

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING (IN-PERSON AND VIDEO CONFERENCE)
AGOURA HILLS CITY COUNCIL
Civic Center – Council Chambers
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California 91301
Wednesday, June 14, 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 Councilmember Wolf.

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, Principal Planner Jessica Cleavenger, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Jessica Forte, Director of Finance Christy Truelsen, Director of Community Services Amy Brink, Recreation Manager Nick Newkirk, Management Analyst Stephanie Pozos, and City Clerk Kimberly M. Rodrigues.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session was held.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Councilmember Sylvester 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.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL, SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE, & DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Recreation Manager Nick Newkirk provided a (19th) Annual Reyes Adobe Days update and announced the event would be held October 6-8, 2023, at Reyes Adobe Park, and the 2023 Grand Marshal would be Matt McKagan, retired band director at Lindero Canyon Middle School.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Buckley Weber moved to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-12, 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 May 24, 2023
2. Approve Demand Warrant Register No. 893
3. Approve Treasurer's Report for March 2023
4. Approve Treasurer's Report for April 2023
5. Approve Awards of Contracts with Bureau Veritas North America, Inc. and m6 Consulting, Inc. for Plan Review, Inspection, and Temporary Staffing Services, and with JLee Engineering, Inc. and Willdan Engineering, as Backup Consultants for Plan Review, Inspection, and Temporary Staffing Services
6. Approve Agreement for Contractor Services, with Danish Environment, Inc. for Custodial Services for the Agoura Hills Recreation and Event Center
7. Approve Agreement for Contractor Services, with J&A Rents and Sells DBA A Rental Connection, for Equipment Rental Services for City Events
8. Approve Cooperative Agreement, with Los Angeles County, to Provide Paratransit (Dial-A-Ride) Service 2023-2026

9. Approve Agreement for Consultant Services, with Precision Concrete Cutting, to Perform Citywide Concrete Infrastructure
10. Approve Agreement for Contractor Services, with Ventura Transit Systems, Inc., for Charter Transportation Services – Recreation Transit Programs
11. Approve Agreement for Consultant Services, with Willdan Engineering, for Geographic Information System Services
12. Approve Agreement for Consultant Services, with Willdan Engineering, for Professional Water Quality Services

PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE

13. Conduct a Public Hearing, Waive Full Reading, and Introduce **Ordinance No. 23-470**; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ARTICLE IX (ZONING) OF THE AGOURA HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY CHAPTER 3 (COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS) AND CHAPTER 6 (REGULATORY PROVISIONS) TO ADD PROVISIONS TO THE OUTDOOR DINING DESIGN AND OPERATIONAL STANDARDS AND AMEND THE OFF-STREET PARKING PROVISIONS TO ALLOW OUTDOOR DINING OPPORTUNITIES AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Mayor Anstead opened the Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m.

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

There being no public comments, Mayor Anstead closed the Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m.

ACTION: Following discussion, Councilmember Sylvester moved to waive full reading and introduce **Ordinance No. 23-470**, making a determination of exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act. 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.

ABSTAIN: None.

DISCUSSION / ACTION

14. Discussion to Consider Authorization to Purchase a Pre-Fabricated Public Restroom for the Chumash Park Restroom Renovation Project

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

There were no public comments.

Mayor Anstead announced the staff recommendation was to: 1) Approve the Public Restroom Company design, including color and materials presented, 2) Authorize the purchase and installation of a pre-fabricated park restroom at Chumash Park, by Public Restroom Company, in the amount not-to-exceed \$510,000. The City Manager may approve additional work up to ten percent (10%) of the amount of the Agreement. Any additional work in excess of this amount shall be approved by the City Council, and, 3) Authorize the City Manager to sign the purchase order and agreement on behalf of the City of Agoura Hills.

ACTION: Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Buckley Weber moved to approve the staff recommendation. 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.

ABSTAIN: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Sherry Ferber, Agoura Hills
George Colman, Agoura Hills
Ed Corridori, Agoura Hills

The City Council shared their personal remarks and tributes regarding Kathi Colman and her contributions to the community as follows:

- Councilmember Wolf stated: *I first met George and Kathi Colman about 11 years ago and I met with them every Friday to talk about saving the Chesebro Meadow and that's when I first really met you both and learned what you meant to the community. I also want to highlight that you both really were the trailblazers in the Save LA Cougars. It's taken on a life of its own, it's world famous, but you both were the ones that hosted Beth Pratt at your house when there was this little idea*

that the community hadn't bought into yet and Kathi really helped to spearhead that. And, what I love and miss, and one of my favorite parts about Kathi, was her art and how it inspired us all to care about our wildlife and how she, in her art, she made mountain lions...they personified a resilience, and they made you feel a certain way and I'll never forget that, in Senator Stern's office we borrowed, it was P-12, the granddaddy of them all, and everyday walking into our office, it was the first thing I saw and it was on loan for six years and every single person who walked into that office saw that piece of art and I think it inspired them a little bit. You both are so integral to the City of Agoura Hills and to look around the audience and to see that half of the people in the audience's faces are also up there (motions toward Councilmember photo gallery) shows just how much she meant to the community. She will be dearly missed and sending my love to you and your family."

- *Councilmember Lopez stated: So, I like to think that no matter when you moved here, you know of the Colmans before you get to know the Colmans, right? Like if you move into Old Agoura or if you're just starting to get involved in City life, their name would come up and they had this reputation and this persona and so I knew of Kathi Colman and George long before I even met you just because of the history that you have in this town, and, so, I really got to know Kathi personally, a little bit better, probably right around the time she was illustrating the book about P-22, and I know that Sherry will agree with me that it is one of her proudest, proudest, accomplishments in life, and that's when I got to know her and she was so alive and spirited about this book and I think it was a really special time in her life and it was a pleasure to get to know her a little bit better during that time. And, right after that, I decided I was going to run for office and she did the very scary thing of inviting me to the Old Agoura barbecue and if you've ever been to the Old Agoura barbecue as a candidate, they size you up and they are asking you questions and Kathi was in a corner, kind of like holding court. She had her book and everybody would walk by and pay their respects to Kathi in the corner and I'm very, very thankful to say that I think I got the thumbs up from her because they offered to host a meet and greet for me in their beautiful home and, as Councilmember Wolf said, what a home, right? You can't even believe the beauty from the outside, overlooking the Chesebro Meadow, in the heart of Old Agoura, but just as beautiful on the inside with all of her art. And, it was such a meaningful gesture for me and really started a friendship with us and she shared some struggles that you've had in your family with me that I know she didn't share with everyone and it meant a lot to me and I was honored to hold her confidence. She invited me over to, when I became Mayor, to go through the stacks and stacks of archives that she had and I came with Amy with piles and piles of things and articles that she's collected over the years. She was just a treasure trove of information. I will mention, as George alluded to, having that confidence with Kathi also came with a level of what I will call honesty. And, so, I was the recipient and, as I know, a lot of our Councilmembers were, of that honesty. More than a few scathing emails when Kathi was upset with something about the City and despite the lashing I always did know, and I know we all did, that it was, her gestures were out of concern for the*

City based on a deep love for the City and she was always protective and acting in a way that would protect our City. And, finally, I'm going to share one story, I'm sure everybody has so many stories about Kathi, but I'm going to share just one. I'm wearing these earrings tonight in honor of Kathi, and you might say what are these earrings, they're just like cheapo TJ Maxx or something earrings, but they're very special to me and I think of her every time I wear them and I'll tell you why. I was wearing them one evening at a Council meeting, it was fairly early in my term, very nervous about being on the dais and being recorded and saying the wrong thing and she made sure to drop me a note to tell me how much she loved seeing these earrings on the dais and I want to read her note which I've saved because it was one of those early emails I got as a Councilmember. She said: "Hey, I do not care how, I do not know how wonky this sounds, loved those earrings you were wearing tonight. George and I had dinner, came home and watched your vote procedure via live stream. I not only loved that convenience, but I, once again, noticed how terrific your earrings complimented you. Gotta remember, I am a visual artiste, but just most importantly, is how much I admire all that you do. Appreciatively, Kathi." I've kept that message all those years and I do think of her every time I wear these because what struck me is that she found beauty in the tiniest little things and even the things that we didn't notice or we didn't pay attention too, she found beauty in it and she shared it and that is what I will always remember and love about Kathi. So, deep, deep condolences; I send my love to you and your family and our community.

- Mayor Pro Tem Buckley Weber stated: *French impressionist Edgar Degas said, "Art is not what you see, but what you make others see," and Kathi made us see animals, people, and outdoor spaces, and, specifically, P-22. She brought P-22 to life with her book and, as Sherry said, honestly, George and Kathi and Sherry were the first residents to support Save LA Cougars and the concept of a wildlife crossing here in Agoura Hills. I remember it, specifically, you three were in from the very beginning. Kathi was also an activist, that's what I would call her, as Councilmember Lopez pointed out, one day you'd get an email that would be just scathing and then the next day I'd get one saying: "You know that I love you," and feel like yes, I do. She just felt very strongly about the City of Agoura Hills and, most importantly, Old Agoura and the Old Agoura Homeowners Association and you can't mess with Kathi when it comes to the Old Agoura Homeowners Association. You cannot get in her way. She always let us know how she felt and, actually, even if the emails were scathing, I appreciated getting her input because it was important to know how Kathi Colman felt about an issue. She personally sent me lots of photos of interesting art, a lot of public art because we shared the love of art in public places, and she also made recommendations when I would travel she would give me museums and galleries and things to check out and I did check out a couple in Boston and they were fabulous. And so, we would talk quite a bit about different museums. She was a beautiful person inside and a real beauty on the outside, there's no doubt about it, and she always welcomed us into your home. Fundraisers, meet and greets, whatever it was, Kathi was more than happy*

to just open the door and say: "Bring it in and let's do it." She couldn't have helped us any more, it didn't matter what it was about. She was very supportive about the housing. She really took our side and gave us a lot of support when we had to certify our Housing Element and she, I think she just really helped in Old Agoura to really get people to understand the dilemma that the City of Agoura Hills was faced with by the State. And she sent some, those were the last emails that I got from her was: "Don't worry we're there for ya," and how much she loved us and how great we all were and she just couldn't have been more supportive and that was very brave of her because that was such a controversial issue. In the end, again, she was very brave in her passing. She's going to be missed, we all loved her, and, George, we send you our condolences to you and the family and just know we're always here for you.

- *Councilmember Sylvester stated: Well, I feel cheated because I didn't know her very long and the rest of you had many years with her, but I only met her once I came onto the Council and both Kathi and George sent me a sweet note of support when I got elected and I appreciate that, but I do know that she really wanted to create an archive in the City and that's something that we are planning on doing and, I think, we have to, as part of that archive, we have to have something, her name somewhere in there I think would be lovely, because we do have so many materials and we are going to be getting somebody that will start archiving it so it will be there permanently. I'm so sorry for your loss, George. My condolences to you and all your family.*
- *Mayor Anstead stated: And, George, my comments are, first of all, the fact that both you and Kathi have been involved in this community is just a testament to your marriage, I think, and the fact that a lot of marriages, at least mine, one or the other wants to be more involved than the other and the two of you seem to be very involved in this community at all times and on different issues. The first time that I met Kathi was actually with the P-22 at the State park when we were first talking about the wildlife crossing and then the second time I saw her, and got to know her a little bit better, was when she had her book and she had the P-22 and she said: "You gotta buy this, you gotta buy that," so I was buying quite a bit of stuff when I was at that fundraiser and I enjoyed doing that. She made you feel very comfortable and she was so friendly with everybody and then when the fires happened, when I actually got elected after running for a couple of different times, I went over, I remember I went to your home, she was very open with the home and then showing me all the stuff that had gotten burnt in the fire, so that's something that I really remember about the hospitality and about how kind both of you were and, again, how it was a package deal with the two of you and I thought that was so great. I think Ed and Joice Corridori emulate that as well and I love that about them so it's something great and I have a lot of memories from those times with the two of you and at the Old Agoura picnics as well, talking to her at that. I just can't say enough great things about her that when I did get to know her and just the kindest person when you go to know her and I'm sure there were some*

other emails I probably wasn't privy too, but I definitely enjoyed spending the time that I did with her, and, again, I'm so sorry for your loss and anything that you need from the City, we owe both of you a huge debt of gratitude for everything that you've done. Everything from advocating for the environment with the wildlife crossing to making sure that we've got our statutes on the housing issues, on the short-term housing, so there's all kinds of issues that I could talk about, but I want to just thank you from the bottom of my heart for being involved and caring about the community. I think that's the one thing that I always, like there's been many Councilmembers that I haven't necessarily gotten along with or had the same viewpoints, but I know that they're spending a lot of their time and effort to help, they're actually only doing it because they care about the community and that's exactly with you and Kathi that I know that you care deeply about this community and I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for both of you. Thank you, again, and I'm sorry for your loss. Tonight we will close this meeting in memory of Kathi (Colman).

COUNCIL, STAFF COMMENTS

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Anstead announced the next Regular Meeting of the City Council would be held at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, June 28, 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 7:22 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Buckley Weber moved to adjourn the meeting in memory of the "one and only" Kathi Colman. 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.

