



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
STREETS, TRAILS AND UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
JUNE 4, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Showalter called meeting to order at 7:02 pm
2. ROLL CALL: Commissioners Present: Mauro, Hoffman, Showalter, Gregory, Turpin and Burt arrived late

Commissioners Absent: Walker
3. STAFF PRESENT: Lori J. Askew, Deputy Director of Public Works/
Senior Engineer
William R. Thompson, Director of Public Works
Terry Piorkowski, Public Works Superintendent
Rose Matthews, Executive Secretary
Brian Petree, Director, P, R & CS

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Mauro

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

None.

6. TO BE READ BY THE CHAIR: "All discretionary actions before the Streets, Trails and Utilities Commission are advisory in nature and final actions will be confirmed, modified, or deleted by the City Council."

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. March 5, 2012

Commissioner Showalter noted there were no corrections to the minutes.

M/S Turpin/Gregory to approve the minutes for March 5, 2012.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Hoffman, Showalter, Turpin, Gregory
NOES: None
ABSENT: Walker, Burt
ABSTAIN: Mauro

8. NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Chair Showalter moved Item 8F before 8A for discussion per Staff recommendation.

F. Policy Guidelines for the Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway Project

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director presented the report for policy guidelines for the Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway Project to the Commission.

Commissioner Showalter noted the preliminary signage standards for this project were better than the current City standards.

Commissioner Mauro noted he agreed with Commissioner Showalter and wondered if the City could adopt these guidelines.

Further discussion was held on signage, funding and the kiosk at the Corydon Staging Area.

The Deputy Director noted the designated areas for the most part are wide enough for the striping required in the anticipation of the bike lanes.

Further discussion was held on the details of the bike lane, trail locations and opportunities for funding.

Commissioner Showalter inquired if the Orange County Water District's project impacted this project.

The Director of Public Works noted the Orange County Water District's project would be auxiliary to the SAR trails project.

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services also noted the opportunities for funding.

Commissioner Showalter inquired regarding maintenance and restroom funding.

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services noted the Corydon Staging Area restrooms will be funded by a corporate sponsor.

The Director of Public Works noted maintenance funding would in all probability be secured.

Commissioner Hoffman inquired if the City could upgrade all of the trail signs in the city to the National Signage Standard Guidelines to maintain uniformity between this project and the city.

Commissioner Mauro inquired as to the type of traffic on these trails.

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services noted the traffic in this area would be mostly equestrian with some bike traffic.

The Director of Public Works noted signage upgrades are funded in one of two ways; the General Fund or the Capital Improvement Fund. He also noted there were currently

no general fund monies available and the signage upgrades has not been placed on the current Capital Improvement Projects list.

Commissioner Mauro noted that the non-horse residents were starting to take issue with being second-class citizens over the horse owning residents.

Commissioner Turpin noted, "This is Horsetown USA, if people don't like horses, they should not be allowed to live here!"

Commissioner Gregory noted bike riders and equestrians may have some animosities in the future between both groups due to their incidental contact.

Commissioners Turpin and Burttt took offense to the comment regarding animosities and noted that most bike riders were very polite.

Further discussion was held on educating the public as to "trail manners" or riding trail etiquette."

M/S Burttt/Mauro to recommend the City Council approve the policy guidelines for the Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway Project.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Mauro, Hoffman, Showalter, Turpin, Burttt, Gregory

NOES: None

ABSENT: Walker

ABSTAIN: None

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services wanted to express a thank you to the Public Works Director and Deputy Director for their cooperation on this project.

A. Election of Commission Chair

The Director noted the need for election of a new Chair for the next fiscal year.

M/S Mauro/Hoffman to open the nominations for Chair.

Commissioners Showalter and Mauro nominated Commissioner Showalter for Chair.

Discussion was held.

M/S Mauro/Hoffman to close the nominations for Chair.

M/S Mauro/Hoffman to elect Commissioner Showalter as the Chair for the next fiscal year.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Mauro, Hoffman, Showalter, Turpin, Burt, Gregory

NOES: None

ABSENT: Walker

ABSTAIN: None

B. Election of Commission Vice Chair

The Director noted the need for election of a new Vice Chair for the next fiscal year.

M/S Mauro/Hoffman to open the nominations for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Mauro nominated Commissioner Walker for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Showalter nominated Commissioner Hoffman for Vice Chair.
Commissioner Hoffman declined the nomination.

Commissioner Showalter nominated Commissioner Gregory for Vice Chair.
Commissioner Gregory initially declined but was convinced to accept the nomination.

Discussion was held.

M/S Mauro/Hoffman to close the nominations for Vice Chair.

M/S Turpin/Burt to elect Commissioner Gregory as the Vice Chair for the next fiscal year.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Mauro, Hoffman, Showalter, Turpin, Burt, Gregory

NOES: None

ABSENT: Walker

ABSTAIN: None

C. Review of Proposed 2012 – 2017 Capital Improvement Plan

The Director presented the Review of Proposed 2012 – 2017 Capital Improvement Plan Report to the Commission.

Discussion was held on funding, water availability and possible residential growth.

Further discussion was held on Measure A funding and prioritization of projects.

Additional discussion was held on projects currently nearing completion, projects going out to bid and where funding will be secured.

The Director noted highlights in Measure A funding.

Chair Showalter inquired if all of the CIP projects listed will be completed and also inquired regarding RDA projects.

The Director noted Staff would try to complete the projects in the next Fiscal Year. He also noted that when the RDA was dissolved; some projects may have been lost. However, since some projects were listed in the CIP program, there may still be hope.

Chair Showalter inquired regarding creating landscape maintenance areas that would encompass the entire city.

The Director noted that this idea is being discussed amongst staff.

The Director continued with the CIP budget.

Chair Showalter inquired regarding the Reservoir and AMI line items.

The Director noted the Reservoir will be completed and the AMI monies were allocated for software creation and setup.

Further discussion was held regarding water usage billing inquiries and answers.

M/S Mauro/Turpin to recommend the approval of the proposed 2012 – 2017 Capital Improvement Plan.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Mauro, Hoffman, Showalter, Turpin, Burt, Gregory
NOES: None
ABSENT: Walker
ABSTAIN: None

Further discussion was held.

A short recess was taken from 9:30 pm to 9:40 pm

D. Authorization to Install Stop Signs at Various Intersections within the Norco Highlands Area

The Deputy Director presented the report for authorization to install stop signs at various intersections within the Norco Highlands area to the Commission.

Discussion was held regarding whether signage could be enforced, and the positives of stop signage.

Chair Showalter noted he had driven this area and had spoken to some residents there.

Chair Showalter concluded the school locations should be installed due to the volume of traffic.

M/S Hoffman/Mauro to recommend the City Council authorize the installation of stop signs at various intersections within the Norco Highlands area with the caveat to try and add a four-way stop at the intersections of Pali Dr/Rimcrest Dr and River Ridge Dr/Rimcrest Dr or install signage at an additional location closer to Highland Elementary School.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Mauro, Hoffman, Showalter, Turpin, Burt, Gregory
NOES: None
ABSENT: Walker
ABSTAIN: None

E. Rehabilitation of Well No. 12

The Director presented the report for the rehabilitation of Well No. 12 to the Commission.

Discussion was held regarding well failures, redesign details, warm water and recycled water.

Commissioner Turpin inquired if Wells 9, 10, & 11 will ever be used again.

The Director noted these wells are high in nitrates and TDS. However, in the future there is a possibility for blended water usage at these wells.

M/S Turpin/Burt to recommend the City Council approve the expenditure for the rehabilitation of Well No. 12.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Mauro, Hoffman, Showalter, Turpin, Burt, Gregory
NOES: None
ABSENT: Walker
ABSTAIN: None

9. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. WRCRWA Expansion Project Update

The Director brought the Commission up-to-date on the WRCRWA Expansion Project.

10. VERBAL UPDATES: STREETS – TRAILS – UTILITIES

The Director noted the City of Corona is currently installing two meter connections which will allow them to take excess water from the Arlington Desalter thereby reducing City costs from Arlington Desalter to almost half.

The Director also noted the recycled water connection installation at River Rd is moving along smoothly and quickly.

Further discussion was held.

11. OTHER MATTERS:

Commissioner Showalter inquired if the traffic signal at Corona Av/Hidden Valley Pkwy was operational.

The Director noted that yes, it is operational. However, a flashing light or street striping may also be utilized at this location in the future.

Commissioner Hoffman noted he invited a resident to speak on the Belgian Gate and the parking issues at that location. He also noted the resident did not attend the meeting.

Commission Hoffman also inquired regarding the paver installation status.

The Deputy Director noted Council did not want to discuss the paver issue at this time.

Also, the DD mentioned the alternate trail material installation in front of Rite Aid was working out nicely.

Commissioner Hoffman noted at Hillside Av/Second St; the sign post does not have a sign and the post poses a hazard.

Superintendent Piorkowski noted he would check the location.

Commissioner Gregory noted that at 250 Friesian St; there is a handicap sign along the roadway and wondered why it was there.

Commissioner Gregory also noted Valleycrest was slicing open sandbags and that Andalusian Dr was in great need of repair especially the very deep ruts that require DG.

The Director noted he was going to meet with Valleycrest in the next couple of days.

Further discussion was held on what exactly was maintained and what was not in the landscape maintenance districts and the difference of maintenance between each of the districts.

Commissioner Turpin noted the illegal business is still continuing to do business.

The Deputy Director noted when the Hamner Av Widening project commences, there will be signs posted regarding alternate routes and detours for traffic during the construction phase.

Discussion was held.

Commissioner Showalter noted the trees were trimmed on Corona Av and the tree trimming quit immediately in front of his driveway.

Superintendent Piorkowski noted some of the trees were not city-owned and the Commissioner would probably see some tree trimming activity at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

12. ADJOURNMENT: 10:35 pm

Meeting adjourned to September 17, 2012 at 7:00 pm due to the Labor Day Holiday falling on the regular meeting day of September 3, 2012.

M/S Burt/Hoffman to adjourn at 10:35 pm.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Mauro, Hoffman, Showalter, Turpin, Burt, Gregory
NOES: None
ABSENT: Walker
ABSTAIN: None

Lori J. Askew
Director of Public Works

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