



Minutes
Rolling Hills City Council
Monday, August 25, 2025
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

1. Call To Order

The City Council of the City of Rolling Hills met in person on the above date at 7:03 p.m. Mayor Pieper presiding.

2. Roll Call

Councilmembers Present:	Mirsch, Wilson, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper
Councilmembers Absent:	Black
Staff Present:	Karina Bañales, City Manager Christian Horvath, Assistant to the City Manager / City Clerk Samantha Crew, Management Analyst Reina Schaetzl, Willdan Contract Senior Planner Stephanie Grant, Assistant Planner Nicolas Papajohn, City Attorney

3. Pledge Of Allegiance – Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer

Councilmember Black returned to dais at 7:04 p.m.

4. Presentations / Proclamations / Announcements

4.A. Recognize partners and organizations for their donations, contributions and assistance to Rolling Hills residents in the affected utility shut-off areas during 2024 and 2025

Mayor Pieper recognized members of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Rotary Club, the Women's Community Club of Rolling Hills, the Rolling Hills Block Captain Program and the Rolling Hills Community Association in attendance as well as other vendors and partners that donated services.

5. Approve Order of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer to approve the order of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

AYES:	Mirsch, Wilson, Black, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

6. Blue Folder Items (Supplemental) – None

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to receive and file Blue Folder Items 7A and 14A. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

AYES:	Mirsch, Wilson, Black, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

7. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Public Comment: Dustin McNabb, David Brown, Kathleen Hughes, Lola Fantappie, Heather Ramsdell, Benita Schwarz, Daniel Bethencourt

8. Consent Calendar

8.A. Approve Affidavit of Posting for The City Council Regular Meeting of August 25, 2025

8.B. Approve Motion to Read by Title Only and Waive Further Reading of All Ordinances and Resolutions Listed on the Agenda

8.C. Approve the following Minutes of August 11, 2025: City Council Regular Meeting

8.D. Payment of Bills

8.E. Republic Services Recycling Tonnage and Complaint Reports for July 2025

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

AYES: Mirsch, Wilson, Black, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Councilmember Black requested a future item on the SBCCOG dues.

9. Excluded Consent Calendar Items – None

10. Commission Items

10.A. Consideration and discussion regarding potential Rolling Hills Municipal Code changes related to National Weather Service Red Flag Warning Days as recommended by the Traffic Commission and City Staff

Presentation by Willdan Contract Senior Planner Schaetzel

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

AYES: Mirsch, Wilson, Black, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

10.B. Zoning Case No. 24-121: Site Plan Review for a Residential Addition with a new attached garage, non-exempt grading, walls to exceed 3 feet maximum height, and other improvements; and Conditional Use Permit for a detached accessory structure greater than 200 square feet and finding the same exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act located at 6 Quail Ridge Road North (Schimmel) (LOT 107-RH)

Presentation by Assistant Planner Grant

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

AYES: Mirsch, Wilson, Black, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

The Council made a request to minimize and/or lose full plan sets going forward.

11. Public Hearings – None

12. Discussion Items – None

13. Matters From the City Council

13.A. Consideration of authorizing the Mayor to sign a joint Palos Verdes Peninsula Cities letter to Governor Newsom regarding the expansion of Executive Order N-32-25 and suspension of SB9 applications within Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones

Presentation by City Manager Bañales

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to approve as presented and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

AYES: Mirsch, Wilson, Black, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

13.B. Consideration of creating a limited Ad Hoc Committee to discuss potential Red Flag Warning Municipal Code changes related to parking and potential prohibition on high-risk outdoor activities; and appointment of two Council members

Presentation by Assistant to the City Manager / City Clerk Horvath

Motion by Councilmember Wilson seconded by Councilmember Black to nominate Mayor Pieper and Councilmember Mirsch to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee regarding potential Red Flag Warning municipal code violations. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

AYES: Mirsch, Wilson, Black, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

14. Matters From Staff

14.A. Receive and file a Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Update

Presentation by Management Analyst Crew

Public Comment: Mark Ellers, Arlene Honbo, Tom Brody, Martha Bernadette, Michelle Delaconte, Judith Haenel, Marian Visco

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

AYES: Mirsch, Wilson, Black, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

15. Recess To Closed Session – 8:51 p.m.

15.A. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(D)(1) the City finds, based on advice from legal counsel, that discussion in open session will prejudice the position of the City in the litigation. (3 Cases)

A. Name of Case: Connie Andersen, et al. v. California Water Company, et al. (Seaview Case) Case No.: 24STCV20953

B. Name of Case: City Of Rolling Hills v. SCE CPUC Docket No. C.24-10-008

C. Name of Case: City Of Rolling Hills v. SoCalGas CPUC Docket No. C.24-10-009

15.B. Conference With Legal Counsel - Initiation of Litigation a Closed Session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(C) and (D)(4) regarding the decision of whether to initiate litigation (1 Case)

Recommendation: None

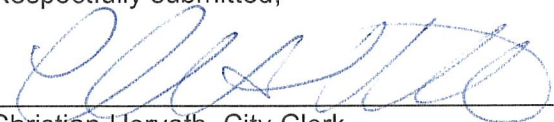
16. Reconvene To Open Session – 9:14 p.m.

17. Adjournment: 9:14 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m. on August 25, 2025. The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled to be held on Monday, September 8, 2025 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 2 Portuguese Bend Road, Rolling Hills, California. It will also be available via City's website link at: <https://www.rolling-hills.org/government/agenda/index.php>

All written comments submitted are included in the record and available for public review on the City website.

Respectfully submitted,


Christian Horvath, City Clerk

Approved,


Jeff Pieper, Mayor