



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
MAY 16, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bash called the meeting to order at 6:15 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:

City Attorney Harper recommended that an item be added to closed session regarding **Section 54957.6 – Terms of City Manager Contract**. The urgency for adding this item is to provide further discussion prior to the Council action on the item listed on the consent calendar. This need for discussion came to staff's attention subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

M/S SULLIVAN/HANNA to add the urgency item to closed session regarding Section 54957.6 – Terms of City Manager Contract. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Section 54956.9(a) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Case Number: ADJ6926594

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION: 7:02 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION(S) TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION (§54957.1) **City Attorney Harper reported changes made to the City Manager Agreement based on City Council consensus.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Scout of Norco Troop 33
Jonathan Kahan

INVOCATION: St. Mel's Catholic Church
Father Declan Fogarty

PRESENTATION: Eastvale Elementary Students
Donation to Norco Animal Shelter

Mayor Bash presented to Alexa Baker, Ravyn Warner, Faith Williamson and Alexis Matias, students of Eastvale Elementary School, Certificates of Appreciation.

Director Brian Petree gave a summary of what the students had done to raise funds for the Norco Animal Shelter; they raised a total of \$800. Rorick Luepton and Vickie Tran, Field Representatives of Assemblyman Miller's office, also presented the Eastvale Elementary School students with Certificates of Appreciation.

PROCLAMATION: Dr. Lawrence C. Nelson
Due to Dr. Nelson's absence, Mayor Bash postponed the presentation of the proclamation to a future meeting.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

1. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

Members of the public pulled agenda items 1.J. and 1.G.

M/S Higgins/Hanna to adopt 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, HIGGINS, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

- A. City Council Minutes:
Regular Meeting of May 2, 2012
Special Meeting of April 30, 2012
Recommended Action: **Approve the City Council Minutes** (City Clerk)
- B. Recap of Actions Taken at the Planning Commission Regular Meeting of May 9, 2012. **Recommended Action: Receive and File** (Planning Director)
- C. Procedural Step to Approve Ordinance after Reading of Title Only.
Recommended Action: Approval (City Clerk)
- D. Annual Adoption of the City Investment Policy. **Recommended Action: Approve and adopt the Investment Policy with a minor modification** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)
- E. Approval and Adoption of the Annual Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. **Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2012-36, approving the annual appropriation limit for Fiscal Year 212-2013.** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)

- F. Sheriff's Department Annual Report for 2011. **Recommended Action: Receive and File** (Lt. Cooper)
 - G. Approval of a Contract for Code Enforcement Services. **Recommended Action: Approve a Contract with Mr. Kenneth Swank for code enforcement services.** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)
PULLED FOR DISCUSSION
 - H. Approval of City Manager Employment Agreement. **Recommended Action: Approve the City Manager Employment Agreement.** (City Attorney)
 - I. Approval of the City Attorney Amended Agreement for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. **Recommended Action: Approve the City Attorney Amended Agreement** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)
 - J. Resolution Setting the Regular Meeting Schedules for City Commissions and the Economic Development Advisory Council for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. **Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2012-37.** (City Clerk)
PULLED FOR DISCUSSION
 - K. Resolution Requiring a Four-Fifths (4/5) Super Majority Approval of the City Council For all Future Use of Principal from the Special Asset Revenue Fund. **Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2012-38.** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)
 - L. Amendment No. 1 to the Contract Agreement for the Energy Efficient Lighting Project. **Recommended Action: Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Contract Agreement for the Energy Efficient Lighting Project.** (Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services)
2. ITEM(S) PULLED FROM CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:
- 1.G. Approval of a Contract for Code Enforcement Services. **Recommended Action: Approve a Contract with Mr. Kenneth Swank for code enforcement services.** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)

Jodie Webber: In response to Ms. Webber, City Attorney Harper and staff addressed her concerns on compensation, PERS guidelines followed and insurance cost noted on the agreement.

M/S AZEVEDO/HANNA to approve a contract with Mr. Kenneth Swank for Code Enforcement Services. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 1.J. Resolution Setting the Regular Meeting Schedules for City Commissions and the Economic Development Advisory Council for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2012-37. (City Clerk)

Vernon Showalter: In response to Mr. Showalter, City Manager Groves explained that the meeting schedules will continue as it has been the previous fiscal year.

M/S HANNA/HIGGINS to approve the setting of the regular meeting schedules for City Commissions and the Economic Development Advisory Council for FY 2012-2013. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

3. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Resolution Approving the Installation of “No Parking” Signs on Belgian Drive, Stallion Drive Dales Drive and Lonestar Drive in the Vicinity of Norco College.
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2012-___ (Deputy Public Works Director/Senior Engineer)

City Manager Groves introduced the proposed action for “No Parking” signs, noting that concerns had been brought up regarding Norco College students parking on their street during school hours. This recommendation is presented for City Council consideration.

Mayor Bash invited the appearance of those wishing to speak.

Denise Lucero: Ms. Lucero stated that she opposes this recommendation and provided a petition signed by 18 residents from the surrounding streets that also oppose it.

Ray McCormick: Mr. McCormick stated that he is in favor of this proposal, adding that the students park in front of his house and also litter.

Brianna Zarlinga: Ms Zarlinga stated that based on her own research this seems to be too intrusive on the residents. She suggested “no littering” signs.

Linda Dixon: Mrs. Dixon stated her disagreement with the motion, adding that this is a City-wide problem and that anyone living near a school has trash.

Nick Kay: Mr. Kay stated that although he has noticed students throwing trash on the streets, he does not support this resolution as two parking passes would not be enough for his large family.

In response to additional concerns by Mr. Kay, City Manager Groves indicated that the Norco College President and its security are aware of the situation, adding that discussions are ongoing to help resolve the situation.

Jennifer Araujo: Ms. Araujo suggested putting “no parking” signs on Belgium Drive only.

Mayor Bash brought discussions back to the City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Azevedo stated that she understands the circumstances of living close to a school, adding that Lonestar Drive and Dales Drive might be too much. She suggested the possibility of signs noting “no loitering or littering”, adding that the Norco Citizens Patrol could possibly monitor the parking situation on its daily routes.

Council Member Hanna shared that he has ridden the streets in question on a couple of occasions and found nothing extreme on parking. He stated that he does not want to impact the neighborhood, this resolution is too extreme.

Council Member Higgins stated that he is familiar with the area; he added that the decision should ultimately be the residents’. He suggested the report be received and filed for now.

Council Member Sullivan stated that based on today’s input from attending residents, he does not want to approve this if they don’t want it.

Mayor Bash stated he is unable to support this resolution, he stated that Council needs more input from residents of the streets in question.

M/S SULLIVAN/HANNA to deny the installation of “No Parking” Signs on Belgian Drive, Stallion Drive, Dales Drive and Lonestar Drive in the vicinity of Norco College. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Under Discussion: Mayor Pro Tem Azevedo asked if a separate vote could be done to suggest “No Loitering” signs. In response, City Attorney Harper noted that a staff report would need to be presented at a future meeting upon Council’s request.

- B. Update on the George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center Management and Operation Plans (Presentation). **Recommended Action: Receive and File** (Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services)

City Manager Groves introduced the presentation, noting that the plan is to build upon the “Sustainability by 2017” concept.

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director Petree presented the item for Council discussion. He reviewed the concept of having multiple events at the center using both arenas, the option of bundling costs for the rentals, and the benefits to the City upon attracting more events to town. He touched on the volunteer program, noting that it has

been very helpful in the upkeep and running of the arenas. He suggested a banner program for sponsorship of the Moreno Arena, adding that he has been in touch with numerous interested parties in doing so. In closing he stated that the objective for the arenas is to recover 80-85% of its running cost by FY 2014. Director Petree gave a summary of the "Park Pride" program, its benefits and noting that it would promote partnership with the community for the upkeep of our parks.

Mayor Bash invited the appearance of those wishing to speak.

Linda Dixon: Mrs. Dixon, speaking as the Treasurer of the Norco Fair, noted her concerns about the banner sponsorship program and how it may affect the committee's profits which are received mostly through donations.

Vernon Showalter: Mr. Showalter noted that he likes the bundling proposition.

Ted Hoffman: Mr. Hoffman suggested that local organizations should be involved with the banner sponsorship program.

Following City Council discussion, no actions were taken on this item.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

Patricia Overstreet: Ms. Overstreet presented a plaque to Mayor Bash to thank him for serving as the Grand Marshall of the Horseweek Parade. She invited everyone to the Ranch Tour 2012 on Saturday, May 19th.

Lance Gregory: Mr. Gregory spoke about CFD fees that are paid by the homeowners in the hills. He commented on the high commercial rental rates for businesses in Norco in comparison to surrounding cities, and asked if something can be done to help bring these rates down.

Vernon Showalter: Mr. Showalter commented on the budget workshop earlier in the evening and stated that the City must stop deferring payments.

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

A. City Council Updates from Regional Boards and Commissions:

Council Member Hanna:

- Gave an overview on the 91-Freeway Expansion Project based on information he received at a recent Riverside County Transportation Commission meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Azevedo:

- Commented on the successful U.N.L.O.A.D. event held on Thursday, May 10th, noting that over 100 kids attended. Its theme was named by the students of the group as S.O.S. -- Students Offering Solutions.

B. City Council Other Matters:

Mayor Pro Tem Azevedo:

- Asked to place a report on a future City Council agenda regarding “no loitering/no littering” signs on Belgian Drive, Stallion Drive, Dales Drive and Lonestar Drive in the vicinity of Norco College

M/S HIGGINS/AZEVEDO to place the recommended item on a future City Council agenda. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- Noted her excitement for the future of George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center.

Council Member Hanna:

- Shared that N.A.R.T. had a horse rescue mission in Orange County the previous week; they closely worked with the Orange County Firefighters. Two of the three trapped horses were rescued, unfortunately, the third horse died on impact.

City Attorney Harper noted that N.A.R.T. is highly regarded in Orange County and was commended by the local paper after the rescue.

Mayor Bash:

- Announced that the Norco High School Girls Softball team is No. 1 in the nation.
- Commended the placement of the Patriotic Banners along Sixth Street.
- Mentioned the tentative date of August 4th for a Classic Car Show by the town clock on Sixth Street.
- Stated that he is impressed with the number of businesses that have moved into Norco in the last five years.
- Mentioned public concern regarding a turn-off on Norconian Drive into the Turning Point School/Church, and asked staff if a guardrail could be added to protect the playground. Public Works Director Thompson stated that City Engineer Milano is in the process of designing it.
- Shared information regarding a Memorial Day unveiling of a 3-year commemoration to the Vietnam War at the Crestlawn Memorial, adding that the City of Norco is asked to be the West Coast location for the announcement.

City Council gave a unanimous consensus.

- Asked to place a report on a future City Council agenda in regards to naming the Norco Senior Center after a living resident, as opposed to following the normal guidelines which states the individual must be deceased.

City Council gave a unanimous consensus.

B. Staff Other Matters:

City Manager Groves commented on the dedication of the new Norco Animal Shelter scheduled for June 16th at 10:00 a.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Bash adjourned the meeting at **8:58 p.m.**

DIANE GERMAIN
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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