

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – VIDEO CONFERENCE
AGOURA HILLS CITY COUNCIL
Civic Center – Council Chambers
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California 91301
Wednesday, May 13, 2020
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 Councilmember Anstead.

Present were: Mayor Illece Buckley Weber, Mayor Pro Tem Denis Weber, Councilmember Chris Anstead, Councilmember Deborah Klein Lopez, and Councilmember Linda L. Northrup.

Also Present were: City Manager Greg Ramirez, City Attorney Candice K. Lee, Assistant City Manager Nathan Hamburger, Deputy City Manager Louis Celaya, Community Development Director Ramiro Adeva, Director of Finance Christy Pinuelas, Executive Assistant Amber Victoria, and City Clerk Kimberly M. Rodrigues.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Lee reported on the City Council Closed Session item, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. The City Council considered the item, direction was given to staff, and no reportable action was taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Councilmember Lopez moved to approve the Agenda, as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Weber seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Buckley Weber, Mayor Pro Tem Weber, and Councilmembers Anstead, Lopez, and Northrup.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL, SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE, & DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce Manager of Government & Economic Affairs, Adam Haverstock, provided a (remote) Chamber update.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Public comments were received by email and forwarded to the City Council prior to the meeting. The following person(s) submitted written public comments for Item No. 7:

Janet F. Eckhouse, Co-Leader, Ventura County Chapter Brady United
Karen Peters, Co-Chapter Leader, Ventura County Chapter Brady United

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Weber moved to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-9, as presented. Councilmember Northrup seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Buckley Weber, Mayor Pro Tem Weber, and Councilmembers Anstead, Lopez, and Northrup.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

1. Approve Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of April 7, 2020
2. Approve Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 22, 2020
3. Approve Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of April 29, 2020
4. Approve Demand Warrant Register No. 828
5. Approve Treasurer's Report for March 2020
6. Approve Notice of Completion, with FS Contractors, Inc., for the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Annual Concrete Repair Project; NIB 18-05(2)
7. Approve Proclamation Supporting National Gun Violence Awareness Day – June 5, 2020
8. Adopt **Resolution No. 20-1930**; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE LOS ANGELES URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM BY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, TO SIGN A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
9. Adopt **Resolution No. 20-1931**; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR, AND RECEIPT OF, LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS

DISCUSSION / ACTION

10. Discussion on Amendment to Emergency Eviction Moratorium

Following presentation of the staff report, Mayor Buckley Weber opened the floor for public comments.

Public comments were received by email and forwarded to the City Council prior to the meeting from the following person(s):

Monty Morton, General Manager of the Agoura Hills City Mall
Bill Tucker, Owner of Whizin Market Square

Mayor Buckley Weber and Mayor Pro Tem Weber disclosed they had spoken by telephone with Mr. Morton and Mr. Tucker. Councilmember Lopez disclosed that she had spoken by telephone with Mr. Tucker.

MOTION: Councilmember Northrup moved to *“extend the moratorium on evictions for residential and commercial to June 30, with a discussion about the item at the June 24 Council meeting; continue to keep the payback period at six months without any changes from what we have done before, subject to further discussion at the June 24 meeting with the potential for discussion of this longer period for residential after staff has had a chance to do some further research and report back.”*

City Attorney Lee recommended that, given that things are changing on a daily basis, to give her office and staff the latitude to come back with additional recommendations, as there might be some developments between now and the end of June that the City Council may wish to consider.

ACTION: Councilmember Northrup *“amended the motion that staff do research, along with the City Attorney’s Office, and bring back any recommendations on this issue that they feel we should consider in our June meeting with respect to the status of eviction moratoriums, payback periods, or any other related issues.”* Mayor Pro Tem Weber seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Buckley Weber, Mayor Pro Tem Weber, and Councilmembers Anstead, Lopez, and Northrup.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

City Attorney Lee clarified that the action was to give staff direction to bring back an item for consideration and approval at the next City Council meeting in two weeks, May 27, 2020.

COUNCIL, STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Northrup thanked residents for trying to keep up with the rules, regulations, and edicts from so many different government agencies, and encouraged everyone to continue to be kind to one another.

Councilmember Lopez spoke about: the reopening of local parks in the area; the Clean Power Alliance (CPA) offering a relief fund and assistance programs, working with Southern California Edison (SCE), to assist with extending or reducing electric bills; and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health publishing new orders and she encouraged residents to patronize local businesses that can reopen.

Councilmember Anstead thanked residents and encouraged everyone to be safe about enjoying the outdoors and practice social distancing.

Mayor Buckley Weber reported on: COVID-19 and although the “curve has flattened” in Los Angeles County, the numbers continue to increase; shared that Dr. Barbara Ferrer recommended the number one protocol to follow is physical distancing; and, encouraged everyone to continue to wear face coverings.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Buckley Weber announced the next Regular Meeting of the City Council would be held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 27, 2020, in the Council Chambers. The meeting will be held by video conference and in-person attendance by the public in the Council Chambers will not be permitted.

ACTION: At 7:28 p.m., Councilmember Lopez moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Weber seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Buckley Weber, Mayor Pro Tem Weber, and Councilmembers Anstead, Lopez, and Northrup.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MPPA, MMC
City Clerk