

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**AGOURA HILLS CITY COUNCIL**  
Civic Center – Council Chambers  
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California 91301  
**Wednesday, October 25, 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, Deputy City Manager Louis Celaya, Communications Manager Miranda Myers, Management Analyst Amber Victoria, Administrative Assistant Michele Hubbs, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Jessica Forte, Senior Civil Engineer Charmaine Yambao, Director of Finance Diego Ibañez, 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**

No Closed Session was held.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem 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.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Jeff Kiernan, Regional Public Affairs Manager, Los Angeles Division, from the League of California Cities (CalCities) announced the City of Agoura Hills had been selected as the winner of the internal administration category for its innovative approach to communicating with residents through The Good Life Agoura Hills Podcast, congratulated the City on pioneering *“a new and exciting way for cities to communicate with their residents and for sharing what they have learned with CalCities and cities all over California,”* and presented the prestigious Helen Putnam Award to the City.

The City Council shared their appreciation and personal remarks, acknowledged Assistant City Manager Adeva for his part in coordinating and hosting the monthly podcasts, and encouraged residents to watch the podcasts.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL, SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE, & DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Councilmember Sylvester announced the Las Virgenes/Malibu Council of Governments meeting had been canceled and reported that she had watched an online meeting arranged by the California Contracts Cities Association regarding a discussion on PARK (Pre-Arrest Release Protocols), shared there was a misunderstanding with “no bail” and there was a definite bail schedule, and encouraged everyone to watch the video.

Mayor Pro Tem Buckley provided an update on the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy meeting, noting that she would be reporting out on a regular basis.

City Manager Hamburger introduced the new Communications Manager, Miranda Myers, and announced that Director of Finance Truelsen would be retiring next week and wished her well on her retirement.

The City Council commended Director of Finance Truelsen on her retirement and made their personal remarks.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following person spoke:

Josh Gray representing the Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no public comments.

**ACTION:** Councilmember Wolf moved to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-4, 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.

1. Approve Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 11, 2023
2. Approve Demand Warrant Register No. 901  
Approve Treasurer's Report for August 2023
3. Adopt **Resolution No. 23-2048**; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THAT REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF AGOURA ROAD, WEST OF KANAN ROAD (APN'S 2061-032-902, 903, 904, 906), IN THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS ARE EXEMPT SURPLUS LAND, AND TAKING RELATED ACTIONS

#### **DISCUSSION / ACTION**

4. Discussion Regarding Dial-A-Ride Program and Transportation Services Analysis  
  
Following presentation of the staff report, Mayor Anstead opened the floor for public comments.  
  
There were no public comments.  
  
Following deliberations, Mayor Anstead called for a motion and second to approve the staff recommendation to:
  1. Approve Dial-A-Ride service for seniors and disabled through the City of Thousand Oaks from Monday through Sunday for a total of 101 hours per week.
  2. Approve AH-GO service for general public as an enhanced on-demand service and increasing the hours based on budget appropriation.
  3. Approve fares for the traditional Dial-A-Ride program through the City of Thousand Oaks to remain the same at \$1.50 per one way trip per person for trips into or out of Agoura Hills and Malibu Lake and \$3.00 per one way trip for trips outside of city limits.
  4. Approve an increase to fares for the AH-GO on-demand service to \$2.00 per one way trip per person for trips into or out of the City of Agoura Hills and Malibu Lake and \$4.00 per one-way trip for trips outside of city limits.

**ACTION:** Councilmember Lopez moved to approve the staff recommendation. 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.

### **COUNCIL, STAFF COMMENTS**

Councilmember Wolf stated that he appreciated the collaboration with the neighboring cities on the Dial-A-Ride Program.

Mayor Pro Tem Buckley Weber extended a welcome to the new City staff.

Director of Community Services Brink announced One City, One Book would be held at The Event Center tomorrow evening, featuring retired Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and his book "Zev's Los Angeles: From Boyle Heights to the Halls of Power. A Political Memoir," noted the event would be moderated by Acorn Editor John Loesing, doors would open at 5:00 p.m. and light refreshments would be served.

Mayor Anstead announced Supervisor Horvath would be holding a Community Resiliency and Preparedness Event tomorrow evening, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Lindero Canyon Middle School, and encouraged residents to attend.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Anstead announced the next Regular Meeting of the City Council would be held at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center.

**ACTION:** At 7:07 p.m., Councilmember Sylvester 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