

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AGOURA HILLS CITY COUNCIL AND THE
AGOURA HILLS IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY**

Civic Center – Council Chambers
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California 91301
Wednesday, March 13, 2024
6:00 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop 127.

Present were: Mayor Illece Buckley Weber, Mayor Pro Tem Penny Sylvester, Councilmember Chris Anstead, Councilmember Deborah Klein Lopez, 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, Executive Assistant Michele Hubbs, Director of Community Development Denice Thomas, Principal Planner Robby Nesovic, Associate Planner Valerie Darbouze, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Jessica Forte, 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

Mayor Buckley Weber announced that Item No. 5 would be pulled from the Agenda and brought back for Council consideration at a later date.

ACTION: Councilmember Lopez moved to approve the Agenda, as amended. Councilmember Anstead seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Buckley Weber and members of the City Council, assisted by the Community Services Department, thanked the City Volunteers and presented them with tokens of appreciation for volunteering their time to the City.

Deputy City Manager Celaya, assisted by Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Volunteer Jeff Wachtel, presented a plaque to CERT 2023 Member of the Year, Diane LeMoine.

Prior to the Planning Commission recognition, Mayor Buckley Weber read a personal tribute, regarding the passing of former Planning Commissioner John Asuncion, and announced the meeting would be adjourned in his honor.

Mayor Buckley Weber concluded the Volunteer Recognition event with a special (in memoriam) presentation and, on behalf of the City Council, presented the Civic Engagement Award to Ellen Wohl's family in honor of her dedication, volunteerism, and devotion to the City of Agoura Hills.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL, SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE, & DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mayor Buckley Weber announced a new display of banners, commemorating Women's History Month, was in the lobby of the Council Chambers. The annual celebration takes place in March, as designated by Presidential Proclamation, and celebrates iconic individuals and their contributions to American History. The women the City chose to celebrate include: American artistic gymnast, Simone Biles; American Labor Leader, civil rights activist, and co-founder of the United Farmworkers Association, Dolores Huerta; American lawyer and jurist who is the first black woman and former federal public defender to serve as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Ketanji Brown Jackson; American modernist painter and draftswoman who was one of the most significant artists in the 20th century, Georgia O'Keefe; and physicist and first American woman astronaut, Sally Ride. Mayor Buckley Weber encouraged residents to visit the banner display which can be viewed in the windows of the Council Chambers.

Councilmember Lopez announced she had been elected as Chair of the Board and provided a Clean Power Alliance (CPA) update.

Mayor Pro Tem Sylvester reported attending the International Women's Day Celebration at the Event Center on Tuesday, hosted by the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, and it was a very successful event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments.

Councilmembers Lopez and Wolf commended Mayor Buckley Weber for the Land Acknowledgment statement. Mayor Buckley Weber thanked staff for their outreach and assistance in drafting the statement.

Mayor Pro Tem Sylvester noted her intention was to state “Wildfire” and requested an amendment to Page 2, under Intergovernmental, Special Purpose Committee & Departmental Reports, of the Joint City Council and Agoura Hills Improvement Authority Minutes for February 14, 2024, as follows:

*Councilmember Sylvester reported attending the **Wildfire** ~~Wildlife~~ Mitigation Alignment webinar and provided an update.*

ACTION: Councilmember Wolf moved to approve Consent Calendar Item No. 1, as amended, and Item Nos 2-4, as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Sylvester seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

1. Approve Minutes of the Regular City Council and Agoura Hills Improvement Authority Meeting of February 14, 2024
2. Approve Demand Warrant Register No. 908
3. Approve Land Acknowledgment Statement
4. Adopt **Ordinance No. 24-476**; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 8 (COMMUNITY TREE MANAGEMENT) TO ARTICLE VII (STREETS) OF THE AGOURA HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE, AND FINDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15378(B)(5) AND 15061(B)(3)

DISCUSSION / ACTION

5. Discussion to Receive and File Report for Approval of Waste Management Residential Solid Waste Rate Escalation Increase (3.0%) and Consider a Request from Waste Management for an Additional Solid Waste Rate Adjustment for 2024

By consensus (*Buckley Weber, Sylvester, Anstead, Lopez, Wolf*) this item was pulled from the Agenda and will be heard at a later date.

6. Discussion to Consider the Adoption of **Resolution No. 24-2058**; ADOPTING A LANDSCAPE GUIDANCE PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES AND MAKING A FINDING OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Following a presentation of the staff report, Mayor Buckley Weber opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

Following deliberations, Mayor Buckley Weber called for a motion and second to approve the staff recommendation to adopt **Resolution No. 24-2058**.

ACTION: Councilmember Lopez moved to approve the staff recommendation. Councilmember Anstead seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

7. Discussion to Consider the Adoption of **Resolution No. 24-2056A**; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS AUTHORIZING AGOURA HILLS IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2024A; AND AGOURA HILLS IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY LEASE REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2024B; AND AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE SALE OF SAID 2024 BONDS AND EXECUTION OF THE BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Following a presentation of the staff report, Mayor Buckley Weber opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

Following deliberations, Mayor Buckley Weber called for a motion and second to approve the staff recommendation to adopt **Resolution No. 24-2056A**.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Sylvester moved to approve the staff recommendation. Councilmember Wolf seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Convene the Agoura Hills Improvement Authority (IA) Meeting

President Buckley Weber called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Present were: President Illece Buckley Weber, Vice-President Penny Sylvester, Authority Commissioner Chris Anstead, Authority Commissioner Deborah Klein Lopez, and Authority Commissioner Jeremy Wolf.

Also Present were: Chief Administrative Officer Nathan Hamburger, Authority Attorney Candice K. Lee, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Ramiro Adeva, Deputy City Manager Louis Celaya, Management Analyst Amber Victoria, Executive Assistant Michele Hubbs, Director of Community Development Denice Thomas, Principal Planner Robby Nesovic, Associate Planner Valerie Darbouze, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Jessica Forte, Director of Finance Diego Ibañez, Director of Community Services Amy Brink, and City Clerk/Authority Secretary Kimberly M. Rodrigues.

IA APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Authority Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the Agenda, as presented. Authority Commissioner Anstead seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: President Buckley Weber, Vice-President Sylvester, and Authority Commissioners Anstead, Lopez, and Wolf.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

IA PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IA CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments.

Vice-President Sylvester noted her intention was to state “Wildfire” and requested an amendment to Page 2, under Intergovernmental, Special Purpose Committee & Departmental Reports, of the Joint City Council and Agoura Hills Improvement Authority Minutes for February 14, 2024, as follows:

*Councilmember Sylvester reported attending the **Wildfire Wildlife Mitigation Alignment** webinar and provided an update.*

ACTION: Authority Commissioner Wolf moved to approve Consent Calendar Item No. IA1, as amended. Vice-President Sylvester seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: President Buckley Weber, Vice-President Sylvester, and Authority Commissioners Anstead, Lopez, and Wolf.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

IA1. Approve Minutes of the Regular City Council and Agoura Hills Improvement Authority Meeting of February 14, 2024.

IA DISCUSSION / ACTION

IA2. Discussion to Consider the Adoption of **Resolution No. IA24-06A**; A RESOLUTION OF THE AGOURA HILLS IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING AGOURA HILLS IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2024A; AND AGOURA HILLS IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY LEASE REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2024B; AND AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE SALE OF SAID 2024 BONDS AND EXECUTION OF THE BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Following a presentation of the staff report, President Buckley Weber opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

Following deliberations, President Buckley Weber called for a motion and second to approve the staff recommendation to adopt **Resolution No. IA24-06A**.

ACTION: Authority Commissioner Anstead moved to approve the staff recommendation. Authority Commissioner Lopez seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: President Buckley Weber, Vice-President Sylvester, and Authority Commissioners Anstead, Lopez, and Wolf.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

IA, STAFF COMMENTS

There were no comments.

IA ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 p.m., President Buckley Weber adjourned the Improvement Authority Meeting and reconvened the City Council Meeting.

Reconvene the Agoura Hills City Council Meeting

CITY COUNCIL, STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor Buckley Weber announced the meeting would be adjourned in memory of former Planning Commissioner John Asuncion.

Councilmember Wolf commended Mayor Pro Tem Sylvester for leading the International Women's Day Celebration at the Event Center and congratulated Mayor Buckley Weber "for starring in a film" by the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District entitled: *Flames to the Ocean: a Woolsey Fire Retrospective*.

The City Council (*Councilmember Wolf, Councilmember Lopez, Mayor Pro Tem Sylvester, Councilmember Anstead*) shared their personal remarks and tributes, regarding John Asuncion, and his many contributions to the community, including serving on the Planning Commission (since 2016) and volunteering with Agoura Pony Baseball, and extended their sincerest condolences to his family and friends. He will be dearly missed by all.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:56 p.m., Mayor Buckley Weber announced the next Regular City Council Meeting would be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center and adjourned the meeting in memory of John Asuncion.

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MPPC, MMC
City Clerk/Authority Secretary