

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING (IN-PERSON AND VIDEO CONFERENCE)
AGOURA HILLS CITY COUNCIL
Civic Center – Council Chambers
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California 91301
Wednesday, July 14, 2021
6:00 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Buckley Weber.

Present were: Mayor Denis Weber, Mayor Pro Tem Deborah Klein Lopez (via Zoom), Councilmember Chris Anstead and Councilmember Illece Buckley Weber.

Absent was: Councilmember Linda L. Northrup.

Also Present were: City Manager Nathan Hamburger, City Attorney Candice K. Lee, Assistant City Manager Ramiro Adeva, Deputy City Manager Louis Celaya, Community Development Director Denice Thomas, Acting Director of Public Works Kelly Fisher, Acting City Engineer Charmaine Yambao, Director of Community Services Amy Brink, Administrative Analyst John Triechler, Executive Assistant Amber Victoria, and City Clerk Kimberly M. Rodrigues.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session was held.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Councilmember Buckley Weber moved to approve the Agenda, as presented. Councilmember Anstead seconded. The motion carried 4-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Northrup.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL, SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE, & DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

Community Development Director Denice Thomas provided an update on the Agoura Village Specific Plan Update Citizens Advisory Group.

Community Services Director Amy Brink announced the One City, One Book selection for 2021 would be "Lost Hills," by Lee Goldberg, a local resident, and reported an evening with the author was scheduled for September 30, 2021, and that students from an Agoura Hills elementary school will be scheduled to spend a morning with Mayor Weber for a "READ with the Mayor" event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Tina Pasha, Agoura Hills
Larry Brown, Agoura Hills (2)
Todd Schwartz, Westlake Village
Brandee Sisting
Vicki Young
Riley Price
John P. Byrne, Calabasas
Shayne McCool Peller

Written public comments were submitted at the meeting by the following person(s):

Names illegible on submissions (2)
Greg Andrews, Agoura Hills
Tammy B
Patricia Blazic
Don Brodt, Simi Valley
Larry Brown, Agoura Hills
Wendy Coyle
Terri Dawson, Agoura
Katherine Dombrowski
Massimo Forti, Agoura Hills
Tina Forti, Agoura Hills
Christine Gregorchik, Agoura
Michele Howard, Agoura
Lance Hunsicker
Judy Lamppu, Los Angeles, representing Canoga Park-West Hills and Thousand Oaks Republican Women
Toby Laughton, Thousand Oaks

Samuel Lee, Monterey Park
Fran Locke
Troy Messelly, Simi Valley
Michelle Olson, Newbury Park
Junko Ortmann
Jacques Philipp Pradel, Santa Clarita
Nicole Rea, Ventura
Jennifer Sherman, Agoura
Angela Sper, Camarillo
Paul Sper, Camarillo
Stan Vansant, Newbury Park
Troy Wagner
Michele Weyman, Newbury Park

The following person(s) spoke (live testimony in Council Chambers):

Jeffrey Li, Simi
Jenna Locke, Simi Valley
Deborah Baber
John Barresi, Thousand Oaks
David Foldes, Agoura Business Owner, representing Cronies Sports Grill
Brandee Sisting
Debra Payne, Newbury Park
Richard Kloch, Agoura Hills
Denise Pedro, representing BRAVE
Dave Rea, Agoura Business Owner, representing Cronies Sports Grill
Melinda Sjodin
Paige Nielsen, Westlake Village
Connie Raabe, Agoura Hills
Audrey Bruckner, Thousand Oaks
J. P. Sinek
Judy Bruce, Simi Valley
Jeffrey Mitchell, Agoura Hills
Lorena Saruwatari
Charles Smith
Gloria Krause, Newbury Park
David Blomsterberg
Wendy White
Earl Schwartz
Emily Green
Ronda Baldwin-Kennedy, representing Ronda Kennedy for Congress
Nancy Smeets-Tkachenko, Agoura, representing The Healthy American.org

THE CITY COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:39 P.M. AND RECONVENED AT 7:56 P.M.

Following the break, Mayor Weber re-opened the floor to continue with public comments.

Vadim Mauzlios

Oksana Koulinich
Tammy Coburn, Thousand Oaks
Lee Sullivan, Newbury Park, spoke on behalf of her husband, Grant Sullivan
Judy A. Mikovits, Ph.D., Ventura
Kevin Daly, Ventura
Phil Mogavero
Bee Nguyen
Dave Foldes
Barbara Sponsler
Stanley Vansant
Chris Holguin
Heather Day
Cheryl Bucher, representing Cronies
Ryan Paterson, Camarillo
Toby Laughton, Thousand Oaks
Rachel Kilpatrick, Westlake Village
Evan Kilpatrick, Westlake Village
Sharon Consoli
Yvet Chambers, representing Affidavit Movement (*submitted "Affidavit/Declaration of Truth" for Illece Buckley Weber, Deborah Klein Lopez, and Linda L. Northrup*)
Amanda Gerson
Michael Kennedy, Oak Park

The following person(s) spoke (live testimony via Zoom):

Liz Cangelosi
Michelle Villacis

THE CITY COUNCIL RECESSED AT 8:59 P.M. AND RECONVENED AT 9:11 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments.

ACTION: Councilmember Buckley Weber moved to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-6, as presented. Councilmember Anstead seconded. The motion carried 4-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Northrup.

1. Approve Demand Warrant Register No. 854
2. Approve Award of Contract, with Ardalan Construction Company, Inc., for the Sumac Park Restroom Rehabilitation Project; NIB 21-02

3. Approve Agreements for Design Professional Consultant Services with m6 Consulting, Inc., for the: 1) Dry-Weather Storm Drain Diversion Project; and, 2) Palo Comado Creek Linear Park Project
4. Approve First Amendment to Agreement for Consultant Services, with HdL Coren & Cone, Relating to Property Tax Management and Audit Services
5. Approve Agreement for Consultant Services, with Willdan Group, Inc., for Construction Management Services Related to the Sumac Park Restroom Rehabilitation Project
6. Approve Rejection of Claim for Damages – Jake Lanne

DISCUSSION / ACTION

7. Discussion to Consider the Adoption of **Resolution No. 21-1982**; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A 2021 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

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

There were no public comments.

ACTION: Following deliberation, Councilmember Buckley Weber moved to adopt **Resolution No. 21-1982**, and *"approve the Legislative Platform that's been proposed tonight with the additions and deletions as discussed amongst the Council."* Councilmember Anstead seconded. The motion carried 4-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Northrup.

8. Discussion to Consider the Adoption of **Resolution No. 21-1983**; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, EXPRESSING A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCÓN

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

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

Brandee Sisting
Vicki Young

Jim Bukowski, Agoura Hills
Bonnie Boord

The following person(s) spoke (live testimony via Zoom):

Karen Roseberry
Jim Bukowski, Agoura Hills

There were no further public comments.

Following further discussion, and not hearing a motion for the item, Mayor Weber withdrew the item and **Resolution No. 21-1983** was not adopted.

COUNCIL, STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez spoke on the following topics: thanked Mr. Bukowski for his public comment; spoke about the three hours of public testimony heard earlier and thanked the public for coming and thanked those who offered respectful comments; noted it seemed the community had received detailed information about a closed session discussion item and that it was her understanding that only Mayor Weber had been in contact with the public about this item, which put other Councilmembers in a difficult position because it was against the law to discuss closed session items; indicated she would like the Council to consider discussing the ramifications of any Councilmember who violated the Brown Act, by disclosing closed session information to the public, at a future meeting when Councilmember Northrup is present; expressed that she was always happy to debate in public, discuss with the public, and appreciative of hearing how people feel about the issues that are important to them, but is unable to, by law, do so regarding closed session items; and concurred with adjourning the meeting in memory of Pamela Endo who was a beautiful person that will be deeply missed.

Mayor Weber responded that he understood the concern expressed by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez and, if the Council would like to meet separately to discuss this item, he would be happy to do so, but would prefer not to do so this evening.

Councilmember Buckley Weber also expressed her concern there was a violation of the Brown Act and that someone on Council had disclosed information to the public identifying how each member had voted and, subsequently, those members were targeted, and inquired what format the Council could address this issue without it being a violation of the Brown Act.

City Attorney Lee suggested the Council could vote to agendaize the item at a future Council meeting, noting it would not be done in a closed session, and the Council could vote to place the item on a future agenda now or wait until the next meeting when Councilmember Northrup was in attendance.

Both Mayor Pro Tem Lopez and Councilmember Buckley Weber concurred they would prefer to wait to include Councilmember Northrup in the discussion so that the full Council could weigh in on whether or not to pursue the matter.

Mayor Weber spoke about the recent passing of Pamela Endo, a long standing Agoura Hills resident, read a tribute about her life and involvement with the National Donate Life organization, and requested the City Council adjourn in her memory and honor.

Councilmember Buckley Weber shared a personal story about Council having the annual opportunity to join Pamela and her husband, Bruce, for a rose placement on the Donate Life parade float, and extended condolences to her family.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Weber announced the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, July 28, 2021, has been canceled and the next Regular Meeting of the City Council would be held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 11, 2021. 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 10:14 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to adjourn the meeting in memory of Pamela Endo. Councilmember Buckley Weber seconded. The motion carried 4-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Northrup.

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MPPA, MMC
City Clerk