



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
STREETS, TRAILS AND UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
OCTOBER 1, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Showalter called meeting to order at 7:00 pm
2. ROLL CALL: Commissioners Present: Mauro, Walker, Hoffman, Showalter, Gregory

Commissioners Absent: Burt, Turpin
3. STAFF PRESENT: Lori J. Askew, Deputy Director of Public Works/
Senior Engineer
Terry Piorkowski, PW Superintendent
Rose Matthews, Executive Secretary

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. July 9, 2012

M/S Hoffman/Walker to approve the minutes for July 9, 2012.

Motion carried by the following vote.

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

8. NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Vacation of Cota St from Parkridge Av to Hamner Av

Deputy Director Askew noted the history of the vacation of Cota St from Parkridge Av to Hamner Av. She also noted this action was being brought forward by a private developer; the City Attorney has been contacted, and the City of Corona has no opposition to the vacation. A traffic study was performed and it was found that circulation would be enhanced in this area by the closure and the addition of a traffic signal. The City boundary would be altered and the de-annexation process filed by the private developer and the property would be annexed by the City of Corona.

Commissioner Mauro inquired if adjacent property owners have been notified of this vacation possibility.

Deputy Director Askew noted that yes, the adjacent property owners would be notified if the vacation were to move forward.

Commissioner Hoffman inquired if the city would lose any potential for sales tax at that location if the vacation were to move forward.

Deputy Director Askew noted the developer would be able to answer that question and the vacation would only be thirty feet. The utilities located at this location would have easements recorded and maintained by the City.

Chair Showalter inquired who the owner was on the Norco side.

Deputy Director Askew noted that Quick Crete owned the Norco side property.

Keith Osborne, K&A Engineering, representing the Corona side property owners, indicated all of the parties involved would like to move forward with the vacation of Cota St. In 2006, the property was originally purchased and moved forward through the City Council. There was a sewer question that had tabled this issue. There is now some movement with the Norco side property owners for a new project. He also noted that the property would be used for parking spaces as the only viable use.

Chair Showalter inquired what type of easement would be required at the location to protect city utilities.

Deputy Director Askew noted that once the vacation moves forward, rights are reserved through easements noted in the documents.

Mr. Osborne noted that the utilities will be contacted by the new project development to make sure the utilities rights' are protected.

Commissioner Gregory inquired if the City would have to maintain the street.

Deputy Director Askew noted that the road would ultimately be eliminated; and potentially the triangle portion would have access from Hamner Av and Parkridge Av.

The property in Norco would be conditioned as the City saw fit; the portions in Corona would be conditioned also.

Discussion was held.

Chair Showalter inquired where the utilities were located.

PW Superintendent Piorkowski noted the City would still hold rights and maintain.

Further discussion was held.

Commissioner Hoffman clarified ownership of the parcels to determine the project area.

Mr. Osborne noted that at one time that was true, but today it would only be the two Norco properties.

Discussion was held.

M/S Hoffman/Gregory to forward a recommendation to the City Council to approve the vacation of Cota St to include utility access easements for the City of Norco.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Mauro, Walker, Hoffman, Showalter, Gregory

NOES: None

ABSENT: Burtt, Turpin

ABSTAIN: None

9. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Chair Showalter has questions regarding the new Reservoir project and the Third St projects.

Deputy Director Askew noted that a proposal has been requested from RKA for the Reservoir project but has not yet been received; and the Third St project has been placed on hold awaiting completion of other City projects under construction.

Chair Showalter inquired regarding the flood control project at Third St/Reservoir Av.

Deputy Director Askew noted the design was underway.

Chair Showalter noted that Third St was heavily deteriorated and needed repair somehow, some way due to the traffic numbers on the street. The street needs to be brought up to standard. It is not up to standard, the way it stands.

Deputy Director Askew noted that several projects are underway using Riverside County Flood Control monies. She will get an answer by the next Commission meeting.

Discussion was held.

Commissioner Hoffman inquired regarding paver status.

Deputy Director Askew noted the City Council previously chose not to discuss the pavers previously, but that she could inquire at the next City Council meeting to bring the pavers back to them again as part of the agenda versus "other matters".

Further discussion was held.

Commissioner Hoffman inquired if the Corona Av project should be brought to the Council.

PW Superintendent Piorkowski noted that the controller at the intersection failed recently and was repaired.

Chair Showalter inquired if the tree in the median at that location was going to stay.

PW Superintendent Piorkowski noted the tree would be removed when he was directed to remove the tree.

Commissioner Gregory noted the traffic signal warning beacon when traveling down Norco Hills Rd is still out of service.

PW Superintendent Piorkowski noted the signal's repair is very expensive due to wiring damage and removal would have to be addressed by a traffic engineer.

Further discussion was held.

Chair Showalter inquired regarding the SCE Belgian area project as it was tearing up the street.

Deputy Director Askew noted the streets would be repaired after the SCE project was completed.

Commissioner Hoffman wanted to commend ValleyCrest for grading the trails in Norco Hills. They look very nice and are ready for Halloween.

Commission Hoffman inquired regarding the AMI project and how is it functioning.

PW Superintendent Piorkowski noted that it was working out very well, the Fiscal and Support Services Department was amassing immense amounts of information although he did not know when the customer access would be initiated.

Deputy Director Askew also noted a meeting had been held between Fiscal and Support Services and Triton possibly regarding the AMI project.

Discussion was held.

10. VERBAL UPDATES: STREETS – TRAILS – UTILITIES

Deputy Director Askew noted there were no verbal updates at this time.

11. OTHER MATTERS:

Deputy Director Askew noted there were no other matters to discuss at this time.

12. ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 pm

Meeting adjourned to the next quarterly meeting date to be determined.

M/S Gregory/Walker to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Mauro, Walker, Hoffman, Showalter, Gregory

NOES: None

ABSENT: Burt, Turpin

ABSTAIN: None

Lori J. Askew

Deputy Director of Public Works/Senior Engineer

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