

**MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF ROLLING HILLS, CALIFORNIA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 09, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Rolling Hills met in a regular meeting via Zoom Teleconference on the above date at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference.

Mayor Pieper presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pieper, Dieringer, Mirsch, Wilson, and Black.

Absent: None

Staff Present: Elaine Jeng, City Manager
Meredith T. Elguira, Planning & Community Services Director
Donya Plazo, Sr. Management Analyst
Kristen Raig, RHCA Manager
Jane Abzug, Assistant City Attorney

3. RECOGNITION OF EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY OF ROLLING HILLS BY REPUBLIC SERVICES FIELD STAFF, AMMANUEL MEZGEBE.

City Manager Elaine Jeng gave a presentation on the events of November 3, 2020 where Republic Services field staff Ammanuel Mezgebe responded timely to an electrified down wire in the community. The City Council recognized Mr. Mezgebe for his fast thinking and expressed appreciation for his service to the community. A certificate of recognition and a Rolling Hills swag bag will be mailed to Mr. Mezgebe.

4. OPEN AGENDA - PUBLIC COMMENT WELCOME

NONE.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 26, 2020.

ITEM 5A APPROVED BY SEPARATE CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Wilson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer to approve meeting minutes as presented.

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Pieper, Dieringer, Mirsch, and Wilson

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Black

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:

B. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

ITEM 5B APPROVED BY CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE.

MOTION: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer and seconded by Council Member Mirsch to approve Consent Calendar item 5B.

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Pieper, Dieringer, Mirsch, Wilson and Black.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

6. COMMISSION ITEMS

NONE.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. RECOMMENDATION THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT AN ORDINANCE NO. 366 AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE ROLLING HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 17.60 (HOUSING ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE DISABLED REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION PERMIT) ESTABLISHING A PROCESS BY WHICH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES CAN REQUEST REASONABLE ACOMMODATIONS FOR AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO USE OR ENJOY A DWELLING AND DETERMINING THE ORDINANCE TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT.

Planning and Community Services Director Meredith Elguira presented the proposed Ordinance to the City Council.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Black and seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to waive the first reading of Ordinance No. 366 Amending Title 17 (Zoning) of the Rolling Hills Municipal Code to add Chapter 17.60 (Housing Accessibility for the Disabled Reasonable Accommodation Permit).

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Pieper, Dieringer, Mirsch, Wilson, and Black.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

8. OLD BUSINESS

NONE.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. RECEIVE AND FILE AN UPDATE FROM THE ROLLING HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (RHCA) ON MODIFICATIONS TO THE CREST ROAD EAST GATE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. (ORAL)

City Manager Jeng gave a brief history on the community's request to modify the Crest Road East gate to allow ease of access during emergencies.

Rolling Hills Community Association Manager (RHCA), Kristen Raig gave a status report on the work to modify the Crest Road East gate and noted that RHCA is waiting for Edison to provide power to gate.

Councilmember Black and Lead Block Captain, Arlene Honbo requested an update to the gate modification on November 23, 2020.

10. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS

Councilmember Mirsch thanked the RHCA and the Fire Department for clearing the roadway from fallen trees.

11. MATTERS FROM STAFF

NONE.

12. CLOSED SESSION: Began at 7:34PM

- A. ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.
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 LITIGATION.
NAME OF CASE: DR. ELLIOT BRUNNER & DR. NOURIT KORZENNIK v. CITY
OF ROLLING HILLS AND TOSHIKO NAKAMURA & TAKASHI NAKAMURA
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, CASE NUMBER: 20TRCV00775
- B. ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:
ANTICIPATED LITIGATION GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(2) and
(e)(2), (e)(4), and (e)(5). THE CITY COUNCIL FINDS, BASED ON ADVICE FROM
LEGAL COUNSEL, THAT DISCUSSION IN OPEN SESSION WILL PREJUDICE
THE POSITION OF THE CITY IN THE LITIGATION.
LAND USE PROJECT AT 24 CINCHRING ROAD.

Jeff Lewis, legal counsel representing Mr. and Mrs. Nakamura, commented on his client's project located at 24 Cinchring Road and the lawsuit brought against the City and the Nakamuras by residents Brunner and Korzennik. Mr. Lewis outlined four questions for the City Council to consider when discussing the matter in closed session.

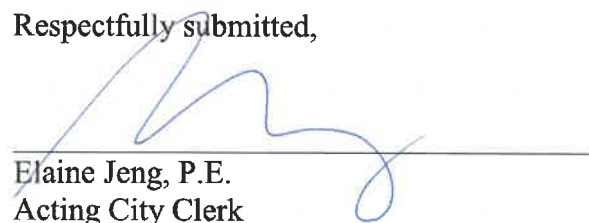
13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business before the City Council, Assistant City Attorney Abzug adjourned the meeting at 9:31 PM. Next regular meeting: Monday, November 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via City's website's link at: <https://www.rolling-hills.org/government/agenda/index.php>

Zoom access:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87227175757?pwd=VzNES3Q2NFprRk5BRmdUSktWb0hmT9> or dial (669) 900-9128, meeting ID: 872 2717 5757, passcode: 780609

Respectfully submitted,


Elaine Jeng, P.E.
Acting City Clerk

Approved,


Jeff Pieper
Mayor

