

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AGOURA HILLS CITY COUNCIL
Civic Center – Council Chambers
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, CA 91301
April 26, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

The flag salute was led by Assistant City Manager Jim Thorsen.

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

Also Present were: City Manager Greg Ramirez, Assistant City Manager Jim Thorsen, Assistant to the City Manager Nathan Hamburger, City Attorney Craig Steele, City Prosecutor Steven Rosenblit, Director of Planning and Community Development Mike Kamino, Assistant Director of Community Development Doug Hooper, Code Enforcement Officer Mike Gonzales, City Engineer Ken Berkman, Director of Community Services Amy Brink, and City Clerk Kimberly Rodrigues.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Steele reported on the Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(b) and 54957. Direction was given to staff and no reportable action was taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Gale Trumbeaux, 5610 Colodny Drive, Agoura Hills, owner of the Stage Door Theatre, spoke about her concerns with Mad Dog Custom Cycle's adult entertainment at their annual parties, distributed photographs to Council, and requested that their event permit for this year's annual event not be approved.

PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of the City Council and staff, Mayor Weber presented a certificate of appreciation and framed photograph of the Civic Center to Jim Thorsen, Assistant City Manager, in recognition of his nine years of outstanding service with the City of Agoura Hills and congratulated him on his new position as City Manager of Malibu.

The City Council and staff echoed congratulatory comments and noted that the City of Agoura Hills' loss would be the City of Malibu's gain.

Assistant City Manager Jim Thorsen thanked the City Council and staff and expressed his appreciation for what has been accomplished as a team; noting that the City has accomplished so much due to the leadership of Council and hardworking staff.

Robert Evren and Cyrena Nouzille, representing the Old Agoura Homeowners Association, thanked Mr. Thorsen and presented him with tokens of their appreciation.

Mayor Weber presented a Proclamation recognizing Boys & Girls Club Week to President and CEO June Aiello and Youth of the Year Samantha Spencer. Ms. Aiello spoke about the programs at the Boys & Girls Club and invited everyone to attend the annual food and wine festival events scheduled for May 18 and 21. Miss Spencer shared her experiences as a member of the Boys & Girls Club and indicated that the programs were fun and educational.

Mayor Weber presented a Proclamation recognizing National Library Week to Agoura Hills Community Library Manager Raya Sagi. Mrs. Sagi thanked the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Kuperberg presented a Proclamation recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Denim Day to Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women (LACAAW) representative Jacqueline Gonzalez who provided statistics on domestic violence and thanked the City Council and staff for their support and participation in Denim Day.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL, SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE & DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Raya Sagi, Agoura Hills Community Library Manager, presented the State of the Library and updated the City Council on the programs currently offered at the library.

Mayor Pro Tem Kuperberg reported that he attended the City Selection Committee meeting on May 4, 2006 to select a representative for the North County/San Fernando Valley Sector to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and Councilmember Ara Najarian from the City of Glendale was selected.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Edelston pulled Agenda Item Nos. 5 and 9 for discussion.

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kuperberg, second by Councilmember Edelston, Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, and 13 were approved 5-0.

1. Approve Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 22, 2006

ACTION: Approved 5-0

2. Approve Demand Register No. 537

ACTION: Approved 5-0

3. Approve Demand Register No. 538

ACTION: Approved 5-0

4. Denial of Claim for Damages – Mercury Insurance Company for Subrogee Cleveland Lee

ACTION: Approved 5-0

5. Item pulled and deferred to end of the Agenda.

6. Approve Contract Amendment with MDG Associates, Inc., for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consulting Services (FY 2005-06)

ACTION: Approved 5-0

7. Approve Resolution No. 06-1409; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND FOR THE EQUESTRIAN TRAIL PROJECT

ACTION: Approved 5-0

8. Approve Resolution No. 06-1410; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS AMENDING THE COMPENSATION PLAN BY ESTABLISHING THE CLASSIFICATION OF SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER, APPROVING THE CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION AND SETTING THE SALARY RANGE FOR THE CLASSIFICATION

ACTION: Approved 5-0

9. Item pulled and deferred to end of the Agenda.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

10. Approve Resolution No. 06-1412; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS SUPPORTING AB 2015 (LIEU) WHICH ENHANCES MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATION ON THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ACTION: Approved 5-0

DISCUSSION/ACTION

11. Conduct a Pre-Screen Review and Provide Direction Regarding Amendments to the Sign Ordinance

Robert Evren, 5732 Colodny, Agoura Hills, spoke about his support of the City's sign code and thanked the Council for their support.

ACTION: Following the staff presentation and discussion, the City Council provided non-binding comments related to the following six provisions of the Sign Ordinance: 1) Temporary Commercial Window Signs; 2) Political Campaign Signs; 3) Freeway Facing Signs; 4) Fast Service Restaurant Menu/Reader Boards; 5) Secondary Commercial Signs; and, 6) Real Estate Signs and directed staff to prepare a draft Ordinance, including all proposed amendments, to bring back for Council consideration.

The City Council recessed at 8:55 p.m. and reconvened at 9:11 p.m.

Councilmember Edelston also suggested that a policy regarding compliance be provided to businesses by the Code Enforcement Officer.

11. Discussion and Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. 06-1413; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS AUTHORIZING (1) THE TERMINATION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS COLLECTION SERVICES WITH CONSOLIDATED

DISPOSAL SERVICE, LLC; (2) THE DELETION OF COMMERCIAL BIN ACCOUNTS FROM THE SCOPE OF SERVICES AUTHORIZED BY THE 2006 COMMERCIAL WASTE HAULER'S PERMIT ISSUED TO CONSOLIDATED DISPOSAL SERVICE, LLC; AND (3) THE PROVISIONS OF A TRANSITION PLAN SUBMITTED BY USA WASTE OF CALIFORNIA, INC. RELATING TO THE ASSUMPTION OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS COLLECTION SERVICES AND OF COMMERCIAL BIN ACCOUNTS; and Resolution No. 06-1414; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS ESTABLISHING A CAP ON RATES TO BE CHARGED BY USA WASTE OF CALIFORNIA, INC. TO CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS WHOSE ACCOUNTS WILL BE SOLD AND TRANSFERRED BY CONSOLIDATED DISPOSAL SERVICE, LLC TO USA WASTE OF CALIFORNIA, INC.

Kimberly C. Nilsson, Consultant, provided an overview of the proposed program.

There were no speakers on this item.

ACTION: Following presentation of the staff report and a question and answer period, the motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kuperberg, to approve Resolution No. 06-1413 and Resolution No. 06-1414, with an amendment to extend

the rate freeze for the transferred customers to December 2006, was seconded by Councilmember Schwarz and approved 5-0.

13. Update No. 1 of the U.S. 101/Kanan Road Interchange Improvements Project

Staff provided a presentation and no action was required.

There were no speakers on this item.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

5. Award of Contract for the City Hall Repair Project; NIB 05-06

There were no speakers on this item.

ACTION: Following discussion, the motion by Councilmember Edelston to award the contract for the City Hall Repair Project; NIB 05-06, was seconded by Councilmember Koehler and approved 5-0.

9. Approve Resolution No. 06-1411; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS; MORE SPECIFICALLY, PORTIONS OF CANWOOD STREET BETWEEN DERRY AVENUE AND LEWIS ROAD AND DERRY AVENUE FROM CANWOOD STREET TO APPROXIMATELY 150 FEET NORTHERLY

There were no speakers on this item.

ACTION: Following discussion, the motion by Councilmember Schwarz to approve Resolution No. 06-1411, was seconded by Councilmember Koehler and approved 4-0 with Councilmember Edelston abstaining.

COUNCIL, STAFF COMMENTS

City Engineer Berkman announced the upcoming night work by Southern California Edison, to remove and replace three power poles at Kanan Road and Canwood Street, scheduled for May 3-5, 2006.

Councilmember Koehler announced the passing of former Agoura Hills Planning Commissioner Ray Shackelford, extended his condolences to his wife Beverly and family, and requested the City Council adjourn in his memory.

Mayor Pro Tem Kuperberg extended his condolences to the Shackelford family and congratulated Assistant City Manager Jim Thorsen on his appointment as City Manager with the City of Malibu.

Councilmember Edelston reported on the Traffic/Transportation Committee meeting and that Caltrans had refused the reimbursement monies for the signal synchronization.

Councilmember Schwarz also extended his condolences to the Shackelford family and congratulated Assistant City Manager Jim Thorsen on his appointment.

Mayor Weber commended staff on their participation in the Relay for Life event held at Agoura High School last Saturday.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:24 p.m., on a motion by Councilmember Schwarz, seconded by Councilmember Koehler, the City Council unanimously consented to adjourn the meeting, in memory of former Planning Commissioner Ray Shackelford, to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 10, 2006 for a Regular Meeting of the City Council in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center with a Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. The Civic Center is located at 30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California.

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, CMC
City Clerk