



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
MAY 2, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bash called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Kevin Bash, **Present**
Mayor Pro Tem Kathy Azevedo, **Present**
Council Member Berwin Hanna, **Present**
Council Member Herb Higgins, **Present**
Council Member Harvey C. Sullivan, **Present**

THE CITY COUNCIL 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 Organizations: Norco General Employees Association
Norco Public Works & Parks Maintenance Workers Association
Management
Middle Management, Professional and Confidential Service

Section 54957.6 – Terms of City Manager Contract

Designated Representative: City Attorney John Harper

Unrepresented Employee: City Manager

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION: 7:00 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION(S) TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION (§54957.1) **City Attorney Harper stated that there were no reportable actions resulting from the items discussed in Closed Session.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ms. Kelli Newton

INVOCATION: Grace Fellowship Church
Pastor Vernie Fletcher

RECOGNITIONS: Norco High School Girls Basketball Team
CIF State Finals

Mayor Bash presented certificates of recognition to the members of the Norco High School Girls Basketball Team for their season accomplishments. He also presented a proclamation to Coach Rick Thompson in recognition of his accomplishments as the Norco High School Girls Basketball Coach.

California Park & Recreation Society
District 11 Awards

The announcement was made that the Lions Club and Mr. Bob Hicks each received a 2012 District 11 Volunteer Layman Award through the California Park & Recreation Society's (CPRS) Awards Program, nominated by the City of Norco Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Services. Mr. Hicks and representatives of the Lions Club were present to receive the awards.

George Alan Ingalls Memorial Scholarship Program

Mayor Bash presented Council Member Higgins with a plaque in recognition of his donation to the George Alan Ingalls Memorial Scholarship program.

PROCLAMATIONS: May – Mental Health Month
Riverside County Department of Mental Health

Perinatal Depression Awareness Month
Riverside County Department of Mental Health

Poppy Week May 13 – 19, 2012
American Legion Auxiliary

Mayor Bash presented yellow ribbon pins to the Council, staff and those in attendance at the meeting to be worn as a symbol of remembrance of men and women who serve in the military abroad and in times of war.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

1. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

M/S Sullivan/Hanna to adopt the items as recommended on the City Council Consent Calendar. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- A. City Council Minutes:
Regular Meeting of April 18, 2012
Recommended Action: **Approve the City Council Minutes** (City Clerk)
 - B. Procedural Step to Approve Ordinance after Reading of Title Only.
Recommended Action: Approval (City Clerk)
 - C. Quarterly Investment Report for Quarter Ended March 31, 2012. **Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file the Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2012.** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)
 - D. Acceptance of Bids and Award of Contract for the Energy Efficient Lighting Retrofit Project. **Recommended Action: Accept bids submitted for the retrofit of existing lighting with energy efficient lighting fixtures and award a contract to Regency Pacific Development Corporation of Beaumont, CA, in the amount of \$55,391, and authorize the City Manager to approve contract change orders up to 10 percent of the contract amount.** (Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services)
 - E. Proposed Cancellation of the July 4, 2012 City Council Regular Meeting.
Recommended Action: Cancel the July 4, 2012 City Council regular meeting. (City Clerk)
 - F. Acceptance of the Norco Senior Center Renovation Project as Complete,
Recommended Action: Accept the Senior Center Renovation Project as complete and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the County Recorder's Office. (Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services)
 - G. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the City-Wide Fiber Optics Project Contract Awarded March 7, 2012 to Authorize the Contractor to Add a Sub-Contractor, Resulting in no Change to the Current Contract Amount. **Recommended Action: Approval** (IT Manager)
 - H. Establishment of Annual Special Tax for Community Facilities District No. 93-1 for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013. **Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No 2012-34.** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)
2. ITEM(S) PULLED FROM CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR: **NONE**
 3. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS: **(No new evidence will be heard from the public as the public hearing has been closed regarding all items listed.)**
 - A. Ordinance replacing Title 15, Chapter 15.09 (Fire Code) of the Norco Municipal Code. **Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 948 for second reading.** (City Clerk)

M/S Hanna/Higgins to adopt Ordinance No. 948 for second reading. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- B. Ordinance approving Revised Zone Change 2012-06/Gateway Specific Plan 90-01, Amendment No. 10 (City of Norco). **Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 949 for second reading.** (City Clerk)

M/S Azevedo/Hanna to adopt Ordinance No. 949 for second reading. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- C. Ordinance approving Zone Change 2012-07 which includes Hospitality Development Specific Plan – 1 (HDSP – 1). **Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 950 for second reading.** (City Clerk)

M/S Higgins/Hanna to adopt Ordinance No. 950 for second reading. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

4. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Public Hearing 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. 2012-___, 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 Pemberton introduced and presented the public hearing item.

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

Jodie Webber. Ms. Webber received confirmation from Chief Pemberton that the parcels identified on Exhibit "A" were the only parcels that were notified and included in this public hearing. She also received confirmation that any additional properties that are not included on Exhibit "A" would need to be notified.

Mayor Bash CLOSED the public hearing.

Council Member Higgins received confirmation that the costs include time, materials and a small administration fee.

M/S Hanna/Higgins to adopt Resolution No. 2012-35, 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, HIGGINS, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

Pat Overstreet. Ms. Overstreet requested that the owner of the commercial property located at the corner of Valley View and Sixth Street be presented with a commendation for his cooperative efforts during City parades. She also commented on the former Arby's property location on Hamner Avenue that is in need of weed abatement.

Roy Hungerford. Mr. Hungerford presented the Council with a plaque in appreciation of its support of the Norco Horsemen's Association Casino Night.

Don Bowker. Mr. Bowker commented on the Ranch Tour that will be taking place on Saturday May 19.

6. OTHER MATTERS – CITY COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER AND STAFF:

A. City Council Updates from Regional Boards and Commissions

Mayor Pro Tem Azevedo:

- Noted that the WRCOG General Assembly will be held on June 21st where General Colin L. Powell, US Army (Ret.) will be the keynote speaker.
- Presented information regarding the UNLOAD event that will be held on May 10.

B. City Council Other Matters

Council Member Sullivan:

- Commented on the May 18–20 Fifth Annual Extreme Mustang Makeover events in Norco.

Mayor Bash:

- Commented on a meeting held with Warden Tampkins at the California Rehabilitation Center (the “CRC”) in Norco at which time she stated that there was a vacancy on the CRC Community Council. He stated that he would be recommending that Mayor Pro Tem Kathy Azevedo serve on that committee.
- Briefly commented on the Community Workshop meeting that was held and his support for City staff. He noted that in his personal opinion, this staff is extraordinary and there should not be any cuts made.
- Provided some details on an interview he had with Channel 7 regarding the CRC future closing.

C. Staff Other Matters.

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director Petree

- Stated that Julie Goodnight will be conducting a horsemanship clinic on May 4-5 at the George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center.

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

BRENDA K. JACOBS, CMC
CITY CLERK