



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
MAY 1, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Azevedo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Kathy Azevedo, **Present**
Mayor Pro Tem Berwin Hanna, **Present**
Council Member Kevin Bash, **Present**
Council Member Herb Higgins, **Present at 7 p.m.**
Council Member Harvey C. Sullivan, **Present at 7 p.m.**

City Attorney Harper announced that an additional item will be discussed under §54956.9 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Case Number RIC 1303650, 1695 Mountain Avenue.

M/S Hanna/Bash to add the recommended item to the closed session agenda. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

THE CITY COUNCIL RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION (SECTION 54954) TO CONSIDER MATTERS:

§54956.9 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Case Name: Norco Firefighters Association vs. City of Norco
Case Number: RIC 1114581

Case Name: City of Norco vs. 1695 Mountain Avenue
Case Number: RIC 1303650

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION: 7:04 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION(S) TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION (§54957.1)): City Attorney Harper stated that §54956.9 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Case Number RIC 1303650, 1695 Mountain Avenue, was added to the closed session agenda and further stated that there were no reportable actions resulting from the items discussed in Closed Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Azevedo

INVOCATION: Norco Foursquare Church
Pastor Jared Vieyra

PRESENTATIONS: Proclamation for May as Asthma Awareness Month
Carey Poindexter

Council Member Higgins presented the proclamation to Carey Poindexter in recognition of May as Asthma Awareness Month.

Proclamation for May as Mental Health Awareness
Month -- *Caroline Martinez,*
Western Regional Mental Health Board Member

Mayor Azevedo presented the proclamation to Caroline Martinez in recognition of May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Proclamation for May as Poppy Month
American Legion Auxiliary

Council Member Sullivan presented a proclamation to representatives from the Norco American Legion Auxiliary Unit 328 in recognition of May as Poppy Month.

Proclamation for May as National Preservation Month

Council Member Bash presented a proclamation to Su Bacon, Chairperson of the Historic Preservation Commission, in recognition of May as National Preservation Month.

Proclamation for May as Water Awareness Month

Mayor Pro Tem Hanna presented a proclamation to Lori Askew, Deputy Public Works Director/Senior Engineer, in recognition of May as Water Awareness Month.

COMMENDATION: Kris Parish
2013 Yale Distinguished Music Educator Award

Mayor Azevedo presented a Certificate of Commendation to Mr. Parish in recognition of his accomplishments and contributions to, and passion for, music education.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

1. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

M/S Hanna/Higgins to adopt 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

- A. City Council Minutes:
Regular Meeting of April 17, 2013
Recommended Action: **Approve the City Council Minutes** (City Clerk)
 - B. Recap of Actions Taken of the Planning Commission meeting of April 24, 2013.
Recommended Action: Receive and File (Planning Director)
 - C. Procedural Step to Approve Ordinance after Reading of Title Only.
Recommended Action: Approval (City Clerk)
 - D. Proposed Cancellation of the July 3, 2013 City Council Regular Meeting.
Recommended Action: That the City Council cancel the July 3, 2013 City Council regular meeting. (City Clerk)
 - E. Continuation of Annual Special Tax for Community Facilities District No. 93-1 for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014. **Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No 2013-15.** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)
 - F. Approval to Purchase a 2013 Ford F150 Truck. **Recommended Action: Approve the purchase of a Ford F150 Truck from Hemborg Ford in the amount of \$18,708.95.** (Director of Public Works).
 - G. Acceptance of a Conservation Easement over Parcel M of Parcel Map 30196. **Recommended Action: Accept Conservation Easement.** (Deputy Director of Public Works/Senior Engineer).
2. ITEM(S) PULLED FROM CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:
3. CITY COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:
- A. Review of the Proposed Brand Logo for the George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center -- the "GI". **Recommended Action: Approve the Brand Logo "GI" for the George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center.** (Director of Parks and Recreation)

Parks, Recreation & Community Development Director Petree introduced the item for discussion, noting the importance of logos to promote and recognize identity. The goal is to promote Norco and the George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center and the intent was never to rename the facility, but to market it. The Parks and Recreation Commission approved the logo and recommended that the City Council review and approve the brand logo "GI".

Ted Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman commented on the brand logo, noting that everyone knows what "Ingalls Park" is, and stating that it should remain as Ingalls Park, as that is the brand and would rather see the money go towards upgrading the facility.

Pat Overstreet. Ms. Overstreet commented on the logo, stating that she agrees with Mr. Hoffman.

Judy Bonham. Ms. Bonham commented on another option for the logo.

The City Council Members all commented on their concerns regarding the logo, noting that it looks great, but needs some work.

Corinne Holder. Ms. Holder thanked the Council for all the comments and asked for any feedback they might help to assist the sub-committee.

M/S Azevedo/Higgins to send the logo back to the Parks and Recreation Commission sub-committee to revise the logo. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, HIGGINS, SULLIVAN

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

- B. Review of Administrative Policy 311 -- Code of Ethics and Procedures for City Council Members, Commission Members and City Employees and Resolution No. 2013-01 Amending the Code of Ethics for City Council Members, Commission Members and City Employees. **Recommended Action: That the City Council recommend and approve any changes to the Administrative Policy and/or Resolution No. 2013-01.** (Council Member Higgins)

Council Member Higgins commented on his concerns regarding the Code of Ethics, specifically noting legal discussions following its approval. He is recommending that it be revised.

M/S Higgins/Bash to send the Code of Ethics resolution back to staff to work with the City Attorney on revisions.

Council Member Sullivan, under discussion, stated that he was concerned about the City Attorney serving on the panel listening to the complaint filed.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanna, under discussion, commented on his concerns regarding a person wishing to speak as a private citizen, noting freedom of speech.

Council Member Bash, under discussion, commented on the reasoning for the Code of Ethics, noting that some will use this for political reasons.

Su Bacon. Ms. Bacon, speaking as a private citizen, commented on the Code of Ethics being miss-used for political reasons.

Vern Showalter. Mr. Showalter commented on Code of Ethics from the City of Industry.

Council Member Sullivan, under discussion, commented on the statement made regarding the Code of Ethics being miss-used for political reasons.

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 HEARINGS:

A. Public Hearing Ordering Abatement of Weeds on Vacant Lots

The proposed resolution orders the abatement of weeds and authorizes the Fire Department's weed abatement contractor to begin abating weeds on vacant properties whose owners did not comply with the Notice to Abate Spring Weeds.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2013-16, declaring that weeds and hazardous vegetation, upon or in front of vacant property in the City of Norco, constitute a public nuisance and ordering the abatement.
(Fire Chief)

Fire Chief Pemberton presented 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 Sullivan/Bash to adopt Resolution No. 2013-16. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

Ted Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman commented on May 9th Norco Horsemen's Association "Red Day" event with Keller Williams. He also commented on his support for an amplified noise ordinance in the City.

Judy Bonham. Ms. Bonham commented on National Preservation Month, noting that she wants to preserve Norco as a rural community and would like to see the opposite side of the street from the horse trail side used for parking.

6. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS / REPORTS ON REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Council Member Sullivan:

- Reported that there is a Chino Basin Desalter Authority Board meeting scheduled to discuss the water situation.
- Commented on the Extreme Mustang Makeover that will take place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (May 3 – 5).

Council Member Higgins:

- Commented on the recent Sheriff Report on citations, noting that the trail citations doubled and failure to display plates citations dropped.
- Stated that the access gate for the freeway on Fourth Street has been open for a few weeks and asked that staff address it.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanna:

- Reported that the Riverside County Transportation Commission sub-committee approved the contract for the 91 Freeway and it will now go to main commission for its vote.
- Reported that the Vector Control held another vote regarding the expansion of the district into a small portion of Riverside, and they believe it will pass.
- Stated that he serves on the Advisory Board for Norco High School Agriculture Department, noting that they have the best farm and floral projects in California. He added that they fill flower orders and also sell fresh eggs and vegetables.

Council Member Bash:

- Reported that the Economic Development Advisory Council is expanding to hold additional meetings.
- Reported that the Norconian Strategic Plan Committee met.
- Commented on the 90th birthday of Norco on May 13, when it became a township.
- Commented on his new book coming out on May 13th, noting that the proceeds go to Lake Norconian Club Foundation

Mayor Azevedo:

- Commented on the UNLOAD Town Hall meeting to be held on May 8th, noting that it is put on by students in the region.
- Stated that the Norco Trading Post opened last weekend, adding that it was a great opening.
- Reported on the City's 50th birthday committee meeting held, noting that they chose a logo for the event and the artist will be invited to attend the City Council's first meeting in June.

7. CITY MANAGER / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Groves:

- Stated that the City is accepting applications for City Commissions and the Economic Development Advisory Council.

- Reported on the Hamner Bridget project, noting that it is a cooperative effort with the County of Riverside and City of Eastvale, with the County taking the lead. She stated that this is a \$57 million project and has been accepted as a federal project, which will cover 80 percent of the funding, and the 20 percent local match funding remaining is being pursued.
8. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Azevedo adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

BRENDA K. JACOBS, CMC
CITY CLERK