



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
CITY COUNCIL

February 5, 2014

City Council Chambers
2820 Clark Avenue, Norco, CA 92860



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- CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hanna called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- ROLL CALL: Berwin Hanna, Mayor, **Present**
Herb Higgins, Mayor Pro Tem, **Present**
Kathy Azevedo, Council Member, **Present**
Kevin Bash, Council Member, **Present**
Greg Newton, Council Member, **Present**
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Bash
- INVOCATION: Beacon Hill Assembly of God
Pastor Rene Parish
- INTRODUCTION: Lt. Hedge introduced Sgt. Mike Portillo
- CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS AS FOLLOWS:
1. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS / REPORTS ON REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:
Council Member Bash:
 - Reported that the film festival was a great success and there was a lot of positive response from it. He thanked everyone for their support.**Council Member Newton:**
 - Reported on the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority ("WRCRWA") meeting he attended, noting that the treatment plant expansion project is approximately 97% complete, adding that more information will be provided in the mid-year budget.

Council Member Azevedo:

- Reported on the City's 50th Birthday celebration activities, noting the March events that will be held -- NHA Casino Night to be held on March 15th and the March 27th State of the City Address at Nellie Weaver Hall.
- Reported on the WRCOG meeting she attended, noting that almost the entire meeting was devoted to "Set Ontario Free" in support of the Ontario Airport.

Mayor Hanna:

- Reported on the RCTC Workshop he attended in Palm Springs and the items discussed.
- Commented on the RTA meeting he attended and the items discussed, including the addition of busses.
- Commented on the Arabian Show held in Norco and commended the Parks and Recreation Department for booking these types of events in Norco.

2. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Member Newton pulled Item 2.E. for discussion.

M/S Azevedo/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, NEWTON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

- A. City Council Minutes:
Regular Meeting of January 15, 2013
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. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem Higgins to Serve as the City's Delegate at the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG) General Assembly to be Held on May 1 – 2, 2014. **Recommended Action: Approval** (City Clerk)
- D. Acceptance of the 2013/14 Equestrian Trail Fencing Project as Complete.
Recommended Action: Accept the 2013/14 Equestrian Trail Fencing Project as complete and direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the County of Riverside. (Director of Public Works)

- E. Approval of Additional Appropriation and Changes in Contract Amounts and Acceptance of the Hamner Avenue Widening Project as Complete. **Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2014-02, appropriating funds in the amount of \$288,301 for completion of the Hamner Avenue Widening Project; approve changes to the contracts, and accept the Hamner Avenue Widening Project as complete and direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the County of Riverside.** (Director Public Works) **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

- F. Approval of a Contract with Pixelpushers, Inc. DBA Civica Software to Redesign, Upgrade and Integrate a New Look and Feel to the City's Website. **Recommended Action: Approve the contract with Pixelpushers, Inc. DBA Civica Software in an amount not-to-exceed \$36,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.** (City Manager)

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

Item 2.E. Approval of Additional Appropriation and Changes in Contract Amounts and Acceptance of the Hamner Avenue Widening Project as Complete.

Council Member Newton asked if the funding for the construction of the causeway under Hamner Avenue was a joint effort with Balboa and Jurupa. In response, Director Askew stated that this is not a shared cost, as it serves a dual purpose as flood relief. Council Member Newton commented on his concerns regarding the authorized funds allocated for change orders to construct a storm drain connection and installation of a gasline sleeve at the intersection of Citrus for the benefit of the Silverlakes property to be reimbursed to the City by Balboa. In response, Director Askew stated that the City paid the contractor and will be reimbursed from Balboa for that same amount of money. Council Member Newton further commented on his concerns with extending the money before receipt of the reimbursement from Balboa. Director Petree added that the invoice was sent to Balboa on January 29, 2014 for the full amount and further noted that the invoice is net 30 days.

M/S Higgins/Azevedo to adopt Resolution No. 2014-02, appropriating funds in the amount of \$288,301 for completion of the Hamner Avenue Widening Project; approve changes to the contracts, and accept the Hamner Avenue Widening Project as complete and direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the County of Riverside. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

4. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

- A. **Zone Code Amendment 2013-16 (City):** A request to amend Title 18 (Zoning) of the Norco Municipal Code regarding the definitions and/or regulations for second units, emergency shelters, transitional housing, and supportive housing in accordance with State Government Code requirements.
Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 969. (City Clerk)

M/S Higgins/Bash to adopt Ordinance No. 969. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- B. **Code Change 2013-05 (City):** Code Change 2013-05 (City of Norco): Adding Section 9.95 "Reasonable Accommodations" to the Norco Municipal Code.
Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 970. (City Clerk)

M/S Higgins/Bash to adopt Ordinance No. 970. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jodie Webber. Ms. Webber thanked the Council for responding to her concerns regarding the crime in the Norco hills. She asked the Council to keep priorities in mind throughout the upcoming budget workshops regarding the spending of tax dollars, noting the increase in crime. She noted that there may be more crime going on than what has been recorded by the Sheriff's Department.

Ted Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman commented on the last update provided on the Silverlakes project, noting the comments made by Mr. Brandes. He added that as residents, they deserve to know what is going on.

Gary Roquet. Mr. Roquet spoke representing his neighborhood and thanked the Council for the installation of the new stop sign on Willow.

Robin Grundmeyer. Ms. Grundmeyer commented on Governor Brown's cut of Agricultural Education Grants in California. She noted that they are working with local legislators, and added that the Corona-Norco Unified School District has stated that they will fully fund the program in Norco. She further asked that the City Council adopt a resolution encouraging the Governor and all members of the California State Legislature to support high-quality Agricultural Education in California through continued funding of the Agricultural Education Incentive Grant program. Ms. Grundmeyer also commented on the FFA Barn Dance that will be held on February 22 and invited the Council to attend.

6. CITY COUNCIL / CITY MANAGER / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Director Petree:

- Commented on the AYSO t-shirts given to the Council, noting that the City's 50th Birthday was added to the T-shirts.
- Commented on the Memorial Bricks that are now on sale, noting the link to order them from the City's website.

Mayor Hanna:

- **M/S Hanna/Higgins to agendize a discussion regarding gourmet food trucks. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:**

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

- Asked Director Petree to send weekly updates on the Veterans Memorial.

Council Member Bash:

- Inquired when paving would be done on Hillside. In response, Director Askew stated that the limits will be changed a little to get it done and providing there is no rain, it will be completed next week Wednesday and Thursday, and into Friday if necessary.
- **M/S Bash/Higgins to agendize an item to annually designate April 16th as George Alan Ingalls Day in the City of Norco in memory of his death and fly the flag at half-mast. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins:

- Inquired about the trail on Kips Korner where a tree is growing in the horse trail and riders cannot get by. In response, Water/Sewer Manager Thompson stated that he has been in communication with Edison who maintains those trees and will look into it.

- Inquired if a building has been located for the housing of the archives. In response, Director Petree stated that there are some options and they will be brought back to the Council in March.

Council Member Newton:

- Noted that the trail installation on Valley View and Willow was professionally done.
- Commented on the paving on Hillside and Center and asked what the project included. In response, Director Askew stated that the project was required to only fix the trench line, but she asked for additional paving so it would be done correctly.
- Noted that hopefully tomorrow the Corydon building will be delivered and then installed next week, to bring the project to completion.

Council Member Azevedo:

- Stated that the Exclusive Refuse Franchise Agreement Ad-Hoc Committee has concluded its work and will present its findings to the Council at a future study session.

7. FUTURE STUDY SESSION ITEMS – INFORMATION ONLY:

- Goal Setting – Pre Budget Workshop
- Trails and Trail Materials
- Water System Management

8. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Hanna adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

BRENDA K. JACOBS, CMC
CITY CLERK