

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AGOURA HILLS CITY COUNCIL
Civic Center – Council Chambers
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California 91301
Wednesday, August 14, 2024
6:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Buckley Weber announced the Land Acknowledgement.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Wolf.

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, Communications Manager Mary Haddad, Executive Assistant Michele Hubbs, Community Development Director Denice Thomas, Principal Planner Robby Nesovic, Director of Finance Diego Ibañez, Director of Community Services Amy Brink, Recreation Manager Nick Newkirk, and Management Analyst/Recording Secretary Amber Victoria.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Lee reported on the City Council Closed Session item pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(1). The City Council considered the item, no reportable action was taken and direction was given to staff.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Councilmember Klein Lopez moved to approve the Agenda, as presented. 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, Klein Lopez, and Wolf.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL, SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE, & DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

New Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Superintendent Jody Lyle introduced herself to the City Council and invited everyone to view the temporary wildlife photo exhibit at the Visitor Center at King Gillette Ranch. The City Council welcomed her, noting she was the first woman appointed to the position.

Recreation Manager Nick Newkirk provided a (20th) Annual Reyes Adobe Days (RAD) update and announced the event would be held October 4-6, 2024, at Reyes Adobe Park, and the 2024 Grand Marshal would be two-time Daytime Emmy Award winner and actor Jerry O'Connell, thanked the RAD Committee and event sponsors, and spoke about the variety of activities that would be offered during the event.

Director of Community Services Brink thanked the One City, One Book Committee and announced the book selection for 2024 would be the novel "Lady Tan's Circle of Women" by New York Times Bestselling Author Lisa See, reported an evening with the author discussion and book signing was scheduled for October 30, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at the Agoura Hills Recreation and Event Center, students from an Agoura Hills school will be scheduled to spend a morning with Mayor Buckley Weber for the "READ with the Mayor" event, and gave special acknowledgment to the Friends of the Agoura Hills Library for their continued support of this event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following person spoke:

Elisabeth Paniagua, Public Affairs Manager for Southern California Gas Company

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Buckley Weber announced Item No. 8 would be pulled for discussion.

Councilmember Anstead announced he would be recusing himself from Item No. 8 as he had received a political contribution to his campaign from the Applicant.

There were no public comments.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Sylvester moved to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-7, as presented. 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, Klein Lopez, and Wolf.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

1. Approve Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 12, 2024
2. Approve Demand Warrant Register No. 916
3. Approve Treasurer's Report for May 2024
4. Approve Agreement for Contractor Services, with Avidex Industries, LLC, for Purchase of Audio/Visual Equipment for the Agoura Hills Recreation and Event Center
5. Approve Agreement for Consultant Services, with Willdan Engineering, for Geographic Information System Services
6. Approve Request for an Extension, to October 23, 2024, to Conduct a Continued Public Hearing to Consider the Agoura Hills Planning Commission's Denial of Conditional Use Permit Case No. CUP-01533-2018 and Oak Tree Permit Case No. OAK-01534-2018 for 28340 Balkins Drive (AIN 2055-021-044), a Request to Construct a 4,180 Square-Foot, Two-Story, Single-Family Residence and a 730 Square-Foot Attached Garage (*Arvind Aurora, Applicant/Appellant*)
7. Approve the Consumption of Alcohol in Designated Area in Reyes Adobe Park for Reyes Adobe Days 2024
8. **Item Pulled for Discussion**

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM - PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

8. Adopt **Resolution No. 24-2079**; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. CUP-2023-0026 TO ALLOW A TYPE 47 LICENSE FOR ON-SITE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT AN EXISTING RESTAURANT AND TO REVISE THE FACILITY'S PERMITTED HOURS OF OPERATION; AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Councilmember Anstead recused himself from participation on this item (as previously stated above), stepped down from the Council dais, and exited the Council Chambers at 6:24 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Buckley Weber read her prepared statement regarding the item and then called for a motion and second to adopt **Resolution No. 24-2079**.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Sylvester moved to approve Consent Calendar Item No. 8, as presented. Councilmember Wolf seconded. The motion carried 3-1, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Buckley Weber, Mayor Pro Tem Sylvester, and Councilmember Wolf.

NOES: Councilmember Klein Lopez.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Councilmember Anstead rejoined the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

DISCUSSION / ACTION

9. Discussion to Consider Proposed Placement of a Los Angeles County Charter Amendment on the November 2024 General Election Ballot

Following presentation of the staff report, Mayor Buckley Weber called up Supervisor Horvath's representative, Julia Orozco, to respond to City Council questions.

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 recommendations of: 1) that staff would send a letter of support to the Supervisors, and 2) that the Mayor Pro Tem can reflect the support at the COG meeting."*

ACTION: Councilmember Klein Lopez moved to approve the staff recommendation. 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, Klein Lopez, and Wolf.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

CITY COUNCIL, STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Hamburger introduced Mary Haddad, the City's new Communications Manager.

Director of Community Services Brink noted that summer was coming to a close with the Summer Beach Bus ending on Friday and the last Summer Concert in the Park with the Yacht Groove would be held at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday at Chumash Park. She also noted

the Creek Cleanup was scheduled for Saturday, September 14, 2024, and signups were available online.

Mayor Pro Tem Sylvester congratulated the Finance Department on receiving a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

Councilmember Klein Lopez thanked the Community Services Department for a “*spectacular summer*,” especially with hosting the first drone show and the Taylor Swift cover band, Blank Space.

Councilmember Wolf also commended the Finance Department on their award, the Community Services Department for their summer program, and the new Communications Manager’s immediate distribution to the residents related to the recent earthquakes.

Mayor Buckley Weber congratulated the Community Services Department on a great summer, noting she looked forward to the fall activities, and also congratulated the Finance Department on their award.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:01 p.m., Mayor Buckley Weber announced the next Regular City Council Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center and adjourned the meeting.

Amber Victoria, Management Analyst/Recording Secretary
Minutes Prepared by: Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MPPA, MMC, City Clerk