



**MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO**

**CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
JUNE 20, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bash called the meeting to order at 7:00 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**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Bash

INVOCATION: Calvary Chapel – Norco
Pastor Louie Monteith

INTRODUCTION: Lt. Dan Hedge

PRESENTATION: A check in the amount of \$500 was presented to Council Member Hanna from the Horseweek Committee for NART. They also presented Gift Cards in the Amount of \$3,136.09 for Animal Control.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

M/S Hanna/Higgins to approve 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

1. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:
 - A. City Council Minutes:
Regular Meeting of June 6, 2012
Special Meeting of June 6, 2012
Special Joint City Council/Planning Commission Meeting of May 30, 2012
Recommended Action: **Approve the City Council Minutes** (City Clerk)
 - B. Recap of Actions Taken at the Planning Commission Regular Meeting of June 13, 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. Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Third Quarter Budget to Actual Report
Recommended Action: Receive and File (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance).
- E. Authorization to Install Stop Signs at Various Intersections within the Norco Highlands Area. **Recommended Action: Approval** (Deputy Director of Public Works/Senior Engineer)
- F. Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2016 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget to Appropriate Additional Funds for the Wayne Makin/Shearer Sports Complex Lighting Project and Ratification of a Contract for the Completion of the Emergency Electrical Work.
Recommended Actions: 1.) Adopt Resolution No. 2012-46, amending the FY 2011-2016 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget appropriating additional funds in the amount of \$68,000 from the Park Improvement Fund for the Wayne Makin/Shearer Complex Field Lighting Project; and 2.) Ratify a contract agreement between the City of Norco and Sparky's Electric for the completion of the emergency electrical work. (Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services)
- G. Acceptance of the Energy Efficient Lighting Retrofit Project as Complete.
Recommended Actions: Accept the Energy Efficient Lighting Retrofit Project as complete and authorize the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder's Office. (Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services)
- H. 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. 2012-47, (Beazer); Resolution No. 2012-48, (Western Pacific); Resolution No. 2012-49, (Centex); Resolution No. 2012-50, (Norco Ridge Ranch); Resolution No. 2012-51, (Hawk's Crest), approving the Engineer's Preliminary Report for the Annual Levy of Assessments for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 in said District; and
 - B.) Resolution No. 2012-52, (Beazer); Resolution No. 2012-53, (Western Pacific); Resolution No. 2012-54, (Centex); Resolution No. 2012-55, (Norco Ridge Ranch), Resolution No. 2012-56, (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)

- I. Extension of a Professional Building and Safety Plan Examination Service Agreement. **Recommended Action: Approve the extension of a Professional Building and Safety Plan Examination Service Agreement with Willdan Engineering through June 30, 2013.** (Public Works Director)
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. Zone Code Amendment 2012-02: A Proposal to Amend Title 18, Chapter 18.23 of the Norco Municipal Code to allow Hotels, Motels and Bed and Breakfasts in the C-4 (Commercial) Zone through a Conditional Use Permit. **Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 951 for second reading.** (City Clerk)

M/S Sullivan/Hanna to adopt Ordinance No. 951 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. Zone Code Amendment 2012-03. A City-Initiated Clarifying Amendment to Chapter 18.13 of the Norco Municipal Code Regarding Additional Animals in the A-1 (Agricultural-Low Density) Zone **Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 952 for second reading.** (City Clerk)

M/S Sullivan/Hanna to adopt Ordinance No. 952 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 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**
 - A. Acceptance of Bids and Award of Contract for the Hamner Avenue Widening Project and Related Construction Services. **Recommended Action: Accept bids submitted for the widening of Hamner Avenue and award a contract to Griffith Company in the amount of \$4,133,320.25, and additional related construction services in the amount of \$238,031; and authorize the City Manager to approve contract change orders up to 10 percent of the various contract amounts.** (Deputy Public Works Director/Senior Engineer)

City Manager Groves requested that this item be moved to the July 18, 2012 City Council Agenda. **Deputy Public Works Director/Senior Engineer Askew** presented an overview of the project, with no specifics addressed regarding the contract. **NO ACTION TAKEN BY THE CITY COUNCIL**

- B. Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Planning Commission **Recommended Actions: Staff recommends that the City Council make two appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission and one appointment to the Planning Commission from the applicants that applied and qualify for service on a City Commission.** (City Clerk)

Geoffrey Kahan. Mr. Kahan introduced himself and commented on his qualifications for service on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

M/S Sullivan/Bash to appoint Richard Boyle to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

M/S Higgins/Sullivan to appoint Geoffrey Kahan to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Pat Overstreet. Ms. Overstreet Spoke in support of Pat Hedges to serve on the Planning Commission.

Pat Hedges. Ms. Hedges commented on her six (6) years of service on the Planning Commission and asked for the Councils to vote for her continued service on the Commission.

Jeanine Adams. Ms. Adams spoke in support of Richard Boyle to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission and in support of Pat Hedges to serve on the Planning Commission.

M/S Sullivan/Bash to appoint Pat Hedges to the Planning Commission. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

5. **CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

A. Public Hearing Confirming Costs for Spring Weed Abatement

The 2012 Spring Weed Abatement Report of Costs lists property owners whose vacant parcels were abated by the Fire Department's weed abatement contractor for the 2012 Spring Weed Abatement Program. After Council adopts the Resolution, property owners will be invoiced for payment of the abatement.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2012-___, confirming the report of costs for abatement of weeds and hazardous vegetation as a public nuisance and imposing special assessment liens on vacant parcels within the City. (Fire Chief)

Fire Chief Pemberton 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. With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Bash CLOSED the public hearing.

M/S Hanna/Higgins to adopt Resolution No. 2012-57, confirming the report of costs for abatement of weeds and hazardous vegetation as a public nuisance and imposing special assessment liens on vacant parcels within the City. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B. Rate Adjustments Proposed by Waste Management of the Inland Empire

The existing fifteen-year Franchise Agreement provides that Waste Management is entitled to receive rate adjustments for inflation (based on the Consumer Price Index) and "pass through" disposal cost increases. The Agreement further provides that such rate adjustments shall not be unreasonably withheld. The rate adjustments include a Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase of 2.02 percent from March 2011 to March 2012. The Riverside County tipping fee will also increase 2.15 percent for the 2012/2013 year.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2012-___, amending the Agreement between the City of Norco and USA Waste of California, Inc., DBA Waste Management of the Inland Empire, for the collection, transportation, recycling, and disposal of solid waste and approving rates therefore. (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)

Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Okoro 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.

Vern Showalter. Mr. Showalter stated his opinion that this item should have been brought to the Street and Trails Commission prior to its approval by the City Council.

Mayor Bash CLOSED the public hearing.

M/S Hanna/Sullivan to adopt Resolution No. 2012-58, amending the Agreement between the City of Norco and USA Waste of California, Inc., DBA Waste Management of the Inland Empire, for the collection, transportation, recycling, and disposal of solid waste and approving rates therefore. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

Diana Port. Ms. Port commented on her disfavor of the closure of the swimming pool.

Pat Overstreet. Ms. Overstreet commented on Council Member Sullivan's trip.

Pat Hedges. Ms. Hedges commented on the Memorial Service and reception for Frank Hall.

Julie Reyes. Ms. Reyes asked for sponsorships for the National Day of the American Cowboy event.

Karen Leonard. Ms. Leonard reminded everyone about the Norco Horsemen's Association Little Buckaroo Showdown to be held on June 30, 2012.

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

A. City Council Updates from Regional Boards and Commissions and Other Matters:

Council Member Sullivan:

- Commented on Barry Scott and his work in clearing the trails. He noted that Mr. Scott is currently in the hospital and there will be a birthday party held for him on August 4. He requested that a certificate of appreciation be presented to Mr. Scott from the Mayor at that event.
- Reported on his trip where he learned about processing manure. He added that he will be presenting detailed information at a future City Council meeting.
- Noted the graffiti on "pumpkin rock".

Council Member Higgins:

- Commented on home occupancy businesses in the City that need to be addressed; noting diesel trucks parked all over where they are seen from the street. He also commented on storage areas in residential areas that are not located behind fencing, adding that there needs to be something done about this.

Council Member Hanna:

- Reported on the most recent NART rescue that took place.

Mayor Pro Tem Azevedo:

- Commended the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department for the great job they did on the opening of the Norco Animal Shelter.
- Commented on the National Day of the Cowboy event.
- Congratulated the owner of the new Microbrewery in Norco.
- Thanked everyone for their support through her health challenges.

Mayor Bash:

- Stated that Norco High School softball player Emily Lockman was awarded the Gatorade Player of the Year. He also commented on the ESPN award ceremony he attended for the Norco High School Softball Team.
- Commented on the \$100,000 awarded to the local Hundred Mile Club.
- Noted that \$1,000 has been received in contributions for the Rose Eldridge Senior Center.
- Stated that the new President of Norco College will take over on July 1. He added that he would like to have a Council Member serve on the President's Advisory Board.
- Reported on the Norco College showing of Norco History in its art gallery on September 14.
- Commented on the December 7th event that will be held at the Navy Base.
- Reported on the California High School Rodeo finals, noting that Wade Brown will be advancing to the Nationals. Council Member Hanna added that all of the participants did a great job.

B. Staff Other Matters:

Beth Groves:

- Commented on the Summer Concerts in the Park encouraging everyone to attend.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Bash adjourned the meeting in honor of Frank Hall at 8:05 p.m.

BRENDA K. JACOBS, CMC
CITY CLERK