

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
AGOURA HILLS CITY COUNCIL  
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, CA 91301  
February 9, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

The flag salute was led by City Attorney Craig Steele.

Present were: Mayor Ed Corridori, Mayor Pro Tem Denis Weber, Councilmember John Edelston, Councilmember Dan Kuperberg, and Councilmember Jeff Reinhardt.

Also Present were: City Manager Greg Ramirez, City Attorney Craig Steele, Assistant City Manager James Thorsen, Director of Planning and Community Development Mike Kamino, Finance Officer Georgette Holt, City Engineer Ken Berkman, and City Clerk Kimberly Rodrigues.

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION**

No Closed Session was held. City Attorney Steele announced that there was no reportable action from the Closed Session of January 26, 2005 and the direction given to staff was listed under Agenda Item No. 5.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On a motion by Councilmember Edelston, second by Councilmember Reinhardt, the Agenda was approved without objection.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Jess Thomas, 6064 Chesebro Road, representing the Old Agoura Homeowners Association, spoke in opposition to the Chamber of Commerce supporting the Heschel Project and spoke in support of the City not providing any funding to the Chamber of Commerce.

**PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Kuperberg reported on the Agoura Village subcommittee meeting and noted that an item would be brought forward to the Council in March addressing financing and the Task Force.

Councilmember Reinhardt announced that the first meeting of the General Plan Advisory Committee was scheduled for 6:00 p.m., February 10, 2005, in the Community Room.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

On a motion by Councilmember Reinhardt, second by Mayor Pro Tem Weber, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved 5-0.

1. Approve Demand Register No. 509

ACTION: Approved 5-0

2. Approve Minutes of the Regular City Council and Regular Redevelopment Agency Meeting of January 26, 2005

ACTION: Approved 5-0

3. Approve Notice of Completion for the 2004-2005 Street Resurfacing Project, NIB 04-05

ACTION: Approved 5-0

4. Approve Resolution No. 05-1357; Granting Consent and Jurisdiction to the County of Los Angeles in the Matter of County Lighting Maintenance District 10032 and County Lighting District LLA-1, Agoura Hills Zone Projects Tract No. 34274, Tract No. 37246, L110-8, and Parcel Map No. 12051; and Joint Resolution Nos. 05-1358, 05-1359, and 05-1360; Approving and Accepting the Negotiated Exchange of Property Tax Revenues Resulting from the Annexations, as Identified in the Joint Resolutions, to County Lighting Maintenance District 10032

ACTION: Approved 5-0

5. Approve Amendment No. 1 to City Manager's Employment Agreement

ACTION: Approved 5-0

### **ORDINANCE**

6. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 05-329; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE AGOURA HILLS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA OF THE AGOURA HILLS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Mayor Corridori declared a conflict of interest and abstained from participating in the discussion and decisions regarding the proposed 2005 Eminent Domain Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan for the Agoura Hills Redevelopment Project Area due to his ownership of property located near the boundaries of the territory subject to the proposed Eminent Domain Amendment.

Mayor/Agency Member Corridori stepped down from the dais and left the Council Chambers and Mayor Pro Tem Weber served as Mayor for this portion of the meeting.

There were no speakers.

**ACTION:** Following discussion, the motion by Councilmember Reinhardt to waive full reading and adopt Ordinance No. 05-329, as read in title only, was seconded by Councilmember Kuperberg and approved on a roll call vote of 4-0, with Mayor Corridori abstaining.

Mayor Corridori returned to the dais.

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

7. Discussion of FY2004-2005 Mid Year Budget. Adopt Resolution No. 05-1361; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) Note from the State of California

Joe Edmiston, 5750 Ramirez Canyon Road, Malibu, representing the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, spoke about Soka University and the amount of contributions being requested from the various agencies for the acquisition of the property; noted that every dollar contributed by local agencies would be matched by Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's discretionary funds; and thanked the Council for their consideration.

Les Hardie, 471 Cold Canyon Road, Monte Nido, representing the Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation, spoke about the fight over the last twenty years to preserve the property as open space and his support of the acquisition and preservation of the property by State and local agencies.

Louise Rishoff, 6355 Topanga, #205, Woodland Hills, representing Assemblymember Fran Pavley, read into the record a letter from Assemblymember Pavley, dated February 9, 2005, supporting the Soka/King Gillette Ranch acquisition.

Jess Thomas, 6064 Chesebro Road, representing the Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation, spoke in support of regional partnerships and the acquisition of the property; noted that the acquisition would remove a potential source of major traffic congestion on Malibu Road and Mulholland Highway; suggested that the City of Calabasas should reconsider annexing Malibu Family Farms; commended Supervisor Yaroslavsky's support in vowing to match voluntary contributions with County funds; and stated that the City should contribute as well.

Joan Yacovone, 27328 Country Glen, urged the Council to include \$250,000 in the mid-year budget to purchase the Soka University property to preserve the quality of life in the area and acquire open space; noted that Supervisor Yaroslavsky will match donated funds through Proposition A; and stated that she supported the preservation of Soka.

Mary Weisbrock, P. O. Box 1284, Agoura Hills, representing Save Open Space, spoke about the regional preservation of open space in the area, including Jordan Ranch, Palo Commado Canyon, and Ahmanson Ranch; stated that preserving Soka will keep the Santa Monica Mountains commuter roads open; noted that Las Virgenes/Malibu Canyon Road is a critical commuter road for Agoura Hills residents and people driving to the airport; suggested the Council justify spending the money to keep the commuter roads wide open for Agoura Hills residents; noted that other cities “saved our backyard” and it’s time to “step up to the plate” and save the last large Los Angeles County portion in the Santa Monica Mountains; and encouraged the Council to approve the full funding for Soka.

Don Wallace, 1710 North Cold Canyon Road, Calabasas, representing Save Soka-King Gillette Ranch, requested the City Council assist with saving the Soka property and urged them to do their regional duty in helping to acquire this regional property.

**ACTION:** Following discussion, the motion by Mayor Pro Tem Weber to approve the Revenue/Expenditure changes outlined in the report be included into the FY2005-05 budget, was seconded by Councilmember Kuperberg and unanimously approved 5-0.

**ACTION:** Following discussion, the motion by Councilmember Reinhardt to approve Resolution No. 1361; APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE SALE OF THE SELLER’S VEHICLE LICENSE FEE RECEIVABLE FROM THE STATE, AND DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, and to approve the VLF Gap Closure funding program into the FY2004-05 budget, was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Weber and unanimously approved 5-0.

**ACTION:** Following discussion, the motion by Councilmember Kuperberg to recommend the Ladyface Specific Plan, Live TV Broadcasting, and Webcasting not be included into the FY2004-05 budget, was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Weber and unanimously approved 5-0.

Mayor Corridori declared a conflict of interest and abstained from participating in the discussion and decisions due to Soka University being a client of his company. Mayor Corridori stepped down from the dais and left the Council Chambers. Mayor Pro Tem Weber served as Mayor for this portion of the meeting.

**ACTION:** Following discussion, the motion by Councilmember Kuperberg to approve the contribution of \$250,000 toward the purchase of the 588-acre property owned by Soka University, was seconded by Councilmember Reinhardt and approved on a roll call vote of 4-0. Mayor Corridori abstained.

The City Council recessed at 8:27 p.m. and reconvened at 8:36 p.m.

Mayor Corridori returned to the dais.

8. Update of the Morrison Park Improvement Project

There were no speakers.

**ACTION:** Following discussion, the motion by Councilmember Edelston to approve Option 1 and direct staff to bring back a report with bid alternates for a fully designed project, was seconded by Councilmember Kuperberg and unanimously approved 5-0.

9. Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Regional Quality Control Board, Los Angeles, to Extend Waivers of Waste Discharge Requirements for Single-Family Residence Onsite Wastewater Treatment (Septic) Systems

Jess Thomas, 6064 Chesebro Road, representing the Old Agoura Homeowners Association, spoke about the lack of science and technology in monitoring private sewage systems; stated that he hoped the Water Quality Control Board, via the State Control Board, can come up with the monitoring technology to determine where the source of the pollution is occurring; noted that the residents have a good system of “peer pressure” for spotting failed septic systems in Old Agoura and having them repaired in a timely manner; reported that Old Agoura residents are grateful for the time and effort put into the MOU; and urged the Council to adopt the MOU.

**ACTION:** Following discussion, the motion by Councilmember Kuperberg to approve the Memorandum of Understanding was seconded by Councilmember Edelston and unanimously approved 5-0.

**CONVENE MEETING OF THE AGOURA HILLS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

The City Council recessed to the Agoura Hills Redevelopment Agency meeting at 9:23 p.m. and reconvened at 9:26 p.m.

**COUNCIL, STAFF COMMENTS**

Assistant City Manager Thorsen reminded the public to use alternate routes, when possible, during the Kanan Interchange Project construction; reported that the work on Kanan would, generally, be limited to Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.; stated that the Sheriff’s Department would be “on call” to perform traffic control as needed; and

reported that the public can refer to the Kanan Road webpage (<http://www.kananroad.org>) and hotline (818/597-7356) for further information.

Councilmember Edelston reported that he attended the Calabasas City Council meeting of February 2, 2005; spoke about the issue to look at district-wide opportunities for funding the Las Virgenes Educational Fund; requested the City Council view the videotape of the meeting; expressed his appreciation of what the Agoura Hills City Council has done; and encouraged the Las Virgenes Educational Foundation in seeking to unify the efforts that are made to supplement the funds that are received from the State of California to support all of the schools in the Las Virgenes School District.

Councilmember Kuperberg noted that the City of Calabasas has had a fund whereby the money is earmarked for students or schools in Calabasas; reported that the Agoura Hills City Council has not had that philosophy and monies go to the district on a district-wide basis; reported that he had never heard that a percentage of the students in Agoura Hills schools were from other jurisdictions; provided kudos to the Fountainwood Homeowners Association Board and Tom Jacobellis with GI Rubbish for providing two huge dumpsters at Sumac Park for Fountainwood cleanup day; reported that education was provided on beautification and toxic cleanup; and noted that the residents filled both dumpsters within four hours.

Councilmember Reinhardt reported that toxic waste pickups are provided at City Hall the first Saturday of each month; noted that Agoura Hills has contributed thousands of dollars to the School District through its Redevelopment Agency; spoke about concerns with State legislature related to the State accessing reserve funds that cities and special districts have set aside; noted that he has not seen a bill, but it is an issue of great concern as the State attempts to find ways to fund its financial obligations.

Mayor Pro Tem Weber requested the City Council adjourn in honor of 28-year old Petty Officer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Class, John D. House, the brother of Mayor Pro Tem Weber's nephew's future wife, who died when the CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter he was in crashed near Ar Rutba in western Iraq on January 26, 2005. Petty Officer House was from Simi Valley and died without ever having held his baby boy who was born on Christmas Eve.

Mayor Corridori reported that he has worked with the City of Calabasas on various boards and committees during his tenure and they have been great partners with Agoura Hills and good neighbors in creating the joint community center; stated that he is confident that both cities will continue to work together on all issues, including education; brought to the attention of the City Council the cover of Western City Magazine and requested Council read the article related to Santa Rosa Creek; announced that he had served as Principal for the Day at Sumac Elementary School and indicated that he would leave the thank you letters, from the students in Mrs. Still's fourth grade class, thanking the City Council for providing busses for them to see the New West Symphony in the Council's reading file.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:44 p.m., on a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Weber, second by Councilmember Reinhardt, the Council unanimously consented to adjourn the meeting, in memory of Petty Officer John House, to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 23, 2005 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.

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, CMC  
City Clerk