

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 13, 2022
6:00 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Anstead.

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

Also Present were: City Manager Nathan Hamburger, City Attorney Candice K. Lee, Assistant City Manager Ramiro Adeva, Administrative Analyst John Treichler, Executive Assistant Amber Victoria, Media Analyst Ericka Diaz, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Jessica Forte, Traffic Engineer Consultant Laura Forinash, and City Clerk Kimberly M. Rodrigues.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session was held.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL, SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE, & DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mayor Lopez introduced and welcomed new Lost Hills Sheriff Station Captain, Jennifer Seetoo, who provided an update to the City Council.

In celebration of the City of Agoura Hills 40th Anniversary – 40 Facts for 40 Years, Mayor Lopez highlighted the personal and business background of Bruce Whizin, who recently passed away, noting the many Whizin family contributions to the community, including his parents' iconic Whizin Marketplace and founding of Adat Ari El, and Bruce's founding of the Shirley & Arthur Center dedicated to the Jewish future and the Whizin Center for Continuing Education at American Jewish University. Mayor Lopez stated: *"the City of Agoura Hills wants to honor Bruce Whizin and the Whizin family for their impactful contributions to our community; we extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends,"* noting the City Council would be adjourning the meeting in his memory.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following person provided in-person live testimony:

Kathy Creech, Agoura Hills, submitted written comments for Cheryl Nourouzi

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

Neri Gauthier, Agoura Hills

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

1. Approve Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 27, 2022
2. Approve Demand Warrant Register No. 875
3. Approve and Make AB 361 Findings for Special Brown Act Requirements for Teleconference Meetings
4. Approve First Amendment to Agreement for Consultant Services, with MNS Engineers, Inc., for Construction Management Services Related to the Roadside Drive Bridge Widening Project
5. Approve Agreements for Landscape Consultant Services, with Brodersen Associates, for: 1) City-Initiated (Non-Reimbursable) Projects, and 2) Non-City-Initiated (Reimbursable) Projects

6. Approve Agreement for Consultant Services, with Geodynamics, Inc., for Geotechnical Review Services for Fiscal Year 2022-2023
7. Approve Notice of Completion for Recreation & Event Center Improvements Project; NIB #21-03, CDBG No. 602305
8. Approve Rejection of Claim for Damages – Chandra Gero
9. Approve Rejection of Claim for Damages – Jeffrey Gero

ORDINANCE / ACTION

10. Introduce, Read by Title Only, and Waive Further Reading of **Ordinance No. 22-460**; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS ON ONE SEGMENT OF REYES ADOBE ROAD BETWEEN AGOURA ROAD AND THOUSAND OAKS BOULEVARD

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

There was no public comment.

ACTION: Following deliberations, Councilmember Northrup moved to introduce, read by title only, and waive further reading of **Ordinance No. 22-460**. Mayor Pro Tem Anstead seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

DISCUSSION / ACTION

11. Discussion to Consider the Adoption of **Resolution No. 22-2016**; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE LOCAL ROADWAY SAFETY PLAN

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Forte noted, after the public distribution of the Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP), that a clarification to the Executive Summary of the LRSP was recommended to better describe the intent and purpose of the Case Studies found in Appendix A, and revisions were made to pages ES-2 and ES-3, as follows:

~~“Five (5) case study locations were chosen to be representative of the corridor and intersection configurations throughout the City. These locations were identified through the analysis process based on their crash histories, stakeholder engagement, the observed crash patterns, and their different characteristics to provide the most insight into~~

~~potential systemic safety countermeasures that the City can employ to achieve the most cost effective safety benefits. Countermeasures were subjected to a benefit/cost assessment and scored according to their potential return on investment. These case studies can be used to select the most appropriate countermeasure, and to potentially phase improvements over the longer term. The potential benefit of these countermeasures at locations with similar design characteristics can then be extrapolated regardless of crash history, allowing for proactive safety enhancements that can prevent future safety challenges from developing. Additionally, this information can be used to help the City apply for grants and other funding opportunities to implement these safety improvements.~~

Five (5) case study locations were chosen to be representative of the City's corridor and intersection configurations, meaning signalized intersections, unsignalized intersections, and roadway segments. A Safety Project Case Study was developed for each of the following locations:

Case Study #1: Unsignalized Intersection: Reyes Adobe Road and Stonecrest Drive

Case Study #2: Signalized Intersection: Lake Lindero Drive and Thousand Oaks Boulevard

Case Study #3: Signalized Intersection: Kanan Road and Thousand Oaks Boulevard

Case Study #4: Unsignalized Intersection: Driver Avenue and Conejo View Drive

Case Study #5: Segment: Canwood Street from Lake Lindero Drive to Reyes Adobe Road

These locations were identified through the analysis process based on their crash histories, stakeholder engagement, the observed crash patterns, and their different characteristics. While there is not a significant history of crashes at Case Study #1, this location was selected based on stakeholder engagement. Case Studies #2 and #3 were selected because these locations have an over-represented number of collisions involving pedestrians and aggressive driving, which have been identified as emphasis areas for the City. Case Studies #4 and #5 were selected because the overall observed crash rates are higher than expected based on the facility type and vehicle volume. Facilities with an on-going or planned improvements were not included as Case Study locations.

For each case study, countermeasures were developed to address the safety patterns at that location. These countermeasures were compiled into a countermeasure toolbox and can also be applied to similar locations for a systemic safety approach that the City can employ to achieve the most cost-effective safety benefits. A breadth of facility types was selected to generate a variety of depth of countermeasures for the City."

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

There was no public comment.

ACTION: Following deliberations, Councilmember Northrup moved to adopt **Resolution No. 22-2018**, as amended. Councilmember Buckley Weber seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

COUNCIL, STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Buckley Weber shared some personal fun facts about Bruce Whizin and extended condolences to his family.

Mayor Lopez reported she was on a Los Angeles County Department of Public Health COVID call today and, unfortunately, there was a rise in cases, and encouraged everyone to continue to wear a mask.

Mayor Lopez noted the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Bruce Whizin, spoke about the recent passing of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Resource Conservation Manager David Martin Roberts, and requested the meeting be adjourned in both Bruce Whizin and David Martin Roberts' memories.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lopez announced the Regular Meeting of the City Council for July 27, 2022, has been canceled and the next Regular Meeting of the City Council would be held at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center. It is anticipated that members of the public will have the opportunity to participate in-person in the Council Chambers or by remote video conferencing (Zoom).

ACTION: At 7:45 p.m., Councilmember Buckley Weber moved to adjourn the meeting in memory of Bruce Whizin and David Martin Roberts. Councilmember Northrup seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MPPA, MMC
City Clerk