

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AGOURA HILLS CITY COUNCIL
Civic Center – Council Chambers
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California 91301
Wednesday, September 9, 2015
6:00 P.M.

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Buckley Weber.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cub Scout Pack 227.

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

Also Present were: City Manager Greg Ramirez, City Attorney Craig Steele, Assistant City Manager Nathan Hamburger, Deputy City Manager Louis Celaya, Administrative Aide John Treichler, Public Works Director/City Engineer Ramiro Adeva, Traffic Engineer Sri Chakravarthy, Engineering Consultant Jay Patel, Director of Planning Doug Hooper, Assistant Director of Planning Allison Cook, CEQA Consultants Joe Power, Holly Harris, and Sara Kopp Tistaert, Building Official Amir Hamidzadeh, Director of Finance Christy Pinuelas, and City Clerk Kimberly M. Rodrigues.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session was held.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Buckley Weber requested the City Council adjourn in memory of former J-Team Member, Alicia Kohno, who recently lost her battle with breast cancer and passed away last weekend.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Schwarz moved to approve the Agenda. Councilmember Koehler seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following voice vote:

AYES: Mayor Buckley Weber, Mayor Pro Tem Schwarz, and Councilmembers Edelston, Koehler, and Weber.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL, SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE, & DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

There were no reports.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public speakers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public speakers.

ACTION: Councilmember Edelston moved to approve Consent Calendar Items Nos. 1-4, as presented. Councilmember Weber seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following voice vote:

AYES: Mayor Buckley Weber, Mayor Pro Tem Schwarz, and Councilmembers Edelston, Koehler, and Weber.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

1. Approve Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 26, 2015
2. Approve Demand Warrant Register No. 734
3. Approve Treasurer's Investment Report for July 2015
4. Approve First Amendment to Design Professional Consultant Services Agreement, with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., for the Design of Fiber Optic Interconnect Along the Agoura Road Widening Project

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE

5. Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider the Application of Annexation, Pre-Zoning Ordinance, and Final Environmental Impact Report and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program Related to the Agoura Equestrian Estates Project and Adjacent Areas and Consider the Following Individual Actions:

- A. Adopt **Resolution No. 15-1797**; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, CERTIFYING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE AGOURA EQUESTRIAN ESTATES PROJECT; MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT; AND ADOPTING A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR THE AGOURA EQUESTRIAN ESTATES PROJECT AND ANNEXATION OF ADJACENT LANDS, CONSISTING OF A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 117 ACRES LOCATED IMMEDIATELY EAST OF THE EXISTING CITY OF AGOURA HILLS BOUNDARY ADJACENT TO CHESEBRO ROAD AND NORTH OF U.S. HIGHWAY 101 (CASE NO. 13-ANX-001),

- B. Introduce, Read by Title Only, and Waive Further Reading of **Ordinance No. 15-419**; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE PRE-ZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 117 ACRES FOR THE AGOURA EQUESTRIAN ESTATES PROJECT AND ADJACENT PROPERTIES, and

- C. Adopt **Resolution No. 15-1798**; A RESOLUTION OF APPLICATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA REQUESTING THAT THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY INITIATE PROCEEDINGS TO AMEND THE CITY'S SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AND ANNEX CERTAIN UNINHABITED TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS FOR THE AGOURA EQUESTRIAN ESTATES PROJECT AND ADJACENT LANDS OF APPROXIMATELY 117 ACRES LOCATED IMMEDIATELY EAST OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS ADJACENT TO CHESEBRO ROAD AND NORTH OF U.S. HIGHWAY 101

Following presentation of the staff report and a question and answer period with staff, Mayor Buckley Weber opened the Public Hearing at 6:48 p.m.

Following distribution of the Agenda Packet, and prior to the City Council Meeting, written correspondence was received from the following persons, distributed to the City Council, and made available at the public counter:

*Snowdy Dodson, representing California Native Plant Society
Gina M. Natoli, Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning
Norma E. Garcia, County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation
Kathi Colman
Ellis Raskin for Frank P. Angel, Angel Law*

The following person submitted written comments (in lieu of speaking):

David Thorne, Agoura Hills

The following person(s) spoke on behalf of the applicant:

Brent Cheney, representing the Applicant, Equine Estates, LLC (*submitted correspondence listed below*)

Kasey Walker Devarennnes (written correspondence)

Bijan Kohan, Agoura Hills (written correspondence)

Kevin Kohan, Agoura Hills (written correspondence)

Eric Malcolm, Agoura Hills, (written correspondence)

Brad Rinehart, Agoura Hills (written correspondence)

Following a question and answer period with the applicant, Mayor Buckley Weber continued with public testimony.

The following person(s) spoke in favor of the project:

Don Dusablon, Agoura Hills

Brian Campbell, Agoura Hills

Randy Tasch, Agoura Hills

Gregory Spaulding, Agoura Hills

The following person(s) spoke in opposition to the project:

Frank Angel, Malibu, representing Old Agoura Homeowners Association (*received additional time from the following public speakers*)

Kathi Colman, Agoura Hills, deferred her time to Mr. Angel

Brant Turner, Agoura Hills, deferred his time to Mr. Angel

Laurie Turner, Agoura Hills, deferred his time to Mr. Angel

Ellis Raskin, Santa Monica, representing Old Agoura Homeowners Association

George Colman, Agoura Hills

Jess Thomas, Agoura Hills, representing Old Agoura Homeowners Association

Jess Thomas, Agoura Hills, representing David Albaum

Larry Brown, Agoura Hills (*submitted correspondence*)

Jon Cavanaugh, Agoura Hills

Joshua Roth, Agoura Hills

Molly Baker, Agoura Hills

The City Council recessed at 8:03 p.m. and reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

The following person(s) spoke neither in favor or opposition of the project:

Thom Slosson, Simi Valley

The following person(s) spoke in favor of the project:

Brad Rosenheim, Agoura Hills

The following person(s) spoke in opposition to the project:

Snowdy Dodson, Van Nuys, representing California Native Plant Society
Sherry Ferber, Agoura Hills
Cyrena Nouzille, Agoura Hills
Alyse Lazar, Thousand Oaks, representing Save Open Space/Santa Monica Mountains
Anne-Marie Brown, Agoura Hills, representing Phil Ramuno
Eric Haupt, Agoura Hills (*submitted photograph*)
Julie Freeman, Agoura Hills
Pat MacGregor, Agoura Hills (*submitted information*)
Ron Troncatty, Agoura Hills
Dr. Meril Platzer, Agoura Hills
Cynthia Maxwell, Cold Creek
Mary Wiesbrock, Agoura Hills (*submitted written correspondence*)

The following person spoke:

Brent Cheney, representing the Applicant, Equine Estates, LLC (*rebuttal*)

There being no further public speakers, Mayor Buckley Weber closed the Public Hearing at 9:04 p.m.

The City Council recessed at 10:05 p.m. and reconvened at 10:17 p.m.

Following deliberation, the City Council took the following actions:

ACTION: Councilmember Edelston moved to adopt **Resolution No. 15-1797**. Councilmember Weber seconded. The motion carried 3-2, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Edelston, Koehler, and Weber.

NOES: Mayor Buckley Weber, Mayor Pro Tem Schwarz.

ABSENT: None.

ACTION: Councilmember Edelston moved to introduce, read by title only, and waive further reading of **Ordinance No. 15-418**. Councilmember Weber seconded. The motion carried 3-2, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Edelston, Koehler, and Weber.

NOES: Mayor Buckley Weber, Mayor Pro Tem Schwarz.

ABSENT: None.

ACTION: Councilmember Weber moved to adopt **Resolution No. 15-1798**. Councilmember Edelston seconded. The motion carried 3-2, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Edelston, Koehler, and Weber.

NOES: Mayor Buckley Weber, Mayor Pro Tem Schwarz.

ABSENT: None.

CITY COUNCIL, STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Edelston wished the Jewish community a Happy New Year and suggested adjourning in memory of the seven firefighters who lost their lives in the recent wildfires.

Mayor Buckley Weber thanked everyone in the Council Chamber for their thorough comments, review, and time and energy spent regarding the project, indicating that she appreciated their professionalism and courtesy.

Councilmember Koehler commended everyone in attendance for their civility and applauded the people who spoke to the issues.

Mayor Buckley Weber announced the Regular City Council Meeting of September 23, 2015, has been canceled and the next Regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2015 and requested adjournment in memory of Alicia Kohno, a member of the City's J-Team, who worked very closely with Agoura Hills students and the Lost Hills/Malibu Sheriff's Department, and expressed her condolences to the Kohno family.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: At 11:49 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Schwarz moved to adjourn the meeting, in memory of Alicia Kohno, to 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 14, 2015, for a Regular Meeting of the City Council in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, with a Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. Councilmember Weber seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following voice vote:

AYES: Mayor Buckley Weber, Mayor Pro Tem Schwarz, and Councilmembers Edelston, Koehler, and Weber.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MPPA, MMC
City Clerk

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