

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2011

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

BY: KIMBERLY RODRIGUES, CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 11-382; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, OF ARTICLE II OF THE AGOURA HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING THE TIME FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

At the January 12, 2011, City Council meeting, the Council introduced, read by title only, and waived further reading of Ordinance No. 11-382.

The proposed ordinance will amend the start time of the regular City Council meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The new 6:00 p.m. start time would be effective within 30 days of the adoption of the ordinance, beginning with the first regular City Council meeting in March.

Following adoption of the ordinance, residents will be notified of the time change through a series of public notices that will be published in the newspaper, posted on the City's bulletin boards and website, and distributed to the C-Mail subscribers.

Attached for your reference is a copy of the proposed ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 11-382 Amending Chapter 2, of Article II of the Agoura Hills Municipal Code, establishing the time for Regular Meetings of the City Council and direct the City Clerk to publish and post the ordinance, in the manner required by law, and distribute the aforementioned series of public notices reflecting the new start time.

Attachment: Ordinance No. 11-382

ORDINANCE NO. 11-382

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, OF ARTICLE II OF THE AGOURA HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING THE TIME FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the City Council of the Agoura Hills is required by law to take formal action to establish the time and place of regular meetings of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that holding regular meetings of the City Council earlier in the evening would promote public participation and attendance, as well as provide greater administrative efficiency.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 2203 of Chapter 2 of Article II of the Agoura Hills Municipal Code is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows.

“2203. Council meetings.

Regular meetings of the Agoura Hills City Council shall be held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the hour of ~~7:00 p.m.~~ **6:00 p.m.**, or if any such day is a holiday, then the meeting scheduled on such day shall be held in the council chambers on the next succeeding day which is not a holiday.”

SECTION 2. Any and all additional references to the time of regular meetings of the City Council in the Municipal Code or other official City documents and publications shall be changed to reflect the new starting hour of 6:00 p.m., following the effective date of this Ordinance. The City Manager and City Clerk are hereby directed to cause such time change to be made and to publicize the time change to the community.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk of the City of Agoura Hills shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same or a summary thereof to be published and posted in the manner required by law. This Ordinance shall go into effect on the 31st day after its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED, this ____ day of January, 2011, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: ()
NOES: ()
ABSENT: ()
ABSTAIN: ()

Harry Schwarz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Craig A. Steele, City Attorney