

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING (IN-PERSON AND VIDEO CONFERENCE)
AGOURA HILLS CITY COUNCIL
Civic Center – Council Chambers
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California 91301
Wednesday, August 24, 2022
6:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Lopez announced that Linda L. Northrup had resigned from the City Council and would be invited to a future meeting for formal recognition and noted that the options to fill her Council vacancy would be discussed under Agenda Item No. 8.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assistant City Manager Adeva.

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

Also Present were: Assistant City Manager Ramiro Adeva, City Attorney Candice K. Lee, Deputy City Manager Louis Adeva, Management Analyst Amber Victoria, Administrative Analyst Celeste Bird, Administrative Analyst John Treichler, Media Analyst Ericka Diaz, Director of Community Development Denice Thomas, Principal Planner Jessica Cleavenger, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Jessica Forte, Director of Finance Christy Truelsen, Director of Community Services Amy Brink, 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 Weber seconded. The motion carried 4-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL, SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE, & DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Superintendent, David Szymanski, provided an update on the Chesebro Trail Renovation Project.

Jody Lyle introduced herself to the City Council announcing that she would be serving as Acting Superintendent for the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area through December (2022), was familiar with the Chesebro Trail Renovation Project, and looked forward to working with the City.

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Division 5 Director, Jay Lewitt, and Engineering Program Manager, Oliver Slauser, provided an update on the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo.

Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce Director of Government Affairs & Tourism, Adam Haverstock, provided a Chamber Update.

Mayor Pro Tem Anstead provided a Las Virgenes/Malibu Council of Governments Update.

Director of Community Services Brink thanked the One City, One Book Committee and announced the book selection for 2022 would be the highly acclaimed novel “The Library Book” by New York Times Best Selling Author Susan Orlean, reported an evening with the author was scheduled for October 27, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at the Agoura Hills Recreation and Event Center, and students from an Agoura Hills elementary school will be scheduled to spend a morning with Mayor Lopez for the “READ with the Mayor” event.

In celebration of the City of Agoura Hills 40th Anniversary – 40 Facts for 40 Years, Mayor Lopez presented one fact: the 1983 Miss Las Virgenes Pageant was open to young ladies between the ages of 16 ½ and 26 who resided in Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Westlake Village, Oak Park, and Malibu, and offered finalists the opportunity to compete in the Miss California U.S.A. and Miss Universe Pageants, and Kelly Lang, 22, of Agoura Hills, was crowned the 1984-85 Miss Las Virgenes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following person(s) provided in-person testimony:

Cristy Warner, with youth volunteers Addy, Emily, and Jackson, Thousand Oaks, representing Conejo Valley Relay for Life (*submitted flyer*)

Michael Borkovitz, representing Conejo Valley Relay for Life

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

Phil Ramuno, Agoura Hills

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following person(s) provided in-person testimony for Item No. 2:

Stephen Bigilen, representing Stephen's Video Production

Following distribution of the Agenda Packet, and prior to the City Council Meeting, written correspondence for Item No. 6 was received from the following person(s), forwarded to the City Council, and made available for public review.

*Penny Bondy
Carolyn Cass-Barton, Oak Park
Carol Heflin, Agoura Hills
Ellie Hawkinson, Old Agoura
Rhoda Silver, Agoura Hills
Darryl Levine
Mindy Levine
Jess Thomas, representing Old Agoura Homeowners
Hilary Waldinger, Agoura Hills*

The following person(s) provided in-person testimony for Item No. 6:

Mary Wiesbrock, representing Save Open Space *(submitted written comments)*
Jackie Lacombe, Agoura Hills *(submitted photographs)*
Mary Ann Rush, Agoura Hills
Ellie Hawkinson, Agoura Hills

Councilmember Buckley Weber indicated she would be abstaining from Item No. 2 and requested a separate motion on the item.

Mayor Pro Tem Anstead had a question for staff on Item No. 5, the question was answered and the item was not pulled for discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Anstead requested Item No. 6 be pulled for separate consideration.

ACTION: Councilmember Buckley Weber moved to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1, 3, 4, and 5, as presented. Councilmember Weber seconded. The motion carried 4-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ACTION: Councilmember Weber moved to approve Consent Calendar Item No. 2, as presented. Mayor Lopez seconded. The motion carried 3-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Lopez, Mayor Pro Tem Anstead, and Councilmember Weber.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Buckley Weber.

ACTION: Councilmember Buckley Weber moved to approve Consent Calendar Item No. 6, as presented. Councilmember Weber seconded. The motion carried 3-1, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Lopez and Councilmembers Buckley Weber and Weber.

NOES: Mayor Pro Tem Anstead.

ABSENT: None.

1. Approve Demand Warrant Register No. 877
2. Approve Award of Contract, to Pegasus Studios, for an Agreement for Contractor Services for Audio/Visual Broadcasting Services for the City of Agoura Hills
3. Approve Award of Contract, to RRM Design Group, for an Agreement for Design Professional Consultant Services for the Development of Pre-Approved Building Plans for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)
4. Approve Agreement for Consultant Services, with Dapeer, Rosenblit & Litvak, LLP, for City Prosecuting Services for Fiscal Year 2022-2023
5. Adopt **Resolution No. 22-2019**; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS
6. Adopt **Ordinance No. 22-461**; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA AMENDING ARTICLE IX (ZONING) OF THE AGOURA HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY THE RH, RM, AND CS-MU ZONING DISTRICTS TO ALLOW INCREASED RESIDENTIAL DENSITY; ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVERLAY DISTRICT AND ESTABLISH A MINISTERIAL PROCESS FOR QUALIFYING PROJECTS (CASE NO. ZOA-2022-0003); ADOPT OBJECTIVE DESIGN STANDARDS FOR MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLINGS (CASE NO. ZOA-2022-0005); AND AMEND THE ZONING MAP TO GRAPHICALLY DEPICT THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVERLAY DISTRICT AND NEW ZONING DESIGNATIONS FOR THE HOUSING ELEMENT SITE INVENTORY SITES; Adopt **Ordinance No. 22-462**; AN

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER IV (DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS) OF THE LADYFACE MOUNTAIN SPECIFIC PLAN TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGULATING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVERLAY DISTRICT (CASE NO. ZOA-2022-0003); and, Adopt **Ordinance No. 22-463**; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 4 (LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS) AND CHAPTER 9 (PLAN ADMINISTRATION) OF THE AGOURA VILLAGE SPECIFIC PLAN TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGULATING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVERLAY DISTRICT (CASE NO. ZOA-2022-0002)

DISCUSSION / ACTION

7. Approve California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption for the Storm Water to Sewer Diversion Project

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

There were no public comments.

ACTION: Following deliberations, Councilmember Buckley Weber moved to approve the California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption for the Storm Water to Sewer Diversion Project and authorize the Director of Public Works to sign the Notice of Exemption on behalf of the City. Councilmember Weber seconded. The motion carried 4-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

8. Discussion Regarding Vacancy of Council Seat and Consideration of Appointment or Special Election to Fill Vacancy of Office

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

There were no public comments.

The City Council provided feedback on the preparation of the application for appointment, including the provision of an informational “mini” Council candidate packet outlining the various responsibilities of a Councilmember, and provided comments on the interview and appointment process.

ACTION: Following deliberations, Councilmember Buckley Weber moved that the vacancy of the Council seat be filled by appointment (Option #1) with a two-week application period of August 25, 2022, through September 8, 2022, with City Council interviews scheduled for September 14, 2022. Councilmember Weber seconded. The motion carried 4-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

COUNCIL, STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Buckley Weber acknowledged Stephen Bigilen for a great job, especially during COVID, and that she had the deepest gratitude for everything he has done over his years with the City.

Councilmember Weber also thanked Stephen Bigilen and wished him the best in his future, and spoke about 9/11 and all the people that perished that day, stating that he hoped *“none of us ever forget what happened.”*

Mayor Pro Tem Anstead thanked Linda L. Northrup for her service to the community as a former City Councilmember and Planning Commissioner.

Mayor Lopez echoed the comments of the Councilmembers, spoke about the recent passing of Ventura County Supervisor Maria Carmen Ramirez, read a tribute honoring her life and career in local government, and requested the City Council adjourn the meeting in her memory.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lopez announced the next Regular Meeting of the City Council would be held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 14, 2022. Members of the public will have the opportunity to participate in-person in the Council Chambers or by remote video conferencing (Zoom).

ACTION: At 8:53 p.m., Mayor Lopez moved to adjourn the meeting in memory of Maria Carmen Ramirez. Councilmember Buckley Weber seconded. The motion carried 4-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MPPA, MMC
City Clerk