



MINUTES CITY OF NORCO

CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
MAY 4, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hanna called the meeting to order at 6:02 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, 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 Battalion Chiefs Association
Norco Firefighters Association
Norco General Employees Association
Norco Public Works & Parks Maintenance Workers Association
Management
Middle Management, Professional and Confidential Service

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION: Mayor Hanna reconvened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Azevedo

INVOCATION: Grace Fellowship Church
Pastor Vernie Fletcher

PROCLAMATIONS: National Preservation Month – May 2011

Mayor Hanna presented the proclamation to Linda Dixon, representing the City of Norco Historic Preservation Commission.

Poppy Week, May 15 – 21, 2011
American Legion Auxiliary No. 328

Mayor Hanna presented the proclamation to a representative from the American Legion Auxiliary No. 328.

Mental Health Month – May 2011
*Carolyn Martinez, Western Regional
Mental Health Board Member, Riverside
County Department of Mental Health*

Mayor Hanna presented the proclamation to Ms. Martinez, representing the Western Regional Mental Health Board, Riverside County Department of Mental Health.

REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

1. CRA CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

M/S Azevedo/Bash 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, NEWTON, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

- A. CRA Minutes:
Regular Meeting of April 20, 2011
Special Meeting of April 20, 2011
Recommended Action: Approve the CRA Minutes (City Clerk)

2. OTHER CRA MATTERS: No other CRA matters

ADJOURNMENT OF CRA: 7:20 p.m.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

City Manager Groves added Item 8.B. to the City Council Agenda, as this item came to the attention of the Council subsequent to the posting of the Agenda and requires immediate action.

3. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

City Manager Groves pulled Item 3.C. for discussion and a presentation.

M/S Sullivan/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:
Regular Meeting of April 20, 2011
Special Meeting of April 20, 2011
Recommended Action: **Approve the City Council Minutes** (City Clerk)
- B. Recap of Actions Taken at the Planning Commission Regular Meeting of April 27, 2011. **Recommended Action: Receive and File** (Planning Director)
- C. Accept Bids and Award the Contract for the Santa Ana River Riprap Training Dike Improvement Project. **Recommended Action: Award the contract for the Santa Ana River Riprap Training Dike Improvement Project to KIP, Incorporated in the amount of \$748,500 and authorize the City Manager to approve contract change orders up to 10 percent of the contract amount.** (Senior Engineer)

4. ITEMS PULLED FROM CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 3.C. Accept Bids and Award the Contract for the Santa Ana River Riprap Training Dike Improvement Project. **Recommended Action: Award the contract for the Santa Ana River Riprap Training Dike Improvement Project to KIP, Incorporated in the amount of \$748,500 and authorize the City Manager to approve contract change orders up to 10 percent of the contract amount.** (Senior Engineer)

City Manager Groves commented on the flooding event that caused the need for the construction of a Riprap Training Dike. She further noted the steps made by City staff to engineer and draft a proposed Santa Ana River Riprap Training Dike. The Army Corps of Engineers signed off on the Training Dike and a proposal was then submitted to the Riverside County Flood Control District for its approval. They recommended approval of \$1.5 million for this project, followed by an RFP sent out by the City, resulting in tonight's recommended acceptance of the bid results. City Manager Groves stated she and Mayor Hanna attended the Riverside County Board of Supervisors meeting held on May 3, 2011, at which time they approved the Funding Agreement in the amount of \$1.5 million for the project.

Senior Engineer Lori Askew explained the project through a slide presentation. She stated that the Santa Ana River Riprap Training Dike is not at a 100-year level, but would protect the Silverlakes site for a 50-75 year event. Also noted was that the Santa Ana River Riprap Training Dike is not waterproof, and if the Santa Ana River rises, there is a potential for water to infiltrate slowly. Senior Engineer Askew added that it is not meant to be a flood wall.

City Manager Groves commented that there will be a few other things required to complete the overall project, such as trail access, but is not part of this specific bid. She stated that R.J. Brandes is doing final engineering for the Silverlakes project and when the Santa Ana River Riprap Training Dike begins, they will be doing some minor preparation work on the site. She added that staff is drafting documents for a potential July 6th approval of the documents to begin the Silverlakes Equestrian & Sports Park.

The City Council Members commended staff for their work on this project. In response to Council Member Newton, Public Works Director Thompson stated that the rock is not intended to be compacted on the Training Dyke. He also stated that all the necessary traffic enforcement will be realized as a part of this project.

M/S Bash/Newton to award the contract for the Santa Ana River Riprap Training Dike Improvement Project to KIP, Incorporated in the amount of \$748,500 and authorize the City Manager to approve contract change orders up to 10 percent of the contract amount. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

5. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS -- SECOND READING: *(No new evidence will be heard from the public as the public hearing has been closed regarding all items listed.)*

A. City-Initiated Ordinance Amending Chapter 3.50 of the Norco Municipal Code Removing the Temporary Fee Reduction Period under the Western Riverside County Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) Program.
Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 933 for second reading.
(City Clerk)

M/S Azevedo/Bash to adopt Ordinance No. 933 for second reading. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

6. CITY COUNCIL CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Amendment to the City's Comprehensive Fee Schedule to Update and Adjust Fees for Building Division Services

On June 2, 2010, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2010-26, updating the fees for general City services. Following the completion of the Building Division fees review by the City-hired consulting firm of Revenue Cost Specialists ("RCS"), with assistance and final review provided by the Building Division staff, it is now necessary to update Building Division fees to reflect the results of the fee review and comply with applicable Building Codes fee structure. The recommended fee revisions are not significantly different from the fees currently being charged and are development-related fees only. Consistent with past practice, fees have been calculated based on the actual cost to provide each service combined with the percentage of authorized recovery. In this case, all of the developer fees have been recommended at 100% in order to recover all costs.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2011-____, amending Resolution No. 2010-26 to update and adjust fees for Building Division services. (Contract Building Official)

Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Okoro introduced the continued public hearing noting that the fee changes are very insignificant.

Contract Building Official Keith Clarke commented on the recommended fee adjustments.

Council Member Sullivan commented on the fees that went down. Building Official Clarke noted that this was done to match the adopted fee study.

Council Member Azevedo thanked Building Official Clarke for completing this project and also for all the work he does. In response to her question on the Water and Sewer Connection fees, Building Official Clarke stated that they had not been changed for about 10 years.

Council Member Newton asked about the fixed fee benefit on the patio covers, noting that this is good thing for the residents. He also commented on the Special Inspector – Annual Registration fee, which went from \$397 to \$0. Building Official Clarke stated that this fee was not included in the fee study, so the City could not include it in this recommendation. Council Member Newton stated that it is something to look at in the future.

Mayor Hanna OPENED the continued public hearing, indicating that proper notification had been made and asked for the appearance of those wishing to speak. With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Hanna CLOSED the continued public hearing.

M/S Bash/Azevedo to adopt Resolution No. 2011-22, amending Resolution No. 2010-26 to update and adjust fees for Building Division services. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

7. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Ordering Abatement of Weeds on Vacant Lots

The proposed resolution orders the abatement of weeds and authorizes the Fire Department's weed abatement contractor to begin abating weeds on vacant properties whose owners did not comply with the Notice to Abate Spring Weeds.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2011-____, declaring that weeds and hazardous vegetation, upon or in front of vacant property in the City of Norco, constitute a public nuisance and ordering the abatement. (Fire Chief)

Fire Chief Carlson presented the public hearing item.

Council Member Newton asked if the attached list states the recommended lots, noting that some of them have been cleaned. Chief Carlson responded that yes it does, and added that only the ones that need cleaning will be noticed.

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

Linda Dixon. Ms. Dixon asked if this list includes the City-owned lots that have not been weeded. Chief Carlson noted that yes it does and added that they will get cleaned. Director Thompson noted that all of the Water lots will be cleaned on Saturday.

Mayor Hanna CLOSED the public hearing.

M/S Sullivan/Bash to adopt Resolution No. 2011-23, declaring that weeds and hazardous vegetation, upon or in front of vacant property in the City of Norco, constitute a public nuisance and ordering the abatement. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

8. CITY COUNCIL ACTION ITEM:

- A. Continued Discussion (*if Necessary*) Regarding the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 City and Norco Redevelopment Agency Operating Budgets. (City Manager/Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)

City Manager Groves commented on the Workshop held, noting that it was adjourned. She stated that there will be another Budget Workshop held on May 18, 2011 at 4 p.m. to continue discussion on the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Operating Budgets and also the proposed Capital Improvement Program Budgets for the City Council and the Norco Redevelopment Agency.

- B. Discussion Regarding the Representation of a Council Member on May 10, 2011 at a Minimum Standards Roundtable Discussion Sponsored by the Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Association in Sacramento, California.

City Manager Groves stated that a request was received from the Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Association that an official representative from Norco be sent to Sacramento on Tuesday, May 10th to attend a Minimum Standard Roundtable event. The discussion will be held in response to a booklet published by UC Davis titled "Minimum Standards of Horse Care in the State of California" and addresses information of concern to the equestrian communities in California. She noted that the key recommendation will be to change the word "required" to "recommended."

Council Member Sullivan commented on the event and recommended that the City should send Mayor Hanna to represent Norco. He noted that if this document would become law, certain developers could use it in their favor.

Mayor Hanna stated that some of the information in the booklet would be good guidelines for first-time horse owners to follow. He added he wants to attend in order to help convince the authors to change the wording in the booklet.

M/S Bash/Sullivan to send Mayor Hanna to Sacramento on May 10, 2011 to attend the Minimum Standards Roundtable event put on by the Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Association. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

Aaron Peña. Mr. Peña, a Norco High School student, commented on the current difficult economic times and noted several reasons why everyone should support the local economy and buy American-made products.

Sarah Karsten. Ms. Karsten, a Norco High School student, commented on products bought from outside of the USA and encouraged everyone to buy more American-made products.

Tori Thunderburk. Ms. Thunderburk, a Norco High School student, commented on the Agricultural Department Senior project that includes the evaluation of products that are made and manufactured in and outside of the USA. He added that the solution is changing how much and what we spend our money on.

Katie Gonzales. Ms. Gonzales, a Norco High School student, stated that the majority of products sold in the United States are foreign-made products. She encouraged everyone to buy more in the USA to save jobs.

Dave Henderson. Mr. Henderson noted he was unable to attend the workshop held regarding the creation of a Water Rate Stabilization Account and noted that he strongly stands behind this concept. He thanked staff and encouraged purchased water adjustments to prevent large increases in water rates.

Jodie Webber. Ms. Webber commented on the Citizens Redistricting Commission meeting on May 5th in the Council Chambers and encourage members of the public to attend. She noted that greater interest has been received from Mayors of the cities who have attended the most recent public input meetings.

10. OTHER MATTERS – COUNCIL:

- A. Approval of a Letter Requesting Legislation to Amend the California Vehicle Code to Raise Fines for Speeding where Children and Horses are Present. (Council Member Sullivan)

Council Member Sullivan requested that the Council send a letter to legislators to have signs placed at the entrance to the City stating that fines double when children and horses are present.

City Manager Groves clarified that this action would need amendments to the California Vehicle and Penal Codes. She added that the sections of the Codes that would require amending have been identified and will be included in the letter.

Mayor Pro Tem Bash stated that he is torn as he does not like doubling fines. He added that the only reason he would consider this is because Norco is very unique with all of the horses present.

Council Member Newton asked City Manager Groves if revenue doubles when fines are doubled. City Manager Groves responded that this is all defined in the California Vehicle and Penal Codes and would be dependent on how the legislation was worded, She added that at this point, the City is just looking to send the letter.

Jodie Webber. Ms. Webber suggested that a copy of the letter sent (not on letterhead) be available for the public to send to legislators in support of this effort.

M/S Sullivan/Azevedo to approve the sending of a letter requesting legislation to amend the California Vehicle Code to double the fines for speeding when children and/or horses are present. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Bash:

- ✚ Commented on the ride around Lake Norconian in preparation for the Best of America by Horseback event to be held on May 6 – 8, 2011.
- ✚ Commended the City's Historic Preservation Consultant Bill Wilkman for his work with the Navy.
- ✚ Noted the California Preservation Foundation Seminar coming up in June and added that Norco is getting to be known as a City of preservation.

Council Member Azevedo:

- ✚ Stated that Jodie Webber presented information regarding the Citizens Redistricting Commission at the most recent WRCOG Executive Committee meeting.
- ✚ Stated that the 5.6% increase in TUMF proposed was not approved by the WRCOG Executive Committee because cities are concerned about economic development.
- ✚ Thanked the Norco High School students for attending and speaking at the Council Meeting.
- ✚ Invited everyone to attend the UNLOAD "Spring Into Awareness, The Power of Prevention" event on May 12th at 5 p.m. at Nellie Weaver Hall. She added that there will be prescription drug collection available at that event.

- ✚ Stated that the Relay for Life event is coming up and added that May is National Fitness Month. She encouraged everyone to get fit by walking at the Relay for Life event on May 14th.

Council Member Sullivan

- ✚ Invited everyone to attend the Extreme Mustang Makeover on May 13 - 15, 2011. He noted that there will be a Jungle Challenge obstacle course on Friday night. He added that there will also be a carnival set up in the lower parking lot at the George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center.

Mayor Hanna

- ✚ Encouraged everyone to get involved in the Best of America by Horseback Grand Tour event.

11. OTHER MATTERS – STAFF:

City Manager Groves commented on the Best of America by Horseback trail rides and all of the other activities that will be going on during the event.

12. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Hanna adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

BRENDA K. JACOBS, CMC
CITY CLERK