

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
AGOURA HILLS CITY COUNCIL  
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, CA 91301  
May 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Reinhardt.

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

Mayor Corridori was absent.

Also Present were: City Manager Greg Ramirez, Assistant City Manager Jim Thorsen, City Attorney Craig Steele, Lt. Steve Smith, Director of Planning and Community Development Mike Kamino, Associate Civil Engineer Dan Lazo, Recreation Manager Donna Conlin, Community Services Coordinator Emily Melo, and City Clerk Kimberly Rodrigues.

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Steele reported on the Closed Session regarding the five items that were posted on the Agenda. He reported that Mayor Corridori was absent and Councilmember Reinhardt abstained from Item No. 3, due to a potential conflict of interest with his employer. No reportable action was taken on any item on the Agenda.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On a motion by Councilmember Kuperberg, second by Councilmember Reinhardt, the Agenda was approved without objection. Mayor Corridori was absent.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Maria Grycan, 3970 Carbon Canyon Road, Malibu, representing the Los Angeles County Fire Department, announced Fire Service Day scheduled for May 15, 2005 from noon to 5:00 p.m. at Juan Bautista De Anza Park in Calabasas.

Jess Thomas, 6064 Chesebro Road, representing the Old Agoura Homeowners Association (OAHA), spoke about the North Area Plan, submitted a letter to Council describing the OAHA's assessment of the City's responsibility to protect its infrastructure and neighborhoods, spoke about his concerns with an adequate and complete response by Agoura Hills to the Heschel School revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for Los Angeles County, and requested the City Council add an emergency item related to the City's response to the DEIR to the Special Meeting scheduled for May 18.

Sharon Robinson, 28241 Foothill Drive, representing the Old Agoura Homeowners Association, submitted a letter containing 29 questions to the Council, spoke about her concerns with the proposed Heschel School project and the impacts on Agoura Hills residents, and encouraged the Council to place an item on the May 18 Agenda for discussion.

Joan Yacovone, 27321 Country Glen, reported that she attended a North Area Plan Corridor Policy Committee Meeting and Los Angeles County provided a report that staff would recommend approval on the Heschel School project; expressed her concerns with the design of the project, the proposed roundabout at Canwood Street and the potential traffic issues; and urged the City to defend its position and participate in the planning of the project before it's too late.

George Colman, 5676 Colodny Drive, representing the Old Agoura Homeowners Association, expressed his concern with the impact of the Heschel School project on the community, urged the Council to take the lead, and, as the watchdogs for the citizens, to respond to the County and participate in the hearing process.

Steve Hess, 28907 Wagon Road, as President of the Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation (LVHF), spoke on behalf of the over 2000 LVHF delegates and his colleague Colleen Holmes, President of the Cornell Preservation Organization, and encouraged the Council to test the Heschel School project for compliance with the North Area Plan.

Carol Solomon, 29678 Ridgeway Drive, spoke about the opening of her custom picture framing art gallery in the Vons shopping center, voiced her frustrations with working with the City in relation to a code enforcement violation for a sculpture located in front of her business, noted that other businesses in the shopping center were holding sidewalk sales, expressed her concerns with being singled out as a small business, and provided photos and contact information for a business selling art from a Rider truck.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Councilmember Reinhardt presented a Certificate of Recognition to Eva Schindler for Older American of the Year.

Lt. Steve Smith made a presentation to Tracy Spencer, a track coach at Agoura High School, in recognition of assisting the Sheriff's department with the capture of a bank robbery suspect. Mayor Pro Tem Weber presented a Good Samaritan Certificate to Tracy Spencer.

City Manager Ramirez congratulated Lt. Smith on his promotion.

Mayor Pro Tem Weber presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Peter Reinisch and acknowledged Herb Eckerling and Tim Crosby for, collectively, donating 299 hours of their time to prepare 2005 tax returns for 123 Agoura Hills Recreation Program Senior.

Mayor Pro Tem Weber presented a Certificate of Appreciation to 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Expo Sponsors Brenda Hahn and Sharon Freeman, representing the Agoura Hills Senior Retreat.

### **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Board Member Glen Peterson presented books to Raya Sagi of the Agoura Hills Library in observance of Water Awareness Month.

Jeff Blum, past Chair of the Conejo/Las Virgenes Future Foundation, provided an update on the colloquium held on September 30, 2004 at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

On a motion by Councilmember Reinhardt, second by Councilmember Kuperberg, the Consent Calendar was approved 4-0, with Mayor Corridori absent.

1. Approve Demand Register No. 515

ACTION: Approved 4-0, Corridori absent

2. Approve Authorization to Seek Bids for the Computerized Traffic Signal Synchronization Project; NIB 04-06

ACTION: Approved 4-0, Corridori absent

### **ORDINANCE**

3. Waive the Second Reading in Full and Adopt, by Title Only, Ordinance No. 05-330; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS AMENDING CHAPTER 6, PART 2, DIVISION 5 - SIGN REGULATIONS, §9655-9655.8, AND PART 3, DIVISION 6 - VARIANCE AND MODIFICATION, APPLICATION PROCEDURES, §9676.2, PART 6, OA - OLD AGOURA DESIGN OVERLAY DISTRICT, §9554.5 SIGNS, IN THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE, AND ADOPTION OF SIGN DESIGN GUIDELINES

There were no speakers.

ACTION: Following discussion, the motion by Councilmember Edelston to waive the second reading in full and adopt, by title only, Ordinance No. 05-330, was seconded by Councilmember Kuperberg and approved on a roll call vote of 4-0, with Mayor Corridori absent.

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

4. Agoura Road Bike Lane Project – Phase II, NIB 04-04; Project Update and Request for Authorization for Additional Funding

There were no speakers.

**ACTION:** Following discussion, the motion by Councilmember Kuperberg to approve the request for authorization to appropriate \$175,000 from the General Fund Reserves, was seconded by Councilmember Reinhardt and approved on a roll call vote of 4-0, with Mayor Corridori absent.

## **COUNCIL, STAFF COMMENTS**

Councilmember Reinhardt congratulated the Las Virgenes Homeowners Association on their annual banquet and passed along their appreciation for the Council's commitment to support the SOKA acquisition project.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:01 p.m., on a motion by Councilmember Kuperberg, second by Councilmember Edelston, the City Council consented to adjourn to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 18, 2005 for a Special Meeting of the City Council in the Community Room of the Civic Center located at 30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills.

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, CMC  
City Clerk