

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING (IN-PERSON AND VIDEO CONFERENCE)
AGOURA HILLS CITY COUNCIL
Civic Center – Council Chambers
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California 91301
Wednesday, May 10, 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 Celaya, Management Analyst Amber Victoria, Administrative Analyst John Treichler, Media Analyst Ericka Diaz, Administrative Assistant Michele Hubbs, Community Development Director Denice Thomas, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Jessica Forte, Director of Finance Christy Truelsen, Director of Community Services Amy Brink, Management Analyst Stephanie Pozos, and City Clerk Kimberly M. Rodrigues.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Lee announced the City Council had met in Closed Session and, at 4:00 p.m., recessed and would reconvene the Closed Session at the conclusion of the regular meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Councilmember Wolf moved to approve the Agenda, as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Buckley Weber 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.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Anstead presented Certificates of Recognition to Cub Scout Pack 227, for their participation in the presentation of the Colors and Flag Salute at Agoura Hills City Council Meetings, and thanked them for their service to the community.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL, SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE, & DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

There were no reports.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Following distribution of the Agenda Packet, and prior to the City Council Meeting, written correspondence was received from the following person(s), forwarded to the City Council, and made available for public review.

Ben Suber, Agoura Hills, representing the Community Service Days Committee

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments.

Councilmember Lopez, Mayor Anstead, Mayor Pro Tem Buckley Weber, and Councilmember Sylvester, spoke on Item No. 10, and welcomed Planning Commission appointee, Kate Anderson.

ACTION: Councilmember Wolf moved to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-10, 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.

1. Approve Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 24, 2022
2. Approve Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 14, 2022
3. Approve Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 28, 2022
4. Approve Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 26, 2023
5. Approve Demand Warrant Register No. 891
6. Approve Authorization to Seek Bids for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Concrete Repair Project; NIB 23-02
7. Approve First Amendment to the Agreement for Design Professional Consultant Services, with m6 Consulting, Inc., for Engineering Design Services Related to the Dry-Weather Storm Drain Diversion Project
8. Approve Third Amendment to the Agreement for Consultant Services, m6 Consulting, Inc., for Additional Engineering Design Services for the Palo Comado Creek Linear Park Project

9. Approve Agreement for Contractor Services, with Durham School Services, L.P., for the 2023 Summer Beach Bus Service
10. Approve Appointment to Fill Planning Commission Vacancy

DISCUSSION / ACTION

11. Discussion to Consider Approval of Waste Management Valet Fee Increase Proposal

Councilmember Wolf recused himself from participation on this item, as he resided in the Annandale complex, stepped down from the Council dais, and exited the Council Chambers at 6:22 p.m.

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

There were no public comments.

ACTION: Following discussion, Councilmember Sylvester moved to approve Waste Management's proposed valet rate increase request and direct Waster Management to notify the affected customers. Councilmember Lopez seconded. The motion carried 4-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Wolf.

Councilmember Wolf rejoined the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

COUNCIL, STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Sylvester commended everyone on Community Service Day and inquired how much the City saved by (the volunteers) painting the railing at the Recreation and Event Center. Community Services Director Brink responded upwards of \$20,000-\$25,000 was saved.

Mayor Pro Tem Buckley Weber expressed her sadness over the last week and a half and shared her concerns regarding all the violence and prejudice occurring daily; assured residents that the City is doing things, such as working with Captain Seetou at the Lost Hills Sheriff's Station on the startup of an interfaith security group for places of worship, the City presented a proclamation to the Chabad of the Conejo (and the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles) denouncing antisemitism, and the City/COG (Council of Governments) has a homeless coordinator who works with (the region's) unhoused

individuals; and invited the community to forward their suggestions to her to promote love and peace for the City to *“see if there’s anything else that we can do to work towards making it a better community and a better world.”*

Councilmember Sylvester spoke about the recent passing of former Willow Elementary School Principal, Brent Noyes, and read the following personal tribute aloud: *“I would like to adjourn tonight’s meeting in memory of Brent Noyes. Brent and I both arrived at Willow Elementary School in 1998. He was the Principal; I was an incoming parent. We worked closely together while I was a PFA President at the school and I will always be grateful for his leadership, sympathy, and support. He really loved his pupils and enthusiastically participated in our school’s birthdays. Who can forget him performing the Chicken Dance at our morning assemblies? His name will always bring a smile to my face.”* Councilmember Lopez added: *“He also moved over to Yerba Buena when I was on the Parent Faculty Club and the kids did get a kick out of his last name, was Noyes, but they always called him No-Yes.”*

Councilmember Lopez spoke about the recent passing of Westlake High School freshman, Wesley Welling, and read the following tribute aloud: *“As you see, we, the Agoura Hills City Council, we will sometimes close our meetings in honor and memory of the life of a community member and we don’t do this for everyone. We do this to highlight those who have often spent many years giving back to our community and making an impact and making a difference right here at home in our own community. And, so, it’s particularly heartbreaking to adjourn in memory of someone who has done all that, but in only 15 short years of life. Wesley Welling, a freshman at Westlake High School was tragically killed on April 18, caught up in a series of crimes committed across the region by a suspect. While he was waiting for the bus, he was struck down in front of his sister, in front of his friends, and in front of his classmates and this tragedy occurred only a week after the passing of Wesley’s Aunt, his Mom’s sister, so, you can imagine the unbearable grief that this family, in our own community, is experiencing. So, Wesley and I did not know each other, but I know that our paths had surely crossed. From the time he was a small child, Wesley and his family were frequent volunteers at the Conejo Meal and Shelter Program, where I had volunteered for many years with his Uncle, Beau Morris, and, I’ve included a picture here on our screen of Wesley years ago with his siblings and his Uncle Beau at one of the shelter locations. Also, there’s a picture him, a little bit older, with his Uncle Beau and, then, the picture of him and his Mom, is just so beautiful, and I think all of us who are mothers can see the look in her eyes looking at her son and really feel the love and the loss. In the spirit of giving back to the community was instilled within Wesley by his caring and generous family from a very young age. And, Wesley was not only a giving young man, but he has been described as kind, calm, playful, amazing, positive, and a wonderful son, brother, and friend who touched the lives of those around him. This Saturday, at 10:00 a.m. at Calvary Church in Westlake, there will be a memorial service for Wesley. Those who knew him well, his family, his classmates, his teachers, and others will surely be there to share stories of Wesley’s life – a life that was cut short way too soon, and, so, I encourage the community to attend. Residents from Agoura Hills, the Conejo Valley, and beyond, have rallied around Wesley’s family raising funds to assist them, via a GoFundMe campaign, holding vigils at schools, churches, and businesses around town, and coming out in numbers to show support for this family in mourning. And,*

so, I respectfully request that we adjourn in memory of Wesley Welling, so that their family knows that we, too, the City of Agoura Hills, send our deepest condolences.”

Mayor Anstead thanked all the staff and volunteers who participated in Community Service Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Anstead announced the Regular Meeting of the City Council would be held at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center. Members of the public will have the opportunity to participate in-person in the Council Chambers or by remote video conferencing (Zoom).

ACTION: At 7:02 p.m., Councilmember Lopez moved to adjourn the meeting in memory of Brent Noyes and Wesley Welling. 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.

Following the adjournment of the Regular City Council Meeting, the City Council reconvened the Closed Session at 7:03 p.m.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

At 7:49 p.m., City Attorney Lee reported on the City Council Closed Session item, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. The City Council considered the item, direction was given to staff, and no reportable action was taken.

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MPPA, MMC
City Clerk