

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AGOURA HILLS CITY COUNCIL
Civic Center – Council Chambers
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, CA 91301
February 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

The flag salute was led by Mayor Pro Tem Kuperberg.

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

Also Present were: City Manager Greg Ramirez, Assistant City Manager Jim Thorsen, Assistant to the City Manager Nathan Hamburger, Director of Planning and Community Development Mike Kamino, Assistant Community Development Director Doug Hooper, Senior Planner Allison Cook, City Engineer Ken Berkman, Director of Finance Georgette Holt, Director of Community Services Amy Brink, Recreation Manager Donna Conlin, and City Clerk Kimberly Rodrigues.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Steele reported on the Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.8 (two cases), 54956.9(a), 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 Edelston, the Agenda was approved without objection.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Rudy C'Dealva, 4062 Jim Bowie Road, Agoura Hills, expressed his concerns related to the removal/confiscation of directional open house signs by code enforcement, without notification, and requested the City Council review the language of the sign ordinance to clarify the (in)appropriate placement of open house signs by realtors for the homeowners when selling their property.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL, SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE & DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

There were no reports.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Councilmember Edelston, second by Councilmember Schwarz, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved 5-0.

1. Approve Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 25, 2006

ACTION: Approved 5-0

2. Approve Demand Register No. 533

ACTION: Approved 5-0

3. Approve Notice of Completion for the 2005/2006 Street Resurfacing Project; NIB 05-04

ACTION: Approved 5-0

4. Approve Resolution No. 06-1403; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE COMPENSATION PLAN; ESTABLISHING THE CLASSIFICATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR AND THE PART-TIME/TEMPORARY CLASSIFICATION OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS/MEDIA COORDINATOR; SETTING THE SALARY RANGE AND HOURLY RATE RESPECTIVELY; AND APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND AMY K. BRINK TO SERVE AS COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

ACTION: Approved 5-0

DISCUSSION/ACTION

5. Conduct a Pre-Screen Review and Provide Direction Regarding an Amendment to the Ladyface Mountain Specific Plan to Allow a Senior Residential Development within the Ladyface Mountain Specific Plan Area (Case No. 05-PSR-004)

Brad Rosenheim, 21800 Oxnard Street, #480, Woodland Hills, California, representing Agoura Hills Center Properties, LLC, provided an overview of the applicant's preferred development scenario.

ACTION: Following the presentation and discussion, the City Council provided non-binding comments to the applicant to proceed with the formal request to amend the Ladyface Mountain Specific Plan to allow for the proposed clustering of 46 senior housing condominium units and possible construction of a public senior citizen recreation building on the parcel.

6. Discussion of the Triangle Ranch Project

Colleen Holmes, 3700 Old Oak Road, Agoura, representing the Cornell Preservation Organization, stated that the organization is not against development but that Ladyface Mountain, the Significant Ecological Area (SEA), and the density of the project has to be taken into consideration. She also spoke about concerns related to the traffic and wildlife corridor impacts and the size of the proposed project and recommended the City Council support Alternative #4 of the Draft Environmental Report.

ACTION: Following presentation of the staff report and a question and answer period, the motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kuperberg to:

1. Direct staff to write a letter to the County Regional Planning Commission with a copy forwarded to Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky;
2. The City Council go on record opposing the project as it is currently proposed with 71 homes;
3. The City believes that a project significantly closer to Alternative #4, as found in the Draft Environmental Report, would be preferable;
4. The City's comments be incorporated into the project, and the City be consulted and to stay in the loop with County staff and the Regional Planning Commission;
5. The City Council expressly adopts and approves City staff's letters dated May 11, 2005 and January 19, 2006; and,
6. Direct staff to send a representative to attend the February 22, 2006 meeting.

was seconded by Councilmember Schwarz and unanimously approved 5-0.

7. Discussion of FY2005-2006 Mid-Year Budget

ACTION: Following presentation of the staff report and a question and answer period, the motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kuperberg to approve the following Revenue/Expenditure changes be included in the FY2005-06 budget:

Revenue

1. Increase Account #010-0000-3310.03 – VLF GAP Loan (\$18,565).
2. Increase Account #010-0000-3950.03 – Sale of property (\$72,000).
3. Decrease Account #260-0000-3345.03 – State Park Grant (\$250,000).

Expenditures

1. Reallocate \$250,000 from Account #260-4620-6105.00 (grant fund) to Account #010-4620-6105 (general fund).
2. Increase Account #010-4620-6102.00 – Driver Equestrian Trail Design (\$20,000).

was seconded by Councilmember Koehler and unanimously approved on a roll call vote of 5-0.

COUNCIL, STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Ramirez announced that the Community Services Department would be recognized with an Award of Excellence from the California Park and Recreation Society for their marketing campaign for the Reyes Adobe Days event. He also announced that 24 people, including residents from the surrounding communities, attended the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training session held last night in the Community Room.

Mayor Pro Tem Kuperberg commended staff on the diverse issues and projects presented this evening and complimented City Manager Ramirez and the entire staff for their excellence in providing accurate and concise information which gives the City Council the opportunity to make decisions in the best interest of the City.

Councilmember Edelston expressed appreciation to the Los Angeles County Fire Department for their quick action in putting out the Malibu fire.

Councilmember Schwarz echoed Mayor Pro Tem Kuperberg's comments and expressed his appreciation for the information that staff prepares for Council consideration.

Mayor Weber echoed the comments of Mayor Pro Tem Kuperberg and Councilmember Schwarz and requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of City Manager Greg Ramirez' mother-in-law, Joy Thompson, who passed away over the weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:52 p.m., on a motion by Councilmember Schwarz, second by Mayor Pro Tem Kuperberg, the Council unanimously consented to adjourn, in memory of Joy Thompson, to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 22, 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