



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
DECEMBER 5, 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: Boy Scouts Troup 33

INVOCATION: Assembly of God – Beacon Hill
Pastor Rene Parish

INTRODUCTION: Nathan Miller
Riverside Community College
District Trustee

PRESENTATIONS: Recognition of "Recycling All Stars" Winners
Julie Reyes, Waste Management

Julie Reyes, representing Waste Management, recognized the Cowgirl Café and the Wakefield and Englebrecht families for receiving the "Recycling All Stars" award presented for their outstanding recycling efforts.

Dalton Shepard
NJBRA 12 and Under "National Steer Riding"
Champion

Mayor Bash presented Dalton Shepard with a certificate of recognition for his achievement.

Jonathan Kahan
Eagle Scout Presentation

Jonathan Kahan presented information regarding his Eagle Scout service project building picnic tables at the George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center. Jonathan stated that the remaining funds from his project, in the amount of \$1,000, will be presented to the City to go towards the George Ingalls Veterans Memorial Fund.

RURAL
Donation to Animal Shelter and
Seniors and Pets

Pat Overstreet, representing RURAL, presented the City with a \$500 gift certificate for the Norco Animal Shelter to use for the cats they shelter. She also presented Rose Eldridge with \$500 to be used for the Norco Seniors and Pet Relief program.

Update on the Silverlakes Development
R.J. Brandes

R.J. Brandes presented information regarding the Silverlakes Development. He stated that Silverlakes should open up in the spring of 2013, adding that this is a world class regional project that will help to support the lifestyle of Norco.

REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Pro Tem Azevedo presented former Mayor Bash with a plaque and thanked him for his service to the City. She also commented on his many accomplishments during his Mayoral term.

Mayor Bash commented on his year as Mayor.

A. Election of Mayor

M/S Higgins/Hanna to elect Kathy Azevedo as Mayor.

Numerous comments were heard from individuals regarding who should serve as the next Norco Mayor.

Council Member Sullivan congratulated Mayor Bash for his service as Mayor. He noted that all of the Council Members represent the City well, adding that there is a pecking order that has been followed in the past with a rotation of Council Members that should continue to be followed. He further stated that the people that supported him should have the right to see him serve as Mayor. He asked that the City Council reconsider him to serve as Mayor.

The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B. Election of Mayor Pro Tem

M/S Higgins/Sullivan to elect Harvey Sullivan as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

M/S Azevedo/Bash to elect Berwin Hanna as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

1. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

Council Member Higgins pulled Item 1.E. and Council Member Bash pulled Items 1.E. and 1.G. for Council discussion.

M/S Hanna/Bash 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 November 7, 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. Recap of the Planning Commission Meeting of November 14, 2012.
Recommended Action: Receive and File (Planning Director)
- D. Approval of the Annual Reports for Community Facilities Districts 2001-1 and 2002-1 for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2012. **Recommended Action: Receive and file.** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)
- E. Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Year-End Budget to Actual Report. **Recommendation: Receive and file.** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance) **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**
- F. Parking Citation 90-Day Review. **Recommended Action: Receive and file.** (Lt. Hedge)
- G. Implementation Measures Regarding Pension Reform Provisions Effective January 1, 2013 Affecting all Full-Time City of Norco Employees. **Recommended Action: 1.) Approve a Letter of Agreement between the City of Norco and the Norco General Employees Association; 2.) Approve a Letter of Agreement between the City of Norco and the Public Works and**

Parks Maintenance Workers Association; 3.) Adopt Resolution No. 2012 77, amending Resolution No. 2012-39 adopting and implementing pension reform provisions for Management Classifications; and 4.) Adopt Resolution No. 2012-78, amending Resolution No. 2012-40 adopting and implementing pension reform provisions for Middle Management, Professional, and Confidential Classifications. (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance) PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

- H. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Project and Capacity Agreement for the Expansion of the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority Treatment Plant. **Recommended Action: Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Project and Capacity Agreement for the expansion of the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority Treatment Plant, subject to non-substantive changes and approval by all WRCRWA Member Agencies.** (Public Works Director)
- I. Approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Project and Capacity Agreement for the Expansion of the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority Treatment Plant. **Recommended Action: Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Project and Capacity Agreement for the expansion of the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority Treatment Plant, subject to non-substantive changes and approval by all WRCRWA Member Agencies.** (Public Works Director)
- J. Reimbursement Agreement for Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fees (TUMF) for the Hamner Avenue Widening Project. **Recommended Action: Approve a TUMF Reimbursement Agreement with Western Riverside Council of Governments for street widening improvements on Hamner Avenue, 1,500 feet south and 1,500 feet north of Citrus Avenue, subject to non-substantive changes; and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement.** (Public Works Director)
- K. Approval of the Sale, Assignment and Grant of Options for certain Delinquent Tax and other Receivables and Authorization to Execute Documents. **Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2012-79, approving the sale, assignment and grant options for certain delinquent tax and other receivables to the California Finance Authority for delinquent special taxes and assessments and authorizing execution and delivery of related documents and actions.** (City Attorney)
- L. Resolution approving Amendment No. 5 to the Chino Basin Desalter Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement. **Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2012-80, approving Amendment No. 5 to the Chino Basin Desalter Authority (CDA) Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, subject to non-substantive changes and approval by all CDA Member Agencies.** (Public Works Director)

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

Item 1.E. Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Year-End Budget to Actual Report. **Recommendation: Receive and file.** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)

Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Okoro provided an overview of the report, noting that by no means does it mean that there are not any budget challenges ahead.

Council Member Bash stated that he was very encouraged by this report, noting that he applauds staff for their efforts.

Council Member Sullivan commented on the increase in revenues and asked if this will be a trend in property and sales tax revenues.

Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Okoro responded that he is not expecting any major shifts in property tax, adding that sales tax is trending slightly upward. He further stated that there is still an underlying structural imbalance and stated that the City needs to budget for future infrastructure needs.

M/S Bash/Hanna to receive and file the report. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Item 1.G. Implementation Measures Regarding Pension Reform Provisions Effective January 1, 2013 Affecting all Full-Time City of Norco Employees. **Recommended Action: 1.) Approve a Letter of Agreement between the City of Norco and the Norco General Employees Association; 2.) Approve a Letter of Agreement between the City of Norco and the Public Works and Parks Maintenance Workers Association; 3.) Adopt Resolution No. 2012 77, amending Resolution No. 2012-39 adopting and implementing pension reform provisions for Management Classifications; and 4.) Adopt Resolution No. 2012-78, amending Resolution No. 2012-40 adopting and implementing pension reform provisions for Middle Management, Professional, and Confidential Classifications.** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)

Council Member Bash **stated “well done.”**

M/S Bash/Hanna to approve as recommended. 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 ITEM:

- A. Approval of the Location and Concept Plan for the George Ingalls Veterans Memorial Plaza located at the George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center. **Recommended Action: Approve the location and concept plan for the George Ingalls Veterans Memorial Plaza located at the George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center; and, authorize staff to request and accept donations to fund the project.** (Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Development)

City Manager Groves presented the Council item and commented on the details of the project.

Ron and Ken Kaymmeyer, of Kaymmeyer & Associates, presented detailed information on the project as they have volunteered their time as the landscape architects.

The Council Members commented on their support of the project.

Vern Showalter. Mr. Showalter commented on the lighted flag pole and his support of the project.

M/S Bash/Hanna to approve the location and concept plan for the George Ingalls Veterans Memorial Plaza located at the George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center; and, authorize staff to request and accept donations to fund the project. 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 HEARING ITEMS:

- A. Public Hearing Confirming Costs for 2012 Tumbleweed Abatement.

The 2012 Tumbleweed Abatement Report of Costs lists property owners whose vacant parcels were abated by the City's weed abatement contractor in October of 2012. After Council adopts the Resolution, property owners will be invoiced for payment of the abatement.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2012-81, confirming the report of costs for abatement of tumbleweeds and hazardous vegetation as a public nuisance and imposing special assessment liens on vacant parcels within the City. (Fire Chief)

Chief Pemberton introduced the public hearing item.

Mayor Azevedo 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 received clarification on what type of parcels are considered.

Mayor Azevedo CLOSED the public hearing.

M/S Sullivan/Bash to adopt Resolution No. 2012-81, confirming the report of costs for abatement of tumbleweeds 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. Consideration of an Ordinance Adopting Specific Plan 85-1 (Auto Mall) Amendment 5 (City of Norco).

The ordinance is a proposed amendment to the Auto Mall Specific Plan that includes land use designation changes to add some C-G uses as similarly permitted and conditionally-permitted uses in a new Area D of the Specific Plan for lots in the northern half of the specific plan on both sides of Hamner Avenue, south of Third Street (39.42 acres); and to change the land use designation on 6.1 acres east of Four Wheel Drive, north of Second Street from Area B to Area A. The amendment includes text changes to bring the document consistent with current Code regulations and consistent with this amendment.

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 954 for first reading. (Planning Director)

Planning Director King introduced the public hearing item.

Mayor Azevedo 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 Azevedo CLOSED the public hearing.

M/S Bash/Hanna to adopt Ordinance No. 954 for first reading. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- C Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Text of Chapter 18.29 of the Norco Municipal Code Entitled Commercial General Zone, the Text of the Gateway Specific Plan, the Text of the Norco Auto Mall Specific Plan, and the Text of the Norco Hills Specific Plan, to Remove Car Washes as Permitted and/or Conditionally Permitted Uses in Each of Their Corresponding Zones.

This ordinance is a City-initiated proposal to remove car washes as permitted uses City-wide and would make existing car washes non-conforming uses subject to those provisions.

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 955 for first reading. (Senior Planner)

Planning Director King introduced the public hearing item.

Council Member Sullivan commented that he is not sure that this is what the Council was looking for and asked what happens if the business is sold. In response, Director King stated that the use can go with the sale, unless it was abandoned (added by the City Attorney). Council Member Sullivan asked if a business closes down, would another one be allowed to be built at another location. In response, Director King stated that the way the Code is written, a new car wash business at another location would not be allowed if one closes down.

Mayor Azevedo asked if for some reason three or four car washes close down, can the Code be reversed. In response, Director King stated that yes, it could.

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

Kris Brooks. Mr. Brooks commented on government's job and fair competition

Mayor Azevedo CLOSED the public hearing.

M/S Hanna/Bash to adopt Ordinance No. 955 for first reading. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- D. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Provisions of Chapter 18.28 Entitled "P-E Zone Pedestrian-Equestrian Trails" to Amend Materials Permitted in the Trails and Clarify Where Alternative Materials are Approved.

Adoption of this City-initiated Code amendment would eliminate the use of impervious materials (including pavers) in the P-E Zone and Pedestrian-Equestrian Trails; except for drainage related improvements and to control erosion.

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 956 for first reading. (Deputy Public Works Director/Senior Engineer)

City Manager Groves stated that the public hearing item has been cancelled. No action was taken.

5. SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM:

- A. Successor Agency Minutes:
Regular Meeting of November 7, 2012
Recommended Action: **Approve the Successor Agency Minutes** (City Clerk)

M/S Bash/Sullivan to approve the Successor Agency Minutes. 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:

Tony Barreto. Mr. Barreto presented a check to the Norco Seniors and Pet Relief for Christmas in the amount of \$1,000 from Norco Horse Week.

7. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

- A. Discussion Regarding the Proposed City Song Presented by Mr. Mattheus Zoetemelk. (Council Member Sullivan)

Council Member Sullivan commented on the song, noting he does not see any drawbacks to adopting this as a City song.

No action was taken on the matter. A contest for an original song will be considered as a part of the City's 50th Anniversary celebration.

Council Member Sullivan:

- Requested that an item be placed on the next agenda regarding City parades and policies regarding the times the streets are shut down. The City Council unanimously agreed.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanna:

- Reported on the recent RCTC meeting he attended.

Council Member Bash:

- Commented on the Water Conservation Grant for a public awareness campaign.
- Reported on the Norco Area Chamber of Commerce open house.
- Commented on the December 7th event – National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.
- Commented on the 125th Anniversary of the Corona-Norco Unified School District next year.
- Commented on the need for blinking lights on horses at night for safety reasons.

Mayor Azevedo:

- Commented on the Citizens on Patrol dinner and the Hall of Fame event.
- Commented on the Parade of Lights and noted how successful the event was.
- Noted that Ann Hutchinson is the new president of the Norco Horsemen's Association.
- Reported on the WRCOG meeting she attended, noting that \$2 million of TUMF money is funded for the Hamner Widening project.
- Stated that she will be attending the Corona Chamber Luncheon at which time commendations will be presented to police and fire personnel.

8. CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

City Manager Groves:

- Reported that the Corona-Norco Unified District will be closed from December 17 through January 7.
- Stated that the next City Council regular meeting will be held on January 16, 2013.

9. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Azevedo adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

BRENDA K. JACOBS, CMC
CITY CLERK