



**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF NORCO**  
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE  
NOVEMBER 7, 2012

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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bash called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (SECTION 54954) TO CONSIDER MATTERS:

**Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Section 54956.9(b): 1 Potential Case

Initiation of Ligation Pursuant to Section 54956.9(c): 2 Potential Cases

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION: Mayor Bash reconvened the meeting at 7:05 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: Council Member Sullivan

INVOCATION: Calvary Chapel – Norco  
*Pastor Louie Monteith*

PROCLAMATION: Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month  
*Jennifer Luna*  
*Pancreatic Cancer Action Network*

COMMENDATIONS: Deputy David Coronado  
Riverside County Sheriff's Department  
  
Joseph Visser (and his horse -- Meet My Dust)  
*17 Year Old Accomplished Competitor*

PRESENTATION: Mattheus Zoetemelk  
*Mr. Zoetemelk sang a song about Norco that he wrote with words put to a traditional Dutch waltz melody.*

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

1. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

**Mayor Bash pulled Item 1.C. for City Council discussion.**

**M/S Hanna/Sullivan 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 October 17, 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. Approval to Reinstate and Update a Three-Year Lease Agreement with Vandermolen Investments, Inc. and the Corona-Norco Unified School District for Overflow Parking on the Vacant Parcel Known as APN 129-251-006-2 Located Adjacent to City Hall. **Recommended Action: That the City Council grant authority to the City Manager to negotiate and approve the following agreements: 1.) Reinstate and update the terms of a three-year Lease Agreement with Vandermolen Investments, Inc. for overflow parking on APN 129-251-006-2; and 2.) Reinstate and update the terms of a three-year Overflow Parking Agreement with the Corona Norco Unified School District on said APN for cost-sharing purposes.** (City Manager)  
**PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**
- D. Acceptance of Bids and Award of Contract for the Traffic Signal at Hamner Avenue and Detroit Street. **Recommended Action: Accept bids submitted for the installation of a Traffic Signal at Hamner Avenue and Detroit Street and award a contract to New West Signal, Inc. in the amount of \$139,624; and authorize the City Manager to approve contract change orders up to 10 percent of the bid contract amounts.** (Deputy Public Works Director/Senior Engineer)
- E. Approval of a Resolution Adding an Administrative Analyst Position to the Middle Management, Professional, and Confidential Service of the City of Norco. **Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2012-71, adding the Class Specification of Administrative Analyst to the classifications in the Middle Management, Professional, and Confidential Service of the City of Norco.** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)

- F. Acceptance of Bids and Award of Contract for the LMD No. 4 Equestrian Trail Drainage Improvements, Phase II Project. **Recommended Action: Accept bids submitted for the installation of Phase II drainage devices in LMD No. 4 (Norco Ridge Ranch) and award a contract to Valley Crest Landscape Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$218,585; and authorize the City Manager to approve contract change orders up to 10 percent of the contract amount.** (City Engineer)

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

**Item 1.C.** Approval to Reinstate and Update a Three-Year Lease Agreement with Vandermolen Investments, Inc. and the Corona-Norco Unified School District for Overflow Parking on the Vacant Parcel Known as APN 129-251-006-2 Located Adjacent to City Hall.

**Mayor Bash** asked for clarification regarding the agreement(s). City Manager Groves responded that currently the agreements have expired and if the Lease Agreement moves forward, the Overflow Parking Agreement will be presented to the District for its approval.

**M/S Bash/Sullivan to grant authority to the City Manager to negotiate and approve the following agreements: 1.) Reinstate and update the terms of a three-year Lease Agreement with Vandermolen Investments, Inc. for overflow parking on APN 129-251-006-2; and 2.) Reinstate and update the terms of a three-year Overflow Parking Agreement with the Corona Norco Unified School District on said APN for cost-sharing purposes. 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. Approval to Lift the Suspension of the Issuance of Permits for Pavers in the Pedestrian/Equestrian Trail in Commercial and Residential Driveways. **Recommended Action: That the City Council lift the suspension on the issuance of permits for pavers in the pedestrian/equestrian trails and approve the modifications to the equestrian trail standard and right-of-way encroachment permit for commercial and residential driveways as recommended by the Streets, Trails and Utilities Commission.** (Deputy Public Works Director/Senior Engineer)

**Deputy Public Works Director/Senior Engineer Askew** presented the item as stated in the staff report. She pointed out the changes made to the Equestrian Trail Standard 700, as recommended by the Streets, Trails and Utilities Commission.

**Kathleen Kay.** Ms. Kay commented in opposition of the use of pavers. She further commented on specific addresses in the Norco hills area where pavers are placed.

**Danny Azevedo.** Mr. Azevedo commented as the President of the Norco Horsemen's Association and noted that they do not want any pavers in the City, with the exception of commercial locations.

**Ted Hoffman.** Mr. Hoffman commented in opposition of the use of pavers, with the exception of steep grades. He further noted that the pavers placed without permits should be removed.

**Karen Leonard.** Ms. Leonard commented in opposition of the use of pavers, with the exception of commercial locations.

**Don Bowker.** Mr. Bowker commented in opposition of the use of pavers, noting the elimination of the erosion problem in the Norco hills with the new drains that were installed. He added that he is in favor of commercial locations on Sixth Street only.

**Roy Hungerford.** Mr. Hungerford commented in opposition of the use of pavers. He noted that his horse previously slipped on the pavers.

**Bobbie Pope.** Ms. Pope commented in opposition of the use of pavers, noting the safety concerns. She added that the pavers that have been illegally placed should be removed.

**Mayor Pro Tem Azevedo** stated that she is also opposed to the pavers and agrees with the public comments made, adding that they should be banned completely require all illegal pavers be removed.

**Council Member Hanna** stated that he does not want to approve any more pavers in town and require all illegal pavers to be removed.

**Council Member Higgins** stated that he has a concern regarding the trails and animal-keeping rights, adding that he does not want pavers and wants illegal pavers removed.

**Council Member Sullivan** commented on the past history of materials used on the trails, noting the pavers on Sixth Street and the uniformity created. He further commented on other materials available to use and that have been tried in the past. He stated that he is willing to have the Streets, Trails and Utilities Commission continue to look at other alternatives to pavers and people should have the right to continue to put pavers in. He further stated that the illegal pavers put in without a permit should be removed and put in again with a permit.

**Mayor Bash** commented on the history of the pavers, adding that we need to listed to the Norco Horsemen's Association because they are the arm to maintaining the City's lifestyle.

**Deputy Public Works Director/Senior Engineer Askew** commented on what is currently included in the Norco Municipal Code, siting Chap. 18.28.

**M/S Higgins/Bash to deny lifting the suspension of pavers and bring back language for an ordinance; and, require all non-permitted pavers be removed. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:**

**AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, HIGGINS**

**NOES: SULLIVAN**

**ABSENT: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

- B. Discussion of Available Services and Resources for Norco Senior Citizens.  
**Recommended Action: That the City Council discuss the issues.** (Mayor Bash)

**Mayor Bash** stated that this discussion was prompted following discussions with senior citizens at the most recent Senior Town Hall event.

The Council Members briefly commented on the remaining unspent housing money, knowing that it is not available to appropriate for any expenditures. The all voiced concerns over the many needs in the senior community and commented on their desire to assist in some way.

**Darleen Williamson.** Ms. Williamson commented on her water bill, noting that it has doubled. She asked that her water meter be evaluated.

**Rose Eldridge.** Ms. Eldridge commented on her concerns regarding the needs of the seniors in the community.

**Mayor Bash** stated that he would draft a letter to the State commenting on the financial hit the seniors took with the elimination of the redevelopment agency funding.

**Council Member Sullivan** requested to look at all the Housing contracts. City Manager Groves responded that this should be requested through the public records request process.

5. JOINT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTION ITEM:

- A. Resolutions Approving the Transfer of the Former Norco Community Redevelopment Agency Governmental Purpose Property/Assets to the City of Norco

**Recommended Actions: Staff recommends that the City Council, as Grantee, and the Successor Agency, as Grantor, adopt the following resolutions transferring the former Norco Community Redevelopment Agency governmental purpose property to the City of Norco:**

- 1.) Adopt SA Resolution No. 2012-01 and Resolution No. 2012-72, approving the governmental purpose property Quitclaim Deed transfer of APN 131-112-016 from the former Norco Community Redevelopment Agency to the City of Norco;

2.) Adopt SA Resolution No. 2012-02 and Resolution No. 2012-73, approving the governmental purpose property Quitclaim Deed transfer of APN 125-180-007 from the former Norco Community Redevelopment Agency to the City of Norco;

3.) Adopt SA Resolution No. 2012-03 and Resolution No. 2012-74, approving the governmental purpose property Quitclaim Deed transfer of APN 125-150-041 from the former Norco Community Redevelopment Agency to the City of Norco;

4.) Adopt SA Resolution No. 2012-04 and Resolution No. 2012-75, approving the governmental purpose property transfer of the mobile home-storage trailer asset from the former Norco Community Redevelopment Agency to the City of Norco; and

5.) Adopt SA Resolution No. 2012-05 and Resolution No. 2012-76, approving the governmental purpose property transfer of the Auto Mall Sign asset from the former Norco Community Redevelopment Agency to the City of Norco.

(Executive Director)

**M/S Higgins/Sullivan to adopt the resolutions as recommended. 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:

**Tara Kelly.** Ms. Kelly commented as a representative of Corona's Solar Program.

**Kathy Walker.** Ms. Walter invited everyone to a party on November 10<sup>th</sup> at her business.

**David Sandidge.** Mr. Sandidge commented on the flood drainage problem where he resides on Crestview and also commented on the traffic problem on Crestview Drive.

**Roy Hungerford.** Mr. Hungerford thanked staff for the meeting hosted for the residents that live in LMD No. 4.

7. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Reports on Regional Boards and Commissions / Announcements

**Council Member Sullivan:**

- Commented on the Hall of Fame induction ceremony to be held on Saturday.
- Noted that he is meeting with City staff on the 14<sup>th</sup> regarding the one million dollar challenge for the Extreme Mustang Makeover.
- Recommended, and unanimously approved by the City Council, to place an item on the next agenda to discuss adopting the song sung tonight by Mr. Zoetemelk.

**Council Member Higgins:**

- Requested that a report be provided once a month on trail citations issued.

**Council Member Hanna:**

- Reported on the most recent RCTC meeting, noting the bullet train discussion held and the costs involved.

**Mayor Pro tem Azevedo:**

- Commented on the Parade of Lights and Winter Festival to be held on December 1st, noting that the festivities begin at 2 p.m. this year.
- Reported on the WRCOG Executive Committee meeting, noting the presentations made on the City of Jurupa Valley and the Riverside County School District awareness program regarding the education needs in the County.
- Commented on an event she attended at the Naval Surface Warfare Center presenting the new Captain on the Base. She further commented on the Navy smart grid that is being constructed.
- Recommended, and unanimously approved by the City Council, that a discussion be sent to the Planning Commission regarding parking horse trailers on private property.

**Mayor Bash:**

- Stated that he was receiving positive comments regarding the improved traffic at the schools in Norco. In response, Lt. Hedge noted that the grant program has begun.
- Noted that filming was completed for advertising the City.
- Commented on the December 7<sup>th</sup> event honoring the Pearl Harbor veterans.
- Commented on the proposed Veterans Memorial at the George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center.

8. CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

**City Manager Groves:**

- Stated that the plan for the Veterans Memorial will be brought to the Council at its December meeting.

**Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services Petree:**

- Invited everyone to attend the dedication of the Bob and Karlene Allen Community Room which will be held on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.
- Commented on the opportunity to submit work orders on the City's website for LMD repairs.

9. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Bash adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

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BRENDA K. JACOBS, CMC  
CITY CLERK