

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING (IN-PERSON AND VIDEO CONFERENCE)
AGOURA HILLS CITY COUNCIL
Civic Center – Council Chambers
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California 91301
Wednesday, September 13, 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 Girl Scout Troop 176.

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, Management Analyst Amber Victoria, Director of Community Development Denice Thomas, Building Official Lukas Quach, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Jessica Forte, Director of Finance Christy Truelsen, (new) Director of Finance Diego Ibañez, 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 Wolf moved to approve the Agenda, as presented. 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.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL, SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE, & DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

City Manager Hamburger introduced the new Director of Finance, Diego Ibañez, who made a few introductory remarks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Buckley Weber spoke on Item No. 8 and suggested a future conversation regarding the City possibly subsidizing the arborist cost and an education campaign regarding the requirement of a permit to trim oak trees, noting that the cost of the permit is now free (to residents).

There were no public comments.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Buckley Weber moved to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-8, 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.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

1. Approve Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 23, 2023
2. Approve Demand Warrant Register No. 898
3. Approve Agreement for Consultant Services with Chandler Asset Management, Inc., for Treasury Management Services
4. Approve Agreements for Oak Tree Consultant Services, with Dudek for: 1) City-Initiated (Non-Reimbursable) Projects; and 2) Non-City-Initiated (Reimbursable) Projects for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25
5. Approve Agreement for Design Professional Consultant Services, with m6 Consulting, Inc., for Construction Engineering Services Related to the Ladyface Greenway Project

6. Approve Agreements for Wireless Telecommunications Consultant Services, with Telecom Law Firm, P.C. for: 1) City-Initiated (Non-Reimbursable) Wireless Services; and 2) Non-City-Initiated (Reimbursable) Wireless Projects for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25
7. Adopt **Resolution No. 23-2045**; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENT TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FOR THE LADYFACE GREENWAY PROJECT FROM PROCEEDS OF BONDS
8. Adopt **Resolution No. 23-2046**; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 12-1262 TO REPEAL THE MINOR OAK TREE PERMIT PLANNING FEE AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL ACT

PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE

9. Conduct a Public Hearing and Adopt **Ordinance No. 23-473**; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE AND AMENDING THE 2023 EDITION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CODE, AMENDING THE 2022 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, AND AMENDING ARTICLE III AND ARTICLE VIII OF THE AGOURA HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE and Adopt **Resolution No. 23-2047**; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, MAKING FINDINGS THAT AMENDMENTS TO THE 2022 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE AND THE 2022 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, AS ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, ARE REASONABLY NECESSARY DUE TO LOCAL CLIMATIC, GEOLOGICAL, OR TOPOGRAPHICAL CONDITIONS

Mayor Anstead opened the Public Hearing at 6:09 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 6:13 p.m.

Following deliberations, Mayor Anstead called for a motion and second to adopt **Ordinance No. 23-473** and **Resolution No. 23-2047**, making express findings that the State code amendments are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological, or topographical conditions.

ACTION: Councilmember Sylvester moved to approve the recommended motion. 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.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

COUNCIL, STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Lopez welcomed Director of Finance Ibañez and spoke about attending the Cal Cities Annual Conference and Expo in Sacramento next week, along with City Council, the City Attorney and City staff, noting they would be attending workshops with officials from other incorporated cities to discuss policies and implementation and *“work together to make sure that our voices are heard, which is particularly important for small cities like ours.”*

Councilmember Wolf reported on the success of the annual creek cleanup event last weekend, noting there were 135 participants and an entire dumpster was filled, and recommended the City Council follow the various bills that were being approved through the California legislature’s session, especially the housing bills.

Mayor Pro Tem Buckley Weber spoke about the creek cleanup, noting there was a tremendous amount of styrofoam in the creek and encouraged everyone to use paper products when possible, and wished all the members of the Jewish community a Shana Tova (Happy New Year).

Councilmember Sylvester reported her and Mayor Anstead, along with representatives from neighboring cities, attended Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff’s Station Captain Seetoo’s inter-faith prayer breakfast, and spoke about the importance of the partnership between agencies during emergencies.

Mayor Anstead also spoke about attending the prayer breakfast and requested a moment of silence in honor of all the people who lost their lives on September 11 (9/11), including the police and firefighters that were trying to save people that day.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Anstead announced the next Regular Meeting of the City Council would be held at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, September 27, 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 6:24 p.m., Councilmember Lopez moved to adjourn the meeting. 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.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MPPA, MMC
City Clerk