



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
JUNE 15, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hanna called the meeting to order at 7:00 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: Cooper, Groves, Jacobs, King, Okoro, Petree and Thompson

City Attorney Harper– **Present**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Hanna

INVOCATION: Calvary Chapel – Norco
Pastor Louie Montieth

A “Moment of Silence” was held in Memory of Gerry Sassin, long time Norco resident and former City employee.

PROCLAMATIONS: Hidden Valley Golf Club
2011 NGCOA Course of the Year

Mayor Hanna presented a proclamation to Jay Miller in recognition of Hidden Valley Golf Club being named as the 2011 NGCOA Course of the Year.

PRESENTATION: Certificates In Recognition of the Cougar Wrestling Club Team Accomplishments

Mayor Hanna presented the members of the Cougar Wrestling Club with certificates acknowledging their individual contributions to the Team.

REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

1. CRA CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

M/S Sullivan/Bash to approve the CRA Minutes. 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 June 1, 2011
Recommended Action: Approve the CRA Minutes (City Clerk)

2. JOINT CRA/CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Approving and Adopting the City and the Norco Redevelopment Agency Operating Budgets Including Related Personnel Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 and Authorizing Appropriations Therefrom

The FY 2011-2012 Proposed Budget for the General Fund includes total estimated revenues of \$12,803,219 and total estimated expenditures of \$13,030,930. The estimated deficit of \$227,711 is expected to be covered by anticipated revenue revisions or additional expenditure reductions during the Fiscal Year. Water Fund total revenues are estimated to be \$9,003,662 while total expenditures are estimated to be \$8,306,254. Sewer Fund total revenues are estimated to be \$4,755,882 and total expenditures are estimated to be \$4,649,970. For the rest of the City Operating Funds, including Gas Tax, NPDES, AQMD and Miscellaneous Grant Funds, total estimated revenues exceed total expenditures. (See Attachment A) For the Redevelopment Agency, total estimated revenues for the Operating Fund are \$14,433,377 while total estimated expenditures are \$16,207,088. The estimated deficit of \$1,773,711 is proposed to be funded by drawing from existing fund balance. The Low-to-Moderate Income Housing Fund of the Agency's FY 2011-2012 Proposed Budget includes total estimated revenues of \$3,007,304 and total estimated expenditures of \$2,367,198.

Recommended Actions: Receive public comments on the proposed Annual Operating Budgets for the City of Norco and the Norco Redevelopment Agency; adopt Resolution No. 2011-___, approving and adopting the City Operating Budget and related personnel adjustments for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 and authorizing appropriations therefrom; and adopt CRA Resolution No. 2011-___, approving and adopting the Norco Redevelopment Agency Budget

and related personnel adjustments for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 and authorizing appropriations therefrom. (City Manager/Executive Director and Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)

City Manager Groves introduced the item and noted the proposed elimination of redevelopment agencies in the State of California, and when signed by the Governor, will be effective immediately. She recommended going forward to adopt the budget tonight and not changing the course at this time, adding that short-term adjustments may need to be made and the Budget is a process and necessary for the City to adopt by July 1 in order to operate. She presented information regarding the City and the Norco Redevelopment Agency Operating Budgets for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. The revenues are based on the most current information available and are very fragile. She stated that Budget Workshops were held detailing the revenues and expenditures and the direction from the Council was incorporated into this budget currently being presented. An overview of the General Fund was presented, noting the \$12,803,219 projected revenues and the \$13,030,930 projected expenditures, with a remaining deficit of \$227,711. The Budget will be balanced using unallocated funds/reserves. Key actions were taken to reduce the deficit in the Fire Department (\$1.4 million), Norco Sheriff Department (\$705,000) and the Parks, Recreation, Animal Control Building and Parks Maintenance (\$112,000). Other key actions to reduce the deficit were also presented, all resulting in service impacts. The revenues and expenditures will be watched and will be brought back to the Council when needed. The emergency reserve for the City was set in a resolution as a goal to have 25% of its General Fund "estimated expenditures" for current budget. The current reserve is at 6% at \$770,011. Under that requirement, the budget would require a 4/1 vote for approval. The Water and Sewer Funds revenues and expenditures were presented, along with how they are derived and spent. The Redevelopment Agency Operating Budget was presented noting the \$14.4 million estimated total revenues and \$16.2 estimated total expenditures. Once a better sense is gained regarding the Redevelopment Agency Budget, discussions will be held with the Council regarding how to proceed.

Council Member Newton commented on the budget overview and analysis, complementing City staff on all of their hard work, noting the budget is fragile and sobering. He stated that on the other side, this is the first year a balanced budget was presented. He commented on the fragility of the fund balance and cash reserves. Council Member Newton further commented and asked questions to City staff regarding specific funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Bash stated that he is nervous about the closure of Neal Snipes Park, noting the commercial growth in the City, and the concerns about the eyesore it may create. He added that he is hoping to find a way to use that Park in some sort of commercial way. He further commented on decisions that Norconians will need to make and also commented on how difficult it would be for him to justify a tax. Mayor Pro Tem Bash stated that the budget will need to be watched and further stated that the residents need to fight for the community.

Council Member Azevedo complimented staff on their work on the budget and added that she is worried about it being so fragile and asked about a possible increase in building fees with some proposed projects. Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Okoro stated that those projected amounts have been included in the budget based on the two known proposed developments in the amount of \$71,000. In response to her concerns over the Redevelopment Agency Budget, City Attorney Harper stated that there is a potential for the Agency to stay in existence if they pay a required amount, the other option eliminates the Agency as of October 1. City Manager Groves added that there is a lot that cannot be predicted at this time and the successor agencies have not yet been defined. Council Member Azevedo commented on the 6 percent in the reserves, adding the need to shop in Norco to increase sales tax revenues.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he respectfully disagrees that we cannot afford a tax. He asked for confirmation on how the savings were calculated in the proposed budgets for the Sheriff's Department and the Fire Department. Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Okoro explained the calculations, noting that the amounts were correct as stated in the proposed Operating Budgets. Council Member Sullivan stated that he cannot approve the Budget at this time, noting that he does not know how to approve something this big with this many changes, noting that he did not have enough time to look it over for comparison purposes. He added that the Fire Department's constant staffing should be discussed by the Council to change the policy.

Mayor Hanna asked Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director Petree about closing Snipes Park and if it is going to be fenced off and how much that would cost. Director Petree stated that it would be fenced off and he has received bids in the amount of \$9,000. Director Petree also stated, in response to Mayor Hanna, that the trail will remain open without access to the Park. In response to Mayor Hanna, Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Okoro stated that the amount in the budget for Code Compliance salaries and benefits is higher due to the fact that in the last fiscal year, the number of hours worked were not for the entire fiscal year and this Budget includes funding for the entire fiscal year.

Council Member Azevedo commented on Snipes Park and the deed restriction on it, noting that maybe developers would see an opportunity with Silverlakes coming in. City Manager Groves stated that the deed restriction will need to be released before it could be developed and added that staff is looking at different consultants to help in the development of a mixed use project.

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

Ron Laursen. Mr. Laursen, President of the Norco Firefighters Association, stated that the Firefighters understand that tough decisions need to be made and added that they have demonstrated their willingness to work with the City. He noted the impacts from the proposed Firefighter layoffs and reduced administrative staff, adding that it will have an effect on the advanced life support component. He stated that he wants to make

everyone realize that the City needs revenue and should work together and not minimize public safety in the Fire Department as they have had disproportionate cuts made.

Pat Overstreet. Ms. Overstreet commented on the closing of Snipes Park and the use of volunteers or prison crews to keep the Parks cleaned up. She asked that the City please not close the Park.

Mayor/Chairman Hanna CLOSED the public hearing.

Council Member Sullivan stated that the City needs to go back to the bargaining table with the Norco Firefighters Association, noting that there is no way to get anyone else to come in to provide the services for less. He added that next year the City will be in the same boat. He commented on the Redevelopment Agency and his support for it being shut down and how the the money was not spent wisely in the past. He stated that nobody wants taxes, but the reality is that the City will be in worse shape next year at this time, adding his support for placing a tax measure on the ballot, with a drop dead clause of three years.

Council Member Azevedo stated that all of the tax measures placed on the past ballot failed. She added that clearly, Norco residents have stated that they are not prepared to pay for a tax. She commented on the need to generate sales tax and again commented on a mixed-use project on the Snipes Park site.

Mayor Pro Tem Bash commented on Snipes Park and a plan that was created years ago. He added that the City does not want to create another eyesore. He commented on the need to let the public know what is actually going on, noting the negotiations with the Norco Firefighters Association. He added that the City needs to be fiscally responsible and he believes that Norco can band together and fight for what we want in the City.

Council Member Newton commented on the process that needs to be followed to place an initiative on the ballot. He further commented on Fire Department constant staffing, noting that there needs to be a policy regarding how it is applied and used and then that it needs to be monitored closely and differently. Council Member Newton stated that the Budget is sobering. He noted his concerns regarding the fencing off of Snipes Park. City Manager Groves stated that the timing and implementation will be looked at.

Mayor Hanna stated that the Budget is sobering and believes that the numbers are correct and real.

M/S Bash/Newton to adopt Resolution No. 2011-38, approving and adopting the City Operating Budget and related personnel adjustments for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 and authorizing appropriations therefrom; and adopt CRA Resolution No. 2011-10, approving and adopting the Norco Redevelopment Agency Budget and related personnel adjustments for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 and authorizing appropriations therefrom. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

RECESSED: 8:50 p.m.

RECONVENED: 9:05 p.m.

- B. Capital Improvement Program Budgets for the City of Norco and the Norco Redevelopment Agency for Fiscal Years 2012-2016

Staff and the City Council/Norco Redevelopment Agency ("Agency") Board held a Budget Workshop to discuss the five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budgets for Fiscal Years 2012-2016. Staff is recommending that the City Council/Agency Board open a Public Hearing to receive input from the public and that at the conclusion of the hearing, further recommends that the City Council/Agency Board approve the CIP Budgets for Fiscal Years 2012-2016.

Recommended Actions: Receive public comments on the proposed Capital Improvement Program Budgets; adopt Resolution No. 2011____, approving and adopting the City of Norco Capital Improvement Program Budget for Fiscal Years 2012-2016; and adopt CRA Resolution No. 2011-____, approving and adopting the Norco Redevelopment Agency Capital Improvement Program Budget for Fiscal Years 2012-2016. (City Manager/Executive Director and Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)

Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Okoro reviewed the key points of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budgets. He stated that a Budget Workshop was held on May 18th at which time discussions were held regarding the key CIP projects.

Council Member Newton asked about the repayment timeframe on the two Silverlakes loans. Public Works Director Thompson stated that the repayment amount is the actual amount we pay on the bond payments for those specific dollars one-for-one. The time schedule allows for the repayment over the 28 years left on the debt service schedule for the bonds. He added that the interest rates are the same the City pays. In response to Council Member Newton, Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Okoro noted that the "Unspecified" money in the Redevelopment CIP was set aside to fund projects that

may come about in the fiscal year and will not require a public hearing for approval. He added that that money is in investment earnings until spent.

Council Member Azevedo asked about the Library lease. Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director Petree noted that he believes that there are a couple years left in the lease. Also in response to Council Member Azevedo's question on Redevelopment funding, Director Petree noted that the Ingalls arena cover has been paid for and the fencing is completed. He added that the electrical is ready to go out to bid and is not already under contract, which could be in risk if the Redevelopment Agency is gone. He further stated that the Animal Control project is already awarded and phase two projects could be in jeopardy.

Council Member Sullivan commented on the projects in the budget, noting his support of the proposed storm drain projects.

Mayor Hanna commented on the "CRC Well Field Reservoir." Public Works Director Thompson stated that it should be called the "Bluff Reservoir" and will be corrected.

Mayor/Chairman Hanna OPENED the 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/Chairman Hanna CLOSED the public hearing.

M/S Sullivan/Bash to adopt Resolution No. 2011-39, approving and adopting the City of Norco Capital Improvement Program Budget for Fiscal Years 2012-2016; and adopt CRA Resolution No. 2011-11, approving and adopting the Norco Redevelopment Agency Capital Improvement Program Budget for Fiscal Years 2012-2016. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

3. OTHER CRA MATTERS: No other CRA Matters

ADJOURNMENT OF CRA: 9:30 p.m.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

4. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

Item 4.E. was pulled by the public and Council Member Azevedo pulled Item 4.C.

M/S Bash/Hanna 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 June 1, 2011
Recommended Action: **Approve the City Council Minutes** (City Clerk)
- B. Recap of Actions Taken at the Planning Commission Regular Meeting of June 8, 2011. **Recommended Action: Receive and File** (Planning Director)
- C. Order of Procedure and Resolutions Necessary for The Annual Assessment Levy Continuing Landscape Maintenance Districts No. 1 – Beazer, Tract 28765; No. 2 – Western Pacific, Tract 25779; No. 3 – Centex, Tract 28826; No. 4 – Norco Ridge Ranch, Tracts 29588 and 29589; and No. 5 – Hawk’s Crest, Tract 30230. **Recommended Actions: Adopt the following Resolutions:**
 - A.) Resolution No. 2011-40, (Beazer); Resolution No. 2011-41, (Western Pacific); Resolution No. 2011-42, (Centex); Resolution No. 2010-43, (Norco Ridge Ranch); Resolution No. 2011-44, (Hawk’s Crest), approving the Engineer’s Preliminary Report for the Annual Levy of Assessments for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 in said District; and
 - B.) Resolution No. 2011-45, (Beazer); Resolution No. 2011-46, (Western Pacific); Resolution No. 2011-47, (Centex); Resolution No. 2010-48, (Norco Ridge Ranch), Resolution No. 2011-49, (Hawk’s Crest), declaring the City’s intention to provide for an Annual Levy and Collection of Assessments for certain maintenance in an existing District, and setting a time and place for the Public Hearing. (City Engineer) **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

- D. Request to Extend the Annual On-Call Street Maintenance Program Service Agreement. **Recommended Action: Approve the extension of the Annual On-Call Street Maintenance Program Service Agreement with Caliber Paving, Inc. for one (1) year through June 30, 2012.** (Public Works Director)
 - E. Request to Extend the Annual Street Sweeping Services Contract Agreement. **Recommended Action: Approve the extension of the Annual Street Sweeping Services Contract Agreement with CleanStreet for One (1) year through June 30, 2012.** (Public Works Director) **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**
 - F. Approval of the City Attorney Agreement for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. **Recommended Action: Approve the City Attorney Agreement.** (City Manager)
5. ITEMS PULLED FROM CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:
- 4.C. Order of Procedure and Resolutions Necessary for The Annual Assessment Levy Continuing Landscape Maintenance Districts No. 1 – Beazer, Tract 28765; No. 2 – Western Pacific, Tract 25779; No. 3 – Centex, Tract 28826; No. 4 – Norco Ridge Ranch, Tracts 29588 and 29589; and No. 5 – Hawk’s Crest, Tract 30230. **Recommended Actions: Adopt the following Resolutions:**

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B.) Resolution No. 2011-45, (Beazer); Resolution No. 2011-46, (Western Pacific); Resolution No. 2011-47, (Centex); Resolution No. 2010-48, (Norco Ridge Ranch), Resolution No. 2011-49, (Hawk’s Crest), declaring the City’s intention to provide for an Annual Levy and Collection of Assessments for certain maintenance in an existing District, and setting a time and place for the Public Hearing. (City Engineer)

Council Member Azevedo asked about drains and devises installed in LMD 4. City Engineer Milano stated that 80 of the 102 drains have been installed. He noted that after it rains, the functionality will be reviewed and the next phase of approximately 100 drains will be installed.

Council Member Newton commented on LMD 2, noting it was the only one without a contingency. City Engineer Milano stated that is has been running in a significant deficit and the money is gone. He added that the level of maintenance has been reduced

significantly and further added that a future Proposition 218 election for maintenance measures may be brought to the Council in the future. Council Member Newton asked if fuel modifications have been followed in LMD 4. Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director Petree stated that yes it is followed and added that Valley Crest has a fuel modification. Council Member Newton requested information on the 30 vacant lots entitled and why are they not charged a fee if modifications need to be made. Director Petree will follow up on that request.

M/S Bash/Newton to approve the Resolutions. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

4.E. Request to Extend the Annual Street Sweeping Services Contract Agreement.
Recommended Action: Approve the extension of the Annual Street Sweeping Services Contract Agreement with CleanStreet for One (1) year through June 30, 2012. (Public Works Director)

Pat Overstreet. Ms. Overstreet commented on the contract for street sweeping services, noting that the company is not doing a good job as they just move the DG around.

M/S Bash/Newton to approve the extension of the Annual Street Sweeping Services Contract Agreement with CleanStreet for One (1) year through June 30, 2012. 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 ACTION ITEM:

A. Planning Information Letter 2011-04: Request for Exception to Nonconforming Land Use Requirements Allowing a "Rebuild Letter" to be Issued for Property Located at 4127 Temescal Avenue Located within the A-1-20 Zone

This is a request for consideration by the City Council of an exception from the Norco Municipal Code (NMC) which prohibits nonconforming uses, in this case a second dwelling in the A-1-20 zone, from being rebuilt in the case of significant destruction. A "Rebuild Letter" is being required by a lending institution as a condition for receiving a loan on property located at 4127 Temescal Avenue located in the A-1-20 zone (ref. Exhibit "A" –

Location Map and Exhibit "B" – Assessor's Parcel Map). Rebuild Letters are typically requested as an assurance to lenders that a non-conforming structure can be rebuilt, and/or a land use may continue even after destruction to more than 50% of the value of the subject building.

Recommended Action: That the request for a "Rebuild Letter" not be granted for the property located at 4127 Temescal Avenue. (Planning Director)

Planning Director King presented the discussion item, noting that the property is in the A-1-20 zone with a second dwelling with a non-conforming use. He reviewed the information presented in the staff report. A letter was presented to the Council, along with a corrected map. Staff recommends denial based on the Norco Municipal Code.

Council Member Sullivan commented on the percentage of coverage on the lot and received confirmation that the lot is approximately 40,000 square feet and both structures have street frontage. Also noted was that both were built before the City was incorporated.

Council Member Azevedo noted how hard it is to get a loan and stated her support for the issuance of a "Rebuild Letter."

Mayor Pro Tem Bash stated that he is nervous about approving this, and noted that the structures were built before the City was incorporated. He stated his support for the issuance of the "Rebuild Letter."

Council Member Newton stated that he agrees with the interpretation and noted it is correct to deny this per the Norco Municipal Code. He noted that the Code should be changed not make exceptions to it. He asked if the Rebuild Letter could be issued with the condition that it goes with the property owner and not with the property. City Attorney Harper stated that under the current Code, this cannot be done as it does not provide for either of the circumstances noted. Council Member Newton further commented on the necessary changes that should be made to the Norco Municipal Code to establish criteria.

Mayor Hanna stated that he previously lived close to this property and noted that the structures did not take away from the animal keeping property. He added that he has no problem approving this.

M/S Azevedo/Bash to approve the “Rebuild Letter” for the property located at 4127 Temescal Avenue and send the discussion back to the Planning Commission to recommend an amendment to the Norco Municipal Code. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- B. Appointments to Various City Commissions and the Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC)

The Council has reviewed applications submitted for vacancies on the Historic Preservation Commission (2); the Parks and Recreation Commission (1); the Planning Commission (1); and the Streets, Trails and Utilities Commission (4) and is recommended to make appointments to serve 4-year terms on the respective Commissions. The Council is also recommended to appoint John Fernandez to the EDAC, as recommended by the EDAC.

Recommended Actions: Appoint two persons to the Historic Preservation Commission; one person to the Parks and Recreation Commission; one person to the Planning Commission; four persons to the Streets, Trails and Utilities Commission and appoint John Fernandez to the EDAC. (City Clerk)

The City Council voted to appoint Linda Dixon and Matthew Potter to the Historic Preservation Commission; appoint Richard Hallam to the Parks and Recreation Commission; appoint Robert Wright to the Planning Commission; appoint Lance Gregory, Vernon Showalter, James Turpin and Sherry Walker to the Streets, Trails and Utilities Commission; and appoint John Fernandez to the EDAC.

- C. Request for Proposals for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services in the City of Norco

At its June 1, 2011 meeting, the City Council directed staff to agendize a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) regarding Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services in the City of Norco. An RFP has been drafted and is presented to the Council for consideration.

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to release a Request for Proposals to neighboring jurisdictions that provide Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services. (City Manager)

City Manager Groves stated that at its June 1st meeting, the City Council directed staff to bring back an RFP for consideration by the Council, which is presented tonight for approval.

Council Member Sullivan asked if everyone was happy with the way it is written, noting his concerns over the section regarding a volunteer program. He stated that he is going to vote against it and noted his concerns regarding the short timeframe.

Council Member Azevedo commented on her concerns regarding the volunteer program and asked if the agencies could submit a proposal without this in it. City Manager Groves stated that this is in the RFP asking to show what their experience is in this and what the cost of developing it would be. Council Member Azevedo noted that she is torn over this process and added that with the chief officers resigning, this is worth looking at.

Herb Higgins. Mr. Higgins stated his concerns over the RFP, noting that this City is unique and the contributions of the Fire Department to the community. He further noted his concerns about what could happen in the future, adding that there is no way the City is going to be able to get the same commitment from any other agency.

Ron Laursen. Mr. Laursen, President of the Norco Firefighters Association, commented on his time vested in the City. He further commented on the history of negotiations held, beginning in February. He noted that proposals received in the past were more expensive and added that the community should be asked what they want to do. Mr. Laursen stated his concerns over the RFP, noting his support to table it at this time.

Council Member Newton stated that he is not happy with the RFP, adding that this is a sad state of affairs that we got to this point, adding that this has nothing to do with the ability of and service the Fire Department provides, but is a budgetary decision.

Mayor Pro Tem Bash stated that the City does not have a choice. He commented on the lack of control of the Fire Department and added that he believes that the residents are beginning to understand how the Department works, and it needs to be done differently.

Council Member Azevedo commented on the need for a comparison at this time and added that she hopes it could benefit the Fire Department. She again noted her concerns with the volunteer program. She noted her support for the FRP only because the City needs options. She also noted concerns with the submittal due date and asked if it could be extended.

Council Member Sullivan recommended not moving forward with the RFP, He commented on specific terms of the negotiations with the NFA, noting that negotiations could continue.

City Attorney Harper reminded the Council Members that the purpose of the discussions held during the negotiations process is confidential.

Mayor Hanna noted the large animal rescues he was involved with side-by-side with the Fire Department. He added that they do a good job and the bottom line is the money. He noted his support to extend the submittal due date to a later time.

Council Member Newton noted that 30 days is an appropriate time and is fair and reasonable. He added that when they respond, if they feel it is not enough time, they will call requesting additional time. He commented on the volunteer program noting that this would allow the City to explore these options.

Substitute M/S Bash/Azevedo to authorize the City Manager to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to neighboring jurisdictions that provide Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services with the provision that the City Manager, at her discretion, can extend the time period for the receipt of the RFPs up to two weeks if she believes it is warranted and necessary. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Council Member Azevedo, under discussion, asked if an addendum to the RFP could be sent. City Attorney Harper stated that this would be brought back to the Council for approval.

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

Adam Candill. Mr. Candill commented on the roosters at 3220 Crestview and the noise and safety issues caused by them. He asked that a future public hearing item be placed on an agenda.

Penny Leach. Ms. Leach commented on the roosters and the noise and safety issues and the parasites resulting from them. She noted her concerns over this type of business in its present location.

Jeff Josselyn. Mr. Josselyn commented on the roosters and stated that this is not in keeping with the values established by the Council

8. OTHER MATTERS – COUNCIL:

- A. Discussion Regarding the City Council Recommendation to Place a Moratorium on the Installation of Pavers on the Horse Trails, Especially in the Flat Ground. **Recommended Action: City Council direction is requested.** (City Council)

Council Member Azevedo stated that she does not know the proper procedure, noting that it should probably go back to the Streets, Trails & Utilities Commission for discussion to consider not allowing the pavers in the flat ground and discuss the grade where they should be. She further stated that she supports pavers in the hills, but not in the flat lands.

Council Member Newton stated his support for the moratorium in the residential areas only and not commercial, noting his support for the Streets, Trails & Utilities Commission to discuss alternative products. He stated that the slope area needs to be better defined and added that his concerns are in the flat ground.

Sue Paterson. Ms. Paterson stated that she lives on the Bluff side of Norco and there are a lot of missing pavers that cause a dangerous condition. She also noted the dangerous condition on Corydon where there is asphalt. She noted her concerns over the use of pavers.

Mike Simpfendorfer. Mr. Simpfendorfer requested a moratorium in all areas, noting information he read that they are not suitable for horses. He commented on the paver costs and noted other materials available that are cheaper. He also commented on money available through the Federal Government for horse trails, adding that \$653,000 is currently available in California, which could be a possible solution.

Susan Donaldson. Ms. Donaldson commented that she wants a moratorium on pavers in the slopes and steep grade areas. She added that there is some confusion regarding who is maintaining the trails in the slopes.

Bobbie Pope. Ms. Pope asked for a moratorium on the pavers in all areas of the City. She commented on the Norco Municipal Code relating to what materials can be used in the trails. She noted that the pavers on Sixth Street are becoming slick.

Discussion was held regarding the timeframe for discussions and the lack of City staff to put time into this. It was also noted that an ad hoc committee could be formed to discuss this.

M/S Azevedo/Bash to suspend permits on pavers, with the exception of commercial venues, until a recommendation is forwarded by the Streets, Trails & Utilities Commission. 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 an illegal business on Sixth Street.
- ✚ Apologized that he could not get together a Fourth of July event.
- ✚ Noted the accomplishments of Teagan Gerhart, Kaylyn Castillo and Kelsey Gerhart, former Norco High School athletes. He added that he would like a letter of congratulations sent to them from the Council.

Council Member Newton:

- ✚ Commented on a property on Corydon and asked if is permitted. Public Works Director Thompson replied that it is.

Council Member Azevedo:

M/S Azevedo/Sullivan to place an item on a future agenda regarding roosters. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Council Member Sullivan

- ✚ Received confirmation that the disposal company servicing Norco College is paying franchise fees to the City.

Mayor Hanna

- ✚ Asked that the Council Members attend the Concerts in the Park on the following dates: Mayor Hanna – June 17; Mayor Pro Tem Bash – July 1; Council Member Newton -- July 15, Council Member Sullivan -- July 29; and Council Member Azevedo -- August 12.

9. OTHER MATTERS – STAFF:

City Manager Groves stated that Ken Swank is the City's part time Code Enforcement officer and pointed him out in the audience.

10. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Hanna adjourned the meeting at 11:10 p.m.

BRENDA K. JACOBS, CMC
CITY CLERK

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