

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**AGOURA HILLS CITY COUNCIL - OFFICIAL REORGANIZATION**  
**Sheraton Agoura Hills Hotel – Grand Ballroom**  
**30100 Agoura Road, Agoura Hills, CA 91301**  
**December 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m.

The flag salute was led by Boy Scout Troop #775.

On behalf of the City Council, Councilmember Edelston, with the assistance of Administrative Secretary Judy Ptashkin, presented certificates of appreciation to Boy Scouts Conner DeDecker, Tyler Jacques, Macon McIntyre, Madison McIntyre, and Alex Ross.

Present were: Mayor Harry Schwarz, Mayor Pro Tem Dan Kuperberg, Councilmember John M. Edelston, Councilmember William D. Koehler, and Councilmember Denis Weber.

Also Present were: City Manager Greg Ramirez, Assistant City Attorney Candice Lee, Assistant City Manager Nathan Hamburger, Deputy City Manager Louis Celaya, Executive Assistant Patricia Wiley, Administrative Analyst Celeste Bird, Administrative Secretary Sheila Keckhut, Director of Finance Christy Pinuelas, Accountant Melinda Brodsky, Accounting Specialist Monica Hanson, Public Works Director/City Engineer Ramiro Adeva, Public Works Project Manager Chris Dodd, Building Official Amir Hamidzadeh, Director of Planning and Community Development Mike Kamino, Assistant Director of Planning and Community Development Doug Hooper, Code Compliance Officer Mike Gonzalez, Associate Planner Valerie Darbouze, Director of Community Services Amy Brink, Recreation Manager Donna Conlin, Recreation Manager Zach Miller, Recreation Supervisor Nick Newkirk, Community Services Coordinator Jacob Broyles, Community Services Coordinator Xochitl Castillo, Administrative Secretary Judy Ptashkin, and City Clerk Kimberly Rodrigues.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kuperberg, second by Councilmember Edelston, the Agenda was approved without objection.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no Public Comment.

## **INTRODUCTIONS OF DIGNITARIES AND SPECIAL GUESTS**

Councilmember Koehler introduced the dignitaries and special guests, including: former Agoura Hills Mayor, the Honorable Senator Fran Pavley and her Field Representative Rebekah Rodriguez-Lynn; former California State Senator Sheila Kuehl; the Honorable Assemblymember Julia Brownley and her District Director, former Agoura Hills Mayor, Louise Rishoff; the Honorable Los Angeles County Supervisor, Third District, Zev Yaroslavsky, who will administer oaths of office for the incoming Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem; former Mayors of the City of Agoura Hills, Ed Corridori, Jack Koenig, Jeff Reinhardt, also representing the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, and Joan Yacovone; former Agoura Hills Councilmember Ernest Dynda; the Honorable Judge Lawrence Mira, who will administer oaths of office for the Council-elect; former Agoura Hills City Manager Dave Adams; newly appointed Agoura Hills City Treasurer Candis Hong; Mayor James Bozajian, Mayor pro Tem Mary Sue Maurer, Councilmember Fred Gaines, and Councilmember Lucy Martin, representing the City of Calabasas; Council Member Marv Landon and Council Member Larry G. Weber, representing the City of Hidden Hills; Mayor Laura Zahn Rosenthal, Councilmember John Sibert, and City Manager Jim Thorsen, representing the City of Malibu; Mayor Pro Tem Philippa Klessig, representing the City of Westlake Village; Agoura High School Principal Larry Misel, representing the Las Virgenes Unified School District Board of Education; former Las Virgenes Unified School District Superintendent Bud Marley; Board Member Barry Steinhardt and General Manager John Mundy, representing the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District; Chair Stephen Rishoff and Vice Chair and incoming Agoura Hills Councilmember Illece Buckley Weber, representing the Agoura Hills Planning Commission; former Agoura Hills Planning Commissioners Cyrena Nouzille and Diane Walker; Executive Director Annemarie Flaherty, representing the Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center JPA; Chairman-Elect John LaRocca, President/CEO Jill Lederer and Director of Governmental and Economic Affairs Jan Smith, representing the Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce; Captain Joseph Stephen, Lieutenant Todd Weber, Deputy Shawn Brownell and Deputy Robert DeSantis, representing the Lost Hills/Malibu Sheriff's Station; Assistant Fire Chief Anthony Whittle, representing the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Division 7; and Rabbi Moshe Bryski, representing the Chabad of the Conejo.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no public speakers.

On a motion by Councilmember Edelston, second by Mayor Pro Tem Kuperberg, the Consent Calendar was approved 5-0.

1. Adopt **Resolution No. 11-1656**; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2011, DECLARING THE RESULT THEREOF AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW

ACTION:                      Approved 5-0

## **MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**

### A. Mayor Schwarz' State of the City Address

Mayor Pro Tem Kuperberg introduced Mayor Schwarz who presented his State of the City address. As part of his address, Mayor Schwarz presented a 2011 Business of the Year award to Trader Joe's, Store No. 247 – Agoura Hills.

Following his State of the City Address, Mayor Schwarz gave his remarks as outgoing Mayor.

### B. Presentations to Outgoing Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Kuperberg read a letter of congratulations on behalf of Congressman Henry Waxman. Presentations to outgoing Mayor Harry Schwarz were made by: Senator Fran Pavley; Assemblywoman Julia Brownley; Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky; Agoura High School Principal Larry Misel, representing the Las Virgenes Unified School District Board of Directors; Chairman-Elect John LaRocca, representing the Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce; and City Manager Greg Ramirez, representing the City of Agoura Hills staff. Mayor Pro Tem Kuperberg presented a City proclamation and the City Council gift of a framed Fahrenheit 451 poster signed by author Ray Bradley.

## **2011 CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION**

*(Please refer to the 2011 City Council Reorganization Program)*

### A. Outgoing Councilmember Remarks from Dan Kuperberg

Mayor Schwarz introduced Dan Kuperberg who gave his outgoing Councilmember remarks.

### B. Presentations to Outgoing Councilmember Dan Kuperberg

Mayor Schwarz read a letter of congratulations on behalf of Congressman Henry Waxman. Presentations to outgoing Councilmember Dan Kuperberg were made by: Senator Fran Pavley; Assemblywoman Julia Brownley; Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky; Mayor James Bozajian, Mayor pro Tem Mary Sue Maurer, Councilmember Fred Gaines, and Councilmember Lucy Martin, representing the City of Calabasas; Council Member Marv Landon and Council Member Larry Weber, representing the City of Hidden Hills; Councilmember John Sibert and City Manager Jim Thorsen, representing the City of Malibu; Mayor Pro Tem Philippa Klessig, representing the City of Westlake Village; Agoura High School Principal Larry Misel, representing the Las Virgenes Unified School District Board of Directors; Director Barry Steinhardt, representing the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District; Executive Director Annemarie Flaherty, representing the Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center JPA; Chairman-Elect John

LaRocca, representing the Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce; Assistant Fire Chief Anthony Whittle, representing the Los Angeles County Fire Department; and City Engineer Ramiro Adeva, representing the City of Agoura Hills staff. Mayor Schwarz presented a City proclamation and the Council/staff gift of an NCAA 2012 Final Four gift basket and announced a \$100 donation to the One City/One Book Program was made in Dan Kuperberg's name by Joel and Lydia Kuperberg.

- C. Oaths of Office for Councilmembers-Elect; Illece Buckley Weber and John M. Edelston

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Lawrence Mira administered the Oaths of Office to incoming Agoura Hills Councilmembers Illece Buckley Weber and John M. Edelston.

- D. Election of New Mayor

Mayor Schwarz opened the nominations for Mayor. The motion by Councilmember Weber, to nominate John M. Edelston as Mayor, was seconded by Councilmember Koehler. There were no further nominations and, by unanimous consensus, John M. Edelston was elected as Mayor.

- E. Election of New Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Edelston opened the nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. The motion by Councilmember Koehler, to nominate Denis Weber as Mayor Pro Tem, was seconded by Councilmember Schwarz. There were no further nominations and, by unanimous consensus, Denis Weber was elected as Mayor Pro Tem.

- F. Oaths of Office for Incoming Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky administered the Oaths of Office to Mayor Edelston and Mayor Pro Tem Weber.

- G. Incoming Mayor's Remarks

Councilmember Schwarz introduced Mayor Edelston, who gave his incoming remarks.

### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Koehler, Mayor Pro Tem Weber, Councilmember Schwarz, and Mayor Edelston spoke about Dan Kuperberg's departure from the City Council and their personal and professional experiences, thanked him for his years of service to the community, and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Councilmember Schwarz congratulated Illece Buckley Weber on her election to the City Council.

Mayor Edelston thanked everyone for attending and invited the attendees to join the City Council in the Grand Ballroom foyer for refreshments after the meeting was adjourned.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:38 p.m., on a motion by Councilmember Buckley Weber, second by Councilmember Schwarz, the City Council unanimously consented to adjourn to a Regular Meeting of the City Council at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center with a Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. The Civic Center is located at 30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills.

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MPPA, MMC  
City Clerk