



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
STREETS, TRAILS AND UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
DECEMBER 5, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Showalter called meeting to order at 7:02 pm
2. ROLL CALL: Commissioners Present: Walker, Hoffman, Showalter, Turpin, Burt, Gregory

Commissioners Absent: Mauro
3. STAFF PRESENT: William R. Thompson, Director of Public Works
Terry Piorkowski, Public Works Superintendent
Rose Matthews, Executive Secretary
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Walker
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. August 15, 2011

Chair Showalter noted a correction on page 4 – AA should be AE and Commissioner Walker noted a correction on page 7 – should indicate “a thicker” not “wide” cross section.

M/S Walker/Burt to approve the minutes of August 15, 2011 with the noted corrections.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

8. NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Acceptance of Bids and Award of Contract for the Temescal Av, Reservoir Dr, Detroit St and Pedley Av Street Overlay Project.

The Director presented the Acceptance of Bids and Award of Contract for the Temescal Av, Reservoir Dr, Detroit St and Pedley Av Street Overlay Project report.

Discussion was held.

M/S Walker/Hoffman to recommend the City Council approve the Acceptance of Bids and Award of Contract for the Temescal Av, Reservoir Dr, Detroit St and Pedley Av Street Overlay Project.

Discussion was held on locations of the street overlay project.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Walker, Hoffman, Showalter, Turpin, Burt, Gregory

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mauro

ABSTAIN: None

B. Discussion of Approved Alternate Trail Materials in Commercial and Residential Driveways.

The Director presented the Discussion of Approved Alternate Trail Materials in Commercial and Residential Driveways. The Director noted this discussion does not include Commercial driveways or ADA compliance areas.

Commissioner Walker questioned the intended life span of the pavers.

The Director noted that the current pavers have chamfered or beveled edges and a tumbled top surface. Staff did not expect them to fail.

Further discussion was held on alternative materials and the life span of each.

Vice Chair Hoffman noted he liked the pavers, but understands the rider's view. He believes it is a maintenance issue of the paver owner. He would like to see more restrictions on issuance of pavers such as drainage or grade percentages to obtain a paver permit. He also inquired of the need to amend the ordinance as a safety issue and then enforce the property owner maintenance responsibility.

Commissioner Burt inquired how staff would identify a "clean" paver or what level or amount is considered "excessive" dg on a paver.

Discussion was held.

Chair Showalter noted the slope percentage could be as low as one percent.

The Director noted the City currently uses four percent as a baseline slope with a review of each individual property.

Further discussion was held.

Commissioner Gregory agrees with the restrictions on the paver permits. One of his concerns is compaction of dg and how the contractor compacts around the pavers.

PW Supt Piorkowski noted the installers use a vibration plate that has gone over the tops of these pavers effectively.

Chair Showalter inquired if the vibrating plates could be used to make the pavers uneven.

Discussion was held on the vibrating plates making the pavers smooth, instead.

Further discussion was held regarding alternate materials and their pros and cons.

Commissioner Gregory noted that ultimately, we have the best material out there already and that is the pavers.

Commissioner Turpin noted he does not have a problem with the pavers and he rides on the pavers without incident. He notes that the ADA ramps are what give him a problem due to the slippery, slurry-sealed asphalt.

Commissioner Burt notes she thinks the previous Commissioners did a good job when the pavers were selected and continues to believe in the pavers.

Additional discussion was held.

The Director noted that some restrictions and adding a maintenance clause to the paver permit issuance process were good ideas.

Discussion was held on restrictions and variances.

Commissioner Gregory was concerned about staff's ability to provide the enforcement of the proposed restrictions.

Vice Chair Hoffman noted he would still like to see a maintenance requirement added to the paver permit issuance.

Further discussion was held.

Commissioner Turpin inquired as to the number of paver permits issued.

The Director noted he would research this number but felt it was not very high. The Director shared that staff continues to pursue alternative materials; new ideas and products are presented to the Commission prior to adoption.

Chair Showalter inquired regarding stamped asphalt.

The Director noted that the stamped asphalt pilot project has been installed at the City Reservoir site on Andalusian Drive and was working out well on a 13.5 % slope.

PW Supt Piorkowski noted the stamped asphalt was extremely effective for runoff.

Commissioner Turpin noted his wife's horse lost its footing on the stamped asphalt.

PW Supt Piorkowski noted the pilot process used a texture material that can be applied to the stamped asphalt so it would not become slippery.

Further discussion was held on slippery texture of materials; the abundance of pavers and rider issues.

Vice Chair Hoffman commended ValleyCrest Landscape on their sandbagging efforts this year.

Chair Showalter noted he would like to send the pavers back to the Council to revoke the suspension.

Vice Chair Hoffman wanted to move forward to include the four percent grade, include a maintenance clause, and increase the depth of the chamfered edges into the standard drawings and move forward.

Further discussion was held on patterns, irregular installation and cost savings.

M/S Hoffman/Burtt to receive and file the Discussion of Approved Alternate Trail Materials in Commercial and Residential Driveways and modify the City Standards as noted and return to Commission with a City Standard that may be forwarded to the City Council for approval.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Walker, Hoffman, Showalter, Turpin, Burtt, Gregory
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mauro
ABSTAIN: None

C. Presentation of the Proposed Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority (WRCRWA) Expansion Plan.

The Director presented the Presentation of the Proposed Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority (WRCRWA) Expansion Plan.

Commissioner Turpin noted the "digesters" like their space.

Commissioner Gregory inquired the status regarding ultimate capacity and how long until the next upgrade.

Further discussion was held.

Vice Chair Hoffman inquired if the CRC plant could be refurbished.

The Director noted that all of CRC's discharge would flow to the WRRCWA treatment facility.

Discussion was held.

Commissioner Walker inquired if the City would "cover" the anaerobic process. Also, she inquired regarding the housing developments adjacent to the plant.

The Director indicated the current plans included enclosed facilities and staff is continually challenged to be friendly neighbors to all properties surrounding the facility.

Further discussion was held.

Chair Showalter inquired regarding the sizing choice of 12mg due to the addition of the City of Corona to the expansion plant.

The Director noted that, yes; the City of corona has requested 2 mgd.

Further discussion was held.

Chair Showalter inquired where the energy plant property was located.

The Director explained that if accepted and if a project was proposed, the site would be located generally on the west side of the property north of the solar energy field.

Discussion was held.

Vice Chair Hoffman wanted to commend the Director on his efforts.

M/S Showalter/Hoffman to receive and file the report for the Presentation of the Proposed Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority (WRRCWA) Expansion Plan.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

D. FY 2011/12 Capital Improvement Project Update.

The Director presented the FY 2011/12 Capital Improvement Project Update.

The Director also discussed a city-wide traffic circulation element study with the update.

Discussion was held.

Chair Showalter noted he would attend the City Council Meeting and ask that Corona Avenue be pulled out of the circulation element project.

Commission Walker noted she agreed with the majority of the Commission.

Vice Chair Hoffman noted he would support Chair Showalter attending the City Council meeting.

Commissioner Gregory noted he would support the majority of the Commission.

Commissioner Turpin noted he agreed Corona Avenue was an eyesore the way it stands.

Commissioner Burt noted she would like to see Corona Avenue remain closed once and for all.

Discussion was held on Chair Showalter's attendance at the City Council meeting and the pros and cons of the opening/closing of Corona Avenue.

Discussion was then held noting Chair Showalter's attendance at the City Council meeting and requesting Corona Avenue be removed from the traffic circulation element study and provide a traffic study to open or close on its' own merit.

Further discussion was held on the storm drain projects, Measure A street awards, tree removals and curb and gutter projects.

Additional discussion was held on the fiber optics project, trail installation project, automated meter reading project, waterline projects and the Hamner Avenue widening project.

M/S Burt/Walker to receive and file the FY 2011/12 Capital Improvement Project Update.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

9. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Chair Showalter inquired regarding boulder barricades.

The Director noted the boulders did not work.

Commissioner Burt inquired why the medians do not have reflectors.

PW Supt Piorkowski noted he would research the reflectors.

Commissioner Burt noted the trail fence on Hillside Avenue looked beautiful.

Commissioner Gregory wanted to thank the Director for bringing ValleyCrest up to speed on the dg and sandbagging issues.

Commissioner Gregory also inquired regarding the width of some trails.

The Director requested specific locations.

Chair Showalter inquired regarding the concern at Hillside Avenue/Third Street and could the resident be notified Staff was still working on the concern.

The Director noted that, yes.

Chair Showalter inquired why the fence installation was getting close to the driveways again.

Discussion was held.

Vice Chair Hoffman wanted to thank Staff for cleaning the trails for the Halloween season and mentioned a concern at Crestview Drive where the turn is located and could anything be done next to the big rock and boulder.

PW Supt Piorkowski noted it was the rainy season and the sandbags were not placed in time to assuage damage.

The Director noted they were looking at other solutions.

Further discussion was held.

Commissioner Hoffman inquired regarding a trail clean up calendar for 2012.

The Director noted that the RSO program was sending additional day laborers.

Vice Chair Hoffman inquired as to wind damage.

PW Supt Piorkowski noted just routine, regular damage.

Chair Showalter inquired as to the Pepper Trees on Temescal Avenue between Third Street and the drainage ditch. He noted the trees have extremely low hanging limbs.

PW Supt Piorkowski noted he would research and trim, if necessary.

Commissioner Turpin inquired regarding the material installed across the River Road Bridge.

The Director noted it was stamped asphalt.

Discussion was held.

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

There were no updates at this time.

11. OTHER MATTERS:

There were no other matters at this time.

12. ADJOURNMENT: 9:26 pm

Meeting adjourned to a date to be determined.

M/S Walker/Hoffman to adjourn at 9:26 pm.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Walker, Hoffman, Showalter, Turpin, Burt, Gregory

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mauro

ABSTAIN: None

William R. Thompson
Director of Public Works

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