



MINUTES  
CITY OF NORCO  
CITY COUNCIL

March 19, 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 6:00 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**

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

**Section 54956.9(c) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation:**  
One Potential Case

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION: Mayor Hanna reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION(S) TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION (§54957.1): **City Attorney Harper stated that there are no reportable actions from the discussions held in Closed Session.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Bash

INVOCATION: Grace Fellowship Church  
*Pastor Vernie Fletcher*

PRESENTATION: Introduction of the Norco Girls Outlaws Basketball Travel Team

Debbie Bedre, representing the Relay for Life Norco, presented information regarding the upcoming event to be held on April 5 – 6, 2014.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS AS FOLLOWS:

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

**Council Member Bash:**

- Reported on City recreational events he attended and also stated that Norco High Schools Principal, Dr. Lisa Simon, has been named the Secondary Principal of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators.

**Council Member Newton:**

- Reported on the Chino Basin Desalter Authority Board meeting he attended.

**Council Member Azevedo:**

- Reported on the WRCOG recycle event to be held at Norco AutoZone on March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Reported on the upcoming City Birthday events that will be held, noting that May 10<sup>th</sup> is the photo op day and December 28<sup>th</sup> will be the big Birthday Party. She stated that the next big event is the State of the City to be held on April 8<sup>th</sup>. A promotional song called "Norco, I'm Comin' Back" was presented and played for the City Council in recognition of the City's Birthday.

**Mayor Hanna:**

- Reported that the Vector Mosquito Abatement District is concerned about all of the mosquitos this time of the year and encourages vaccinations for the West Nile disease.
- Reported that the show "Small Town Big Deal" will air the program showcasing Norco again tomorrow night.
- Reported that NART will be doing a demonstration on Saturday at the Rendezvous 2014 event.
- Reported on the upcoming Day of the Cowboy events.

2. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT ITEMS:

**M/S Azevedo/Bash 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, NEWTON**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSENT: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

A. City Council Minutes:

Special Meeting of March 7, 2014

Regular Meeting of March 5, 2014

**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 Actions Taken by the Planning Commission at its Meeting held on March 12, 2014. **Recommended Action: Receive and File** (Planning Director)
  - D. Annual Resolution Making Findings and Continuing Existing Rates for Maintaining Flood Control Channels within County Service Area CSA-152. **Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 2014-11, making findings and continuing existing rates for maintaining flood control channels within County Service Area CSA-152.** (City Manager)
3. ITEM(S) PULLED FROM CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:
4. CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:
- A. Formation of an Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the City's Future Infrastructure and Funding Needs. **Recommended Action: 1. Approve the formation of an Ad-Hoc Committee to review the City's future infrastructure needs and funding options; 2. Approve the Mayor's appointment of two Council Members to the Ad-Hoc Committee; and 3. Approve the process to move forward with City Commission member (four) and resident (three) appointments to the Ad-Hoc Committee.** (City Manager)

**City Manager Okoro** presented the item for discussion. He noted the significant gap in the amount of available funding and the cost for infrastructure needs within the City, adding that the City will need to find alternative sources to fund those infrastructure needs. He further commented on the recommended process for the appointments to the Ad-Hoc Committee.

**Mayor Hanna** appointed Mayor Pro Tem Higgins and Council Member Bash to the Ad-Hoc Committee.

**M/S Azevedo/Newton** to approve the Mayor's appointments of Mayor Pro Tem Higgins and Council Member Bash to the Ad-Hoc Committee. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**M/S Hanna/Bash** to approve the formation of an Ad-Hoc Committee to review the City's future infrastructure needs and funding options; and approve the process to move forward with City Commission/EDAC member (four) and resident (three) appointments to the Ad-Hoc Committee. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- B. 2013 Annual Water and Sewer Department Report. **Recommended Action: Receive and File.** (Water/Sewer Manager)

**Water/Sewer Manager Thompson** presented the 2013 Annual Water and Sewer report. During 2013, the City continued to provide a high quality of water that meets or exceeds the State Department of Public Health standard regulations. The City sanitary sewer collection system accepted discharges and conveyed 1.9 million gallons per day (mgd) of sewage discharges to the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority for treatment. In response to a question from the Council, he noted the very small amount of the pass-through costs for residents that live above the 857 foot elevation. Also in response to a question asked about reclaimed water, he noted that ultimately, reclaimed water will be provided to all of the City's municipal parks and building facilities, as well as other potential public and private end users.

**City Manager Okoro** stated that by the end of this fiscal year, residents should be able to view their water usage online.

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

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

- C. Sheriff's Department Annual Report Presentation for 2013. **Recommended Action: Receive and File** (Lt. Hedge)

**Lt. Hedge** presented the 2013 Sheriff's Department annual report. In summary, overall crime has decreased, traffic collisions have decreased and the Sheriff's Department continues to provide quality service to and partnerships with the community.

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

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

5. CITY COUNCIL CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. **Tentative Tract Map 36676** (Goodman/Lewis Operating Corp.): A request for approval of a subdivision of land that is approximately 4.22 acres into six parcels for residential development. The project also includes a new cul-de-sac street to provide the required access and frontage on a public street for Lots 1 through 5 of this subdivision. The project site consists of two legal parcels located at 3498 and 3516 Valley View Avenue within the A-1-20 zone (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 131-330-016 and 131-330-017). **PUBLIC HEARING CANCELLED**

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

**Pat Overstreet.** Ms. Overstreet brought to the attention of the Council the crosswalk at Second Street and the northbound I-15 exit ramp. She further commented on the dangerous conditions at that location.

**Nick and Lisa Kay.** Mr. and Ms. Kay commented on the drainage easement problems on their property and their desire to pull permits on a new barn. Ms. Kay also commented as an ambassador for Donate Life Month.

**Vern Showalter.** Mr. Showalter commented on complaints he has received regarding deceased names remaining on the City's utility bills.

7. CITY COUNCIL / CITY MANAGER / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

**Council Member Azevedo:**

- Commented on the services that will be held for Angel Santos on March 25<sup>th</sup>. She also commented on the services that will be held for Corky Blair on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Council Member Newton:**

- Requested a follow-up to the pictures that were passed out at the last City Council meeting of manure bins left in the right-of-way. In response, staff noted that this issue was sent to Code Compliance.

**Public Works Director Askew:**

- Highlighted two (2) active public works projects – 1.) The Various Streets Slurry Seal Project, and 2.) The North Norco Channel Stage 10 Project.

**Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director Petree:**

- Provided an update on the George Ingalls Veterans Memorial Project, noting that twenty (20) contractors have showed interest in bidding.

8. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Hanna adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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BRENDA K. JACOBS, CMC  
CITY CLERK