

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AGOURA HILLS CITY COUNCIL
Civic Center – Council Chambers
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California 91301
February 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Weber.

The flag salute was led by City Manager Greg Ramirez.

Present were: Mayor Denis Weber, Mayor Pro Tem William Koehler, Councilmember John Edelston, Councilmember Dan Kuperberg, and Councilmember Harry Schwarz.

Also Present were: City Manager Greg Ramirez, Assistant City Manager Nathan Hamburger, City Attorney Craig Steele, Assistant to the City Manager Louis Celaya, Administrative Analyst Chris Dodd, Director of Community Services Amy Brink, Recreation Manager Donna Conlin, Recreation Supervisors Meredith Petit and Nick Newkirk, Community Services Coordinators Julianne Cox and Xochitl Castillo, Director of Finance Christy Pinuelas, Director of Planning and Community Development Mike Kamino, Assistant Director of Planning and Community Development Doug Hooper, City Engineer Ramiro Adeva, Engineering Aide Robert Cortes, Building Official Amir Hamidzadeh, and City Clerk Kimberly Rodrigues.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session was held.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Weber requested the City Council change the order of the Agenda and move *Intergovernmental, Special Purpose Committee, & Departmental Reports* before *Presentations*.

On a motion by Councilmember Schwarz, second by Councilmember Edelston, the Agenda was approved, as amended, without objection.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council accepted late comments by Scott Cooper and Jaime Alcroft (see below).

INTERGOVERNMENTAL, SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE, & DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS – *Change in Order of Agenda*

Recreation Manager Donna Conlin spoke about the *One City, One Book Agoura Hills Reads Program* and the events scheduled for February 12 - Teen/Adult Lecture and Book Signing (*Democracy's Big Day*) with Jim Bendot; February 18 - Community Wide Discussion (*The Audacity of Hope* by Barack Obama); and February 19 - Teen/Adult Lecture and Discussion with Howard Rosenberg (*No Time to Think*), and Grace Bernard from the Agoura Hills Library spoke about the event scheduled for February 24, 2009 (Family Event – Spend an Evening with President Lincoln). Councilmember Kuperberg recapped the free events and invited the community to participate.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Weber and members of the City Council, assisted by Recreation Manager Donna Conlin, recognized and thanked the City Volunteers and presented them with tokens of appreciation for volunteering their time to the City.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (*The City Council accepted late comments*)

The following person spoke:

Scott Cooper, Agoura Hills

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public speakers.

On a motion by Councilmember Schwarz, second by Councilmember Kuperberg, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved 5-0.

1. Approve Minutes of the Regular City Council and Redevelopment Agency Meeting of January 28, 2009

ACTION: Approved 5-0

2. Approve Demand Warrant Register No. 600

ACTION: Approved 5-0

3. Approve Disbanding the Reyes Adobe Advisory Committee and the Agoura Village Task Force

ACTION: Approved 5-0

DISCUSSION/ACTION

4. Discussion of Fiscal Year 2008-09 Mid-Year Budget Review

Following presentation of the staff report, Mayor Weber opened the floor for public comment.

There were no public speakers.

ACTION: Following discussion and a question and answer period, the motion by Councilmember Edelston, to authorize the requested appropriations, was seconded by Councilmember Schwarz, and approved on a roll call vote of 5-0.

5. Discussion of Temporary Enhancement Measures for Local Businesses

Following presentation of the staff report, Mayor Weber opened the floor for public comment.

There were no public speakers.

ACTION: Following discussion, the City Council, by unanimous consensus, approved the following items:

- 1) *Portable Sign Display* – Enforce the existing regulations for portable sign displays;
- 2) *Lease Advertising* – Add to the temporary entitlement for banners, the allowance of one general brokerage sign for lease advertising per business center.
- 3) *Outdoor Displays* – Sidewalk displays will be authorized the first and third weekends of the month with a sunset in May 2009;
- 4) Direct the Business Task Force to review all temporary enhancements and bring back a report for City Council consideration in May or June, 2009.

PUBLIC COMMENTS *(The City Council accepted late comments)*

The following person spoke:

Jaime Alcroft, Las Virgenes Educational Foundation

CITY COUNCIL, STAFF COMMENTS

Community Services Director Amy Brink spoke about the annual Decades and Diamonds event at the Recreation Center where five senior recreation members, over the age of 90, were honored, and thanked Mayor Weber for his inspirational words at the event.

Councilmember Edelston spoke about the YMCA pancake breakfast scheduled for May.

Councilmember Kuperberg thanked the Community Services Department for their efforts on a successful volunteer recognition event and announced that Mayor Weber would be in front of the Vons grocery store this Saturday, February 14, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to greet residents and answer questions or concerns regarding the community. Mayor Weber mentioned that Councilmember Kuperberg would be joining him and announced the City Council would be doing this on a regular basis.

Mayor Weber spoke about staff's contributions towards organizing the volunteer recognition event and requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Mayor Pro Tem Koehler's father, Bill Koehler, who passed away last week.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:04 p.m., on a motion by Councilmember Schwarz, second by Councilmember Edelston, the City Council unanimously consented to adjourn the meeting, in honor of Bill Koehler, to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 25, 2009, for a Regular Meeting of the City Council in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center with a Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. The Civic Center is located at 30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California.

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MMC
City Clerk