

**MINUTES OF
A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF ROLLING HILLS, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, JUNE 04, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills was called to order by Mayor Pieper at 5:04 p.m. via teleconference.

2. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers participating via teleconference:

Mayor Pieper, Dieringer*, Black, Mirsch, and Wilson.

Councilmembers Absent: None.

Others participating via teleconference:

Elaine Jeng, P.E., City Manager.

Meredith Elguira, Planning & Community Services Director.

Yohana Coronel, City Clerk.

Michael Jenkins, City Attorney.

Captain James Powers, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Others participating via written email/public comment:

Arlene & Gene Honbo.

Fred Lorig.

4. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS

A. CONSIDER ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES AT EACH OF THE THREE GATES IN RESPONSE TO CIVIL UNREST ARISING FROM PROTESTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS.

Mayor Pieper said that he called for a special meeting of the City Council to discuss security measures at each of the gates in response to the civil unrest. He said that he communicated frequently with the City Manager during the civil unrests. City Manager Jeng was in contact with Los Angeles County Sheriff Captain James Powers. The Captain provided her with intelligence from threat reports. Mayor Pieper said that he and the City Manager wanted to be prepared and they discussed various plans that were coordinated with the Sheriff's Department. Mayor Pieper asked Captain Powers to assign patrol cars or mobilize the National Guard to stand guard at each gate entrance but resources were not available. Given the latest developments on the civil unrest, Mayor Pieper said that no action was needed this evening. Mayor Pieper said that he had received numerous calls over the weekend from residents requesting armed guards to monitor the gates. Since there were reports of protests moving in to residential areas, Mayor Pieper looked into armed services. Since then, threats of civil unrest subsided.

Captain Powers said that he had implemented a 12 hour shift on Monday, May 31, 2020 at 6 p.m. Protests that took place at the Trump golf course were peaceful but there were protests elsewhere in Los Angeles County that were not peaceful. He stated that the Sheriff's Emergency Operating Center (EOC), Information Bureau, and other entities of the Sheriff's Department are operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to monitor social media. The Sheriff's Department is well-informed of the latest developments. Rolling Hills City Hall and the three gates were a part of his threat assessment. Many social media posts were found to be inaccurate or fictional but his department took them seriously and prepared accordingly. The implementation of the 12 hour shift added more personnel per shift. Captain Powers informed the Council that he had the ability to request additional resources if necessary and assured the Council that the City of Rolling Hills was not neglected in any way.

3. OPEN AGENDA

Arlene and Gene Honbo said that the City relies on Los Angeles County Sheriff and Fire Department for safety services. The Honbos said that the City Council should be mindful of the current civil unrest because the city is not isolated from potential problems. The Honbos wanted the City Council to work with law enforcement to determine what is needed for Rolling Hills to protect the residents and their property. The Honbos said they support increasing law enforcement patrol but do not support using armed guards as a primary solution. They recommended establishing an ad-hoc team of 2 to 3 residents to monitor Los Angeles County and nearby communities to determine if the unrest is a threat to Rolling Hills.

Fred Lorig inquired if other gated community in Southern California are experiencing issues of civil unrest? Does the City of Hidden Hills or Bradbury or Fremont Place have armed guards at the entries to the community? Were there any specific known threats to Rolling Hills?

City Manager Jeng said that she corresponds with the City Managers from Bradbury and Hidden Hills regularly. There were no reports of any civil unrest in their communities. She was unsure about the use of armed guards.

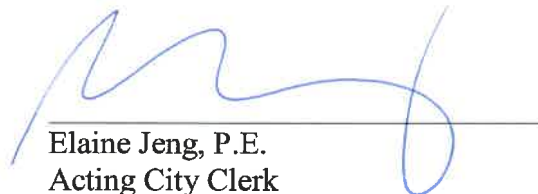
Captain Powers said that there were no known threats to the City of Rolling Hills.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned in memory of Steve Burrell, former Rolling Hills City Manager. Mr. Burrell passed away on May 26, 2020.

Hearing no further business before the City Council, Mayor Pieper adjourned the meeting at 5:21p.m. to a regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for June 8, 2020 beginning at 7:00p.m. via teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,



Elaine Jeng, P.E.
Acting City Clerk

Approved,



Jeff Pieper
Mayor