



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
NORCO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
AUGUST 17, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hanna called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Bryan, Groves, Jacobs, King, Okoro, Petree, Thompson and Violette

City Attorney Harper – **Present**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Hanna

INVOCATION: Assembly of God – Beacon Hill
Pastor Rene Parish

INTRODUCTION: Director of the Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, Detachment Fallbrook
Anthony A. Winicki

Mayor Hanna introduced Mr. Winicki, who responded with some brief comments noting that he represents the Commanding Officer of Seal Beach with the mission to build a good relationship with the City of Norco. He stated that a Fire Department MOU and an MOA with the California Rehabilitation Center are currently being negotiated. He further commented on the challenges presented in opening up the Base for recreational purposes to non-military persons.

REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

1. CRA CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

- A. Adoption of the Enforceable Obligation Payment Schedule (EOPS) as Required by Assembly Bill 1X 26. **Recommended Action: Adopt CRA Resolution No. 2011-___, approving and adopting the EOPS.** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)

M/S Sullivan/Bash to adopt CRA Resolution No. 2011-12, approving and adopting the EOPS. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

2. OTHER CRA MATTERS: No other CRA matters

ADJOURNMENT OF CRA: 7:10 p.m.

3. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

Council Member Newton pulled Items 3.B. and 3.D.

M/S Bash/Newton 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 August 3, 2011
Recommended Action: **Approve the City Council Minutes** (City Clerk)
- B. Recap of Actions Taken at the Planning Commission Regular Meeting of August 10, 2011. **Recommended Action: Receive and File** (Planning Director) **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**
- C. Acceptance of Bids and Award of Contract for the Second Street 12-inch Water Line Project. **Recommended Action: Accept bids submitted for the installation of a new 12-inch water line on Second Street and award a contract to Clearwater Pipeline, Inc. in the amount of \$154,868.50, and authorize the City Manager to approve contract change orders up to 10 percent of the contract amount.** (Senior Engineer)
- D. Approval of Final Tract Map 35650 Located on the East Side of Temescal Avenue and Immediately Adjacent to the North Side of Wrangler Way (Essenmacher). **Recommended Action: Approve Tract Map 35650 and authorize the City Clerk to sign the map on behalf of the City.** (Senior Engineer) **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

4. ITEM(S) PULLED FROM CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

3.B. Recap of Actions Taken at the Planning Commission Regular Meeting of August 10, 2011. **Recommended Action: Receive and File** (Planning Director)

Council Member Newton inquired from Planning Director King about the noticing process and procedure, as well as the mailing radius covered for the Alere development. He also briefly commented on the site plan for the development.

Planning Director King responded that the 300 foot radius, as required, was used for the mailing process and at the request of the Planning Commission, that radius will be doubled for the future public hearing. In response to Council Member Newton's question regarding the two private streets, Director King stated that this has already been discussed with the applicants as they do not function as private streets, but instead more like an onsite driveway. He added that the applicant will rename them as such so that there is no confusion.

M/S Bash/Newton to receive and file the Recap of Actions taken at the Planning Commission Regular Meeting of August 10, 2011. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

3.D. Approval of Final Tract Map 35650 Located on the East Side of Temescal Avenue and Immediately Adjacent to the North Side of Wrangler Way (Essenmacher). **Recommended Action: Approve Tract Map 35650 and authorize the City Clerk to sign the map on behalf of the City.** (Senior Engineer)

Council Member Newton had questions regarding the design of the cul-de-sac and the trail on the south side of Rangler relating to the circulation element.

Public Works Director Thompson responded that prior to the issuance of any building permits the property owner will be required to dedicate 19 additional feet on the north side from Temescal to the cul-de-sac, which also requires the property owner to demolish the pool and the wall in the back yard. He added that it will become a symmetrical bulb similar to most cul-de-sacs and the trail will not be reduced.

Council Member Newton asked Chief Bryan if the symmetrical bulb cul-de-sac would cause any impacts for fire protection in regards to the turning radius.

Chief Bryan responded that it will be safe if built to City standards.

Council Member Azevedo commented on the street lamps discussed previously by the Council because of the dangers faced coming out of the cul-de-sac.

Public Works Director Thompson responded that the standards state that when the the street improvement plans and development are submitted, this will go through the same process as before and will be reviewed by the Council.

M/S Newton/Bash to approve Tract Map 35650 and authorize the City Clerk to sign the map on behalf of the City. 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. Ordinance Determining that the City of Norco will Comply With the Voluntary Alternative Redevelopment Program Pursuant to Part 1.9 of Division 24 of the California Health and Safety Code in Order to Permit the Continued Existence and Operation of the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Norco. **Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 936 for second reading.** (City Clerk)

M/S Sullivan/Azevedo to adopt Ordinance No. 936 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 ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Request for a "Rebuild" Letter to be Issued for Property Located at 3984 Temescal Avenue in the A-1-20 Zone

This item is a request for a rebuild letter in the event of damage to more than 50% of the value of the structure in question. The request was submitted following a requirement received from a lending institution with regards to re-financing an existing mortgage.

Recommended Action: That the City Council approve the issuance of a rebuild letter. (Planning Director)

Planning Director King presented the City Council item.

Richard Julian. Mr. Julian, the applicant, commented on the request for a rebuild letter he sent to the Council and staff and noted that he would appreciate the issuance of this rebuild letter.

M/S Bash/Newton to approve the issuance of a rebuild letter. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

Vern Showalter. Mr. Showalter commented on Corona Avenue noting that this street needs to be opened as now there is no good cause to keep it closed.

Don Bowker. Mr. Bowker commented on the drains that were installed in LMD No. 4, noting the tour he went on with City Engineer Milano. He added that the second installation of the drains could begin as the drains work well. He also stated that from the over 100 drains installed, only 10 needed to be modified. He added that “he is here to tell the Council that the experiment worked and the City can now move ahead with phase two.”

Roy Hungerford. Mr. Hungerford spoke representing the Norco Regional Conservancy and shared information regarding the September 17, 2011 family barbeque and trail fundraising event that will take place at the Star Brite Riding Academy from 10 am.to 3 p.m. He noted that the funds received will go towards trail preservation and maintenance. He added a comment regarding the drains installed in LMD No. 4 and the responsibility that the homeowners need to take.

Pat Overstreet. Ms. Overstreet commented that it is a “joy” to see the Auto Mall full. She noted a number of street horse crossing lights that are out on Sixth Street. Ms. Overstreet thanked Public Works Director Thompson for preserving the giant palm tree on the “Moreno property” during the Second Street widening project.

Norvah Williams. Ms. Williams thanked Councilman Newton and the Captain from the Jurupa Station for assisting with locating her grandson who was missing yesterday.

Su Bacon. Ms. Bacon commented on the opening of Corona Avenue, noting that it should not open until the City does some traffic calming and speed control. She also commented on the “perception” having to do with the proposed truck warehouse development, noting that she wants to see Council members and commission members at the meetings. She added that the perception from citizens is that this is being shoved under the table and rammed down their throats.

City Attorney Harper commented on the liability and litigation exposure to the City and the advice he gave to the Planning Commission members and the City Council to not attend the meetings. He noted that the purpose of public hearings is that the decisions made are based solely on the evidence presented at that time. He further noted that it becomes problematic when information is received from sources other than at the public hearing that is before them.

Alan Smith. Mr. Smith commented on the safety issue at the end of his street. He further commented on the curbs that he stated were promised to go to the end of the street and did not. He stated that the City should come up with a plan for the safety of the children in Norco, adding that every street should be open for safety purposes as this is the number one issue.

8. OTHER MATTERS – COUNCIL:

Council Member Newton:

- ✚ Recommended that an item be placed on a future agenda to discuss the overall sign code that would require minimal staff involvement and include more members of the community and commissions to update the current sign code and address the current visual clutter and economic development.

M/S Newton/Bash to place a discussion on a future agenda regarding the City's overall sign code. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- ✚ Thanked City Manager Groves and Economic Development Specialist Grody for providing the "lodging concepts" information to the Council.

Council Member Azevedo:

- ✚ Reported on the Beautification awards applications received, noting that the awards will be given out on the Thursday night of the Fair.
- ✚ Reported on the most recent Schools Committee, noting that the best news, in regards to the young girl that was hit by a car, is that fortunately the response time was amazing in spite of the traffic.
- ✚ Commented on a development on Sixth Street, noting that meetings were held with the developer concerning renovation issues. She added that everyone should take notice of the western-themed retail project and watch as it gets completed.
- ✚ Noted her frustration in regards to not being able to attend the meetings as noted by Ms. Bacon. She asked if a disclaimer could be read at beginning of the meetings stating why the Council is not present. City Attorney Harper responded that he would be in attendance at the Planning Commission meeting and would provide a statement.

Council Member Sullivan:

- ✚ Noted that he did not recall City Attorney Harper advising the Council not to attend the proposed development meetings and added that he did get an email advising not to attend the community meeting held. He further commented on his attendance at the meetings and how he believed it was important to attend, but questioned comments made by commission members and/or spouses of Council Members and commission members. In closing, he addressed the need for a tax to generate revenue for the City.

- ✚ Commented at the end of the meeting that he has never met with the developer, in reference to an earlier comment that all of the Council Members had met with the developer.

Mayor Hanna:

- ✚ Commented on the ribbon cutting for the River Road Bridge that was held. He added that the region is on board to try to get the new bridge on Hamner Avenue built.
- ✚ Stated that he attended the grand opening of the City of Eastvale's City Hall new location.

9. OTHER MATTERS – STAFF:

- A. Status Update on Staff Review of Proposal for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services from Riverside County Fire Department CAL FIRE. (City Manager)

City Manager Groves:

- ✚ Commented on the written status report regarding the RFP. She noted that staff is working with CAL FIRE regarding delivery and costs. She noted that staff is working towards the next step, that being working diligently to bring the item to the Council on September 7. She stated that this is a process and the City Council will review the information and then decide if they want to consider pursuing a contract with CAL FIRE. She also clarified that the original proposal from CAL FIRE and the follow-up information will be given to the Council for its review.
- ✚ Commented on Assembly Bill 1X 26 and Assembly Bill 1X 27, noting that the court approved a stay on Assembly Bill 1X 27, but not on Assembly Bill 1X 26. Therefore, the City/Agency is still in limbo regarding the continued operation of the Norco Redevelopment Agency.

Public Works Director Thompson:

- ✚ Stated that Second Street was base paved today between Interstate 15 and Corona Avenue and next week Wednesday, the final cap will be completed followed by the striping.

10. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Hanna adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

BRENDA K. JACOBS, CMC
CITY CLERK