

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – VIDEO CONFERENCE
AGOURA HILLS CITY COUNCIL
Civic Center – Council Chambers
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California 91301
Wednesday, October 14, 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 Nathan Hamburger, City Attorney Candice K. Lee, Assistant City Attorney Diana Varat, Assistant City Manager Ramiro Adeva, Deputy City Manager Louis Celaya, Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica Forte, Director of Finance Christy Pinuelas, Planning Consultant Karen Warner, Director of Community Services Amy Brink, 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 54956.9(d)(1). The City Council considered the item, direction was given to staff, and no reportable action was taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Weber moved to approve the Agenda, as presented. Councilmember Lopez 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.

Mayor Buckley Weber reported on attending the League of California Cities Annual Conference and that she had abstained on voting on a proposed resolution, as there had not been the opportunity to discuss it with the full City Council, shared the content of the resolution that was passed, and noted that the option to discuss voting at future conferences would be addressed in the upcoming City Council Norms update.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Weber moved to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-7, as presented. Councilmember Anstead 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 Regular City Council Meeting of September 23, 2020
2. Approve Demand Warrant Register No. 838
3. Approve Treasurer's Report for August 2020
4. Approve Third Amendment to Agreement for Consultant Services, with California Commercial Investment Group, for the Payment of Costs Associated with the Preparation of Environmental Documentation Related to the "AVE" Project in Agoura Hills
5. Approve Third Amendment to Agreement for Consultant Services, with Envicom Corporation, for the Payment of Costs Associated with the Preparation of Environmental Documentation Related to the "AVE" Project in Agoura Hills
6. Approve Agreement for Consultant Services, with Joyce Parker Bozylinski, for Professional Planning Services
7. Approve Agreement for Consultant Services, with MNS Engineers, Inc., for Construction Management Services Related to the Roadside Drive Bridge Widening Project

DISCUSSION / ACTION

8. Discussion Regarding Quarterly Budget Update and Recommendations to Amend Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget

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

There were no public comments.

ACTION: Councilmember Northrup moved to adopt the recommendations to amend the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget and to forgo the flood protection project on Agoura Road. Councilmember Lopez 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.

9. Discussion and Direction Regarding Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Appeals Period

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

There were no public comments.

ACTION: Councilmember Northrup moved to complete the application the application to file an appeal with the Southern California Association of Governments by the October 26, 2020 deadline. Mayor Pro Tem Weber seconded. The motion carried 4-1, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: Councilmember Anstead

ABSENT: None.

CITY COUNCIL, STAFF COMMENTS

Director of Community Services Amy Brink provided an update on the activities that will be offered to celebrate Halloween in a different way including a Halloween Home Decorating Contest, Costume Contests, and a Pumpkin Decorating Contest, noting that participants would have an opportunity to win a gift card from a local business.

Councilmember Anstead encouraged everyone to continue to be safe.

Councilmember Lopez spoke about the 2020 Census, reported the Supreme Court ruled the Census would stop their counting operations tomorrow, and encouraged everyone who had not yet completed their survey to do so online this evening.

Councilmember Northrup reminded everyone that ballots from the State have been distributed and the time for voting has started, there is an official ballot drop box at City Hall and it is a safe and secure way to vote, and encouraged everyone to complete and drop off their ballots early.

Mayor Pro Tem Weber encouraged everyone to stay safe and wear a mask and that he hoped Los Angeles County would allow more restaurants and businesses to open soon.

Mayor Buckley Weber shared that although Agoura Hills had an 80% response to the 2020 Census survey, the County of Los Angeles was significantly down and the County as a whole would be impacted, encouraged everyone to respond to the survey, reported that the City of Agoura Hills reached a cumulative number of 200 confirmed cases of COVID-19, and deferred to Councilmember Lopez for the number of deaths.

Councilmember Lopez confirmed the County had reported six deaths in Agoura Hills.

Mayor Buckley Weber reminded everyone to continue to wear a face covering and social distance, and requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of nine-year old Jacob Iskander and his brother Mark Iskander, 11, who were tragically killed in an automobile accident in Westlake Village, noting that this occurred in *“our extended community and it breaks our hearts, just as much as if it was right here in Agoura Hills, and our hearts and our prayers and our thoughts go out to the Iskander family and all of their friends and family and loved ones.”*

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Buckley Weber announced the next Regular Meeting of the City Council would be held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 28, 2020, in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center. It is anticipated 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 7:45 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Weber moved to adjourn the meeting in memory of Jacob and Mark Iskander. Councilmember Lopez 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