

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING (IN-PERSON AND VIDEO CONFERENCE)
AGOURA HILLS CITY COUNCIL
Civic Center – Council Chambers
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California 91301
Wednesday, March 8, 2023
6:00 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cub Scout Pack 227.

Present were: Mayor Chris Anstead, Mayor Pro Tem Illece Buckley Weber, Councilmember Deborah Klein Lopez, Councilmember Penny Sylvester, and Councilmember Jeremy Wolf.

Also Present were: City Manager Nathan Hamburger, City Attorney Candice K. Lee, Assistant City Manager Ramiro Adeva, Deputy City Manager Louis Adeva, Management Analyst Amber Victoria, Administrative Analyst John Treichler, Director of Community Development Denice Thomas, Principal Planner Jessica Cleavenger, Senior Planner Robby Nesovic, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Jessica Forte, Director of Community Services Amy Brink, Recreation Manager Nick Newkirk, 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 (1)(d) with *Casa Green, et al. v. City of Agoura Hills et al.*, regarding the City's temporary tenant eviction moratorium. The City Council unanimously (*i.e., Anstead, Buckley Weber, Lopez, Sylvester, Wolf*) voted to seek appellate review in this case.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Anstead presented a Certificate of Recognition to 4th Grade Willow Elementary student Jordan Lahav congratulating her on the publication of her book, *Maggie*, and celebrating her as one of Agoura Hills' youngest published authors.

Mayor Anstead presented Proclamations Denouncing Antisemitism to Rabbi Levine, representing the Chabad of the Conejo, and Rachel Wallace, representing the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles.

Mayor Anstead and members of the City Council, assisted by the Community Services Department, thanked the City Volunteers and presented them with tokens of appreciation for volunteering their time to the City.

A special memoriam presentation from Mayor Anstead, on behalf of the City Council, was presented to Zev Sagi in honor of his wife and former Agoura Hills Library Manager Raya Sagi. The Friends of the Library also made a special presentation, noting the plaque would be displayed in the library in memory of Raya Sagi.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL, SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE, & DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

There were no reports.

The City Council recessed at 6:56 p.m. and reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments.

ACTION: Councilmember Sylvester moved to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-5, as presented. Councilmember Wolf seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

1. Approve Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 13, 2022
2. Approve Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 22, 2023
3. Approve Demand Warrant Register No. 888

4. Approve Grant Agreement with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center Improvements
5. Adopt **Resolution No. 23-2032**; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING APPLICATION(S) FOR SPECIFIED GRANT FUNDS FROM THE 2022-23 CALIFORNIA STATE BUDGET, SECTION 19.56.(b)(16)(E), FOR \$6,000,000, TO THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS FOR THE LINEAR PARK and GREENWAY PROJECT

DISCUSSION / ACTION

6. Discussion Regarding Proposed Amendments to City Council Norms

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

There were no public comments.

Following discussion, including several City Council typographical non-substantive corrections, City Attorney Lee recommended the adoption of the revised City Council Norms with the following changes:

- Page 1, Paragraph 3; ~~“Except for those norms that are based on law, these Norms are voluntary expected and non-binding.”~~ **Superseded by Mayor Pro Tem Buckley Weber’s suggestion below.*
- Page 4, Item No. 8; ~~“The Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are peers of and serve at the pleasure of the other Councilmembers.~~ For an egregious violation or multiple violations of the Norms, the City Council may elect to remove or replace the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem.”
- Page 12, Item No. 7, the last parenthetical; ~~“...(i.e., public or private apology request, removal from committee assignments, or public or private censure).”~~
- Page 14, Item No. 10 a, b, and c, would be renumbered to 11, 12, and 13 and the numbers following would be changed to be in sequence (i.e., 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18).
- Page 14, Item No. 14, last sentence; ~~“If there is an urgency from that public agency to vote on the issue, and~~ If in such an event, the Councilmember has not had the opportunity to discuss the item with the City Manager, the Councilmember shall abstain.”
- Page 21, Item No. 4; ~~“For multiple or~~ an egregious violations or multiple violations of the Norms...”

- Page 22, first paragraph; “I, the undersigned City of Agoura Hills Member of the City Council Councilmember,...”
- Appendix A, Page 4 (A); “...The first (basic) motion would be moot, as would the second motion (which sought to amend the first (basic) motion), and the action on the agenda item...”
- Authorization for staff and the City Attorney to correct any other typographical non-substantive errors.

*Mayor Pro Tem Buckley Weber suggested a further amendment as follows:

- Page 1, Paragraph 3; “Except for those norms that are based on law, compliance with these Norms are voluntary is expected and non-binding.”

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Buckley Weber moved to approve the recommendations of the City Attorney, along with the additional change she had suggested. Councilmember Lopez seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

COUNCIL, STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Wolf thanked the Mayor for placing the proclamations on the agenda as it was very meaningful and important to the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Buckley Weber spoke about former Agoura Hills Library Manager Raya Sagi and requested the meeting be adjourned in her memory.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Anstead announced the Special Meeting of the City Council Goal Setting Workshop would be held at 4:00 p.m., followed by the Regular Meeting of the City Council at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center. It is anticipated that members of the public would have the opportunity to participate in-person in the Council Chambers or by remote video conferencing (Zoom).

ACTION: At 7:50 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Buckley Weber moved to adjourn the meeting in memory of Raya Sagi. Councilmember Sylvester seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MPPA, MMC
City Clerk