



Minutes
Rolling Hills City Council
Monday, August 11, 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 7:00 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 Nicolas Papajohn, City Attorney

3. Pledge Of Allegiance – Councilmember Wilson

Councilmember Black arrived at 7:01 p.m.

4. Presentations / Proclamations / Announcements

4.A. Receive and file a presentation from the City of Rolling Hills Summer Interns on their respective projects

Introduction by City Manager Bañales of Interns Lucas Balbi and Teagan Nash to present their Summer 2025 projects to the City Council.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer, 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

4.B. Receive and file a verbal update from the Los Angeles County Fire Department regarding the annual Defensible Space Inspections as conducted in June 2025

Presentation by Los Angeles County Fire Department Assistant Chief Brian Kane

Public Comment: Arlene Honbo, Mariam Visco, Melissa McNabb

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

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

5. Approve Order of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Mirsch, seconded by Councilmember Wilson 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

7. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Public Comment: SBCCOG Chair Bernadette Suarez, Jim Aichele, Judith Haenel

8. Consent Calendar

8.A. Approve Affidavit of Posting for The City Council Regular Meeting of August 11, 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 July 28, 2025: City Council Regular Meeting

8.D. Payment of Bills

8.E. Adopt Resolution No. 1396 authorizing a Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Modification to increase Appropriations by \$158,679 in Fund 40-935 from a transfer of General Fund Reserves for providing Construction Services on the Tennis Court ADA Improvement Project

8.F. Approve Sixth Amendment to a Professional Services Agreement with Alan Palermo for Project Management Services during Fiscal Year 2025-26 for an additional not-to-exceed amount of \$22,770 and authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment

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

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

9. Excluded Consent Calendar Items – None

10. Commission Items – None

11. Public Hearings – None

12. Discussion Items

12.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 Management Analyst Crew
Assistant to the City Manager / City Clerk Horvath

Public Comment: Clarissa Shumaker, Jim Aichele, Arlene Honbo, LACFD Chief Brian Kane, Jeff Bogosian

Motion by Councilmember Mirsch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer to create a limited Ad Hoc Council Subcommittee to discuss potential Red Flag Warning Municipal Code changes related to parking and potential prohibition on high-risk outdoor activities. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Motion by Councilmember Mirsch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer to provide direction to the Traffic Commission to look at all existing parking ordinances for possible revisions or updates and to bring information back to the City Council for further consideration. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

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

Mayor Pieper directed staff to agendize an item for August 25, 2025 to appoint members to a new limited Ad Hoc Committee.

12.B. Review and discuss the three additional proposed Emergency Outdoor Siren locations identified by HQE Systems, resident feedback gathered to date, and provide direction on which sites should proceed to the RHCA for licensing consideration

Presentation by Management Analyst Crew

Public Comment: Mark Ursic, Greg Kirkpatrick, Cheryl Marcz, Susan Sleep, Clarissa Shumaker, John Lacey, Jeff Bogosian

Motion by Councilmember Black seconded by Mayor Pieper directing staff to add story pole flags at the Upper Blackwater Canyon / Portuguese Bend Road triangle and at the Chesterfield site; identify another potential location on Southfield or in general area; ask about the possibility of adding a pole in the Flying Triangle area; ask if trees can be planted adjacent to poles; find out the costs to use "camouflaged poles"; and get potential dates on the SAFE Network installation. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

- 12.C. Consideration and approval of Adopting Resolution No. 1397 awarding a Construction Contract to Doty Bros., Equipment Company for providing Construction Services on the Rule 20B portion of the Eastfield Drive Electric Utility Undergrounding Mitigation Project in an amount not to exceed \$3,287,796.85 funded by FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program #DR-4382-177-7R, authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement, and finding the project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15302(d)**

Presentation by Assistant to the City Manager / City Clerk Horvath

Public Comment: Judith Haenel

Motion by Mayor Pieper seconded by Councilmember Black to approve as presented with contextual alterations within Section 4 of the Resolution and Section 37 of the Contract Agreement adding language regarding receiving additional Rule 20A Credits and FEMA extending the period of performance date. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

13. Matters From the City Council

- 13.A. Consideration and approval of questions to be used for Traffic Commission appointment interviews during the August 25, 2025 City Council Special Meeting**

Presentation by Assistant to the City Manager / City Clerk Horvath

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer seconded by Councilmember Black to approve use of the existing Rolling Hills Traffic Commission questions minus number nine. 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 information regarding Electric Bicycle (E-Bike) regulations, prohibition and safety measures**

Presentation by Assistant to the City Manager / City Clerk Horvath

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

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

- 14.B. Receive and file Code Enforcement Quarterly Report for the second quarter of 2025 (April 1 to June 30)**

Presentation by City Manager Bañales

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

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

14.C. Consideration of authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Letter of Support for Assemblymember Muratsuchi's AB 986, which seeks to expand the definition of disasters under the California Emergency Services Act to include landslides and conditions intensified by climate change, and send to the California State Senate Appropriations Committee

Presentation by City Manager Bañales

Motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

15. Recess To Closed Session – 10:45 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 – 10:54 p.m.

17. Adjournment: 10:54 p.m.

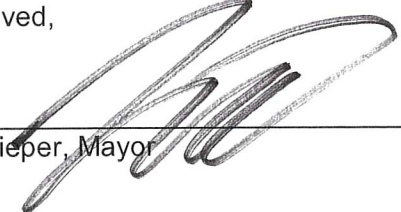
The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 p.m. on August 11, 2025. The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled to be held on Monday, August 25, 2025 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 2 Portuguese Bend Road, Rolling Hills, California. It will also be available via 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