired if there are any other options other than a rate increase.

Commissioner Hedges inquired if water rates for purchased water will ever come down.

Both Directors noted the costs probably would not. Director Thompson noted regional partnerships with the surrounding agencies assists with reducing costs.

Commissioner Mauro inquired why the City was not using more well water.

Director Thompson explained the daily well production maximum capacity is approximately 35% of the daily water demand.

Further discussion was held on maximum production of water and purchased water.

Commissioner Hedges inquired regarding a surcharge and the effects a tiered structure would have on the water rates.

Commissioner Burtt noted the residents need to step up to the plate to maintain a viable City.

Director Okoro noted the reality of maintaining rates that keep the City afloat versus making a profit.

Further discussion was held.

Commissioner Turpin noted that maybe an option would be for the City of Corona to just take over and the residents would pay the rates City of Corona charges.

Both Directors noted the reality of City of Corona taking over – that it is truly a complicated process.

Audience member, Lance Gregory, noted it appeared that Option #1, made the most sense.

M/S Burt/Turpin to recommend City Council approve Option 1 in the proposed Water/Sewer Rate Adjustments.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Hoffman, Showalter, Walker, Turpin, Burt

NOES: Mauro, Hedges

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Commissioner Hedges called for break.

B. Installation of a Stop Condition at Crestview Drive and Buckskin Lane

The Director presented the report for installation of a stop condition at Crestview Drive and Buckskin Lane to the Commission.

Commissioner Hoffman noted he sometimes crosses in the wrong area at this location.

Su Bacon spoke in favor of the installation of the stop condition and making the area safe.

Another audience member spoke on the futility of enforcement once the sign was installed.

Discussion was held.

M/S Showalter/Hoffman to deny approval of the installation of a stop condition at Crestview Drive and Buckskin Lane.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

C. Installation of a Stop Condition at Cedar Avenue and Acacia Avenue

The Director presented the report for installation of a stop condition at Cedar Avenue and Acacia Avenue to the Commission at a future date.

Discussion was held.

M/S Showalter/Hoffman to deny approval of the installation of a stop condition at Cedar Avenue and Acacia Avenue.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

D. Installation of a Stop Condition at Hillside Avenue and El Paso Drive

The Director presented the report for installation of a stop condition at Hillside Avenue and El Paso Drive to the Commission.

Discussion was held.

M/S Showalter/Burt to recommend City Council approve the installation of a stop condition at Hillside Avenue and El Paso Drive at a future date.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

E. Installation of a Stop Condition at Detroit Street and Woodward Avenue

The Director presented the report for installation of a stop condition at Detroit Street and Woodward Avenue to the Commission.

Linda Aguilar, spoke in favor of the installation of this stop condition.

Discussion was held.

M/S Showalter/Turpin to recommend City Council approve the installation of a stop condition at Detroit Street and Woodward Avenue at a future date.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

F. Establishment of Dates for "Free Landfill Day"

The Director presented the report for establishment of dates for "Free Landfill Day" to the Commission.

Discussion was held.

M/S Showalter/Burt to recommend City Council approve the establishment of dates (May/October) for "Free Landfill Day" at a future time.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

G. Well No. 14 – Verbal Report – Urgency Item

The Director presented the verbal report for Well No. 14 as an urgency Item. Factors include repairs that are required prior to a scheduled shutdown of the Arlington Desalter facility to clean the SARI line.

Discussion was held.

M/S Mauro/Turpin to recommend City Council approve the ratification of Well No. 14 and proceed to City Council.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

9. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Waste to Energy Project

The Director brought the Commission up-to-date on the Waste to Energy Project. A kick-off meeting is scheduled for March, 2011.

Discussion was held.

B. Equestrian Trail Fence Project Update

The Director brought the Commission up-to-date on Equestrian Trail Fence Project.

Discussion was held.

C. Chino Desalter Authority "CDA" Expansion Project Update

The Director brought the Commission up-to-date on Chino Desalter Authority "CDA" Expansion Project.

Discussion was held.

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

A. AMI – Automated Meter Installation Project

The Director brought the Commission up-to-date on the AMI project.

Discussion was held.

B. Hamner Avenue and Detroit Street Traffic Signal

The Director brought the Commission up-to-date on the Hamner Avenue and Detroit Street Traffic Signal project.

Discussion was held.

11. OTHER MATTERS:

The Director noted the building of a *riprap* training dike to protect the acreage along the Silverlakes property.

Commissioner Mauro noted that Riverview Elementary is no longer busing children. He notes the deteriorating condition of the trails in the City.

Commissioner Hoffman inquired as to the status of the next trail cleanup day.

Commissioner Walker noted the RFDTV show Best of America by Horseback Grand Tour, 2011 special that will feature Norco, Horsetown, USA. This will be the first time in the show's history that an entire City will be a featured equestrian trail destination. Tickets will include the ride, dinner and other features on May 6, 7 or 8, 2011.

Commissioner Showalter inquired regarding the following the intersection of Third Street/Hillside Avenue; the asphalt patch on Second Street; the Second Street Improvement Project; the road plates at Second Street and Western Avenue; the road plates at Del Mar Avenue/Corydon Avenue and noted that the Bob's Big Boy E-Cycle Sign is falling apart.

Commissioner Showalters' questions and comments were answered in kind.

Further discussion was held.

12. ADJOURNMENT: 10:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned to March 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

M/S Showalter/ Walker to adjourn at 10:30 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

William R. Thompson
Director of Public Works

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