

**MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF ROLLING HILLS, CALIFORNIA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 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
Jane Abzug, Assistant City Attorney
Kristen Raig, RHCA Manager

3. RECOGNITION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT DIVISION 1, BATTALION 14, FIRE STATION 56 CAPTAIN PHIL SCHNEIDER.

City Manager Elaine Jeng commended Captain Phil Schneider on his 37 years of services and congratulated him on his retirement. The City Council thanked Captain Schneider for his years of service. A certificate of recognition and Rolling Hills memorabilia will be mailed to Captain Schneider.

Captain Schneider was grateful for the recognition by the Councilmembers, RHCA and Fire Station 56.

4. OPEN AGENDA - PUBLIC COMMENT WELCOME

Planning & Community Services Director Meredith Elguira stated that she received a letter on November 19, 2020 from resident Roger Hawkins regarding his concerns about the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Survey and to the community.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 09, 2020.**
ITEM 5A APPROVED BY SEPARATE CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Mirsch and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer to approve meeting minutes, with minor changes to page 3.

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.

- C. REPUBLIC SERVICES CYCLING TONNAGE REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2020.**
ITEM 5C APPROVED BY CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE.

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

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. WAIVE FULL READING AND APPROVE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 366 OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE ROLLING HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 17.60 (HOUSING ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE DISABLED - REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION PERMIT) AND DETERMINE THE ORDINANCE EXEMPT FROM CEQA.**

Planning and Community Services Director Meredith Elguira presented the proposed Ordinance for its second reading to the City Council. Staff recommended the adoption of Ordinance No. 366.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Mirsch and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer to waive the full reading and adopt the Ordinance No. 366, amending Chapter 17.60 (Housing Accessibility for the Disabled Reasonable Accommodation Permit) of the Rolling Hills Municipal Code.

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

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. CONSIDER ORDINANCE 365 PROHIBITING SMOKING IN AND ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND IN AND ON PRIVATE EASEMENTS, ROADS, AND TRAILS BY ADDING CHAPTER 9.40 (SMOKING PROHIBITED) TO SUBDIVISION IV (OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE) IN TITLE 9 (PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE) OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE.**

Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer asked what was included in the definition of electronic smoking devices and questioned the need for the exclusions listed in the ordinance to such devices.

Mayor Pieper directed staff to bring back Ordinance No. 365 to a future City Council meeting for first reading.

- B. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 367 OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING SECTIONS 10.12.050 (AUTHORITY OF GATE GUARDS) AND 10.12.060 (UNAUTHORIZED TRAFFIC DIRECTION PROHIBITED) OF CHAPTER 10.12 (TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY) OF TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC); AND AMENDING CHAPTER 9.40 (TRESPASS) AND CHAPTER 9.44 (ENTERING PRIVATE PROPERTY UNDER FALSE PRETENSES) OF TITLE 9 (PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE) OF THE ROLLING HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE.**

Planning Director Elguira presented the proposed Ordinance and stated that she received a call in the afternoon on Monday, November 23, 2020 from resident Roger Hawkins, requesting additional time to review the proposed Ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer questioned why the two proposed ordinances did not cover violations committed on public properties.

Councilmember Mirsch motioned to bring back Ordinance No. 366 to a future City Council meeting once the City Attorney can determine if violations on public property can be included in the ordinances.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Mirsch and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer to prepare the final Ordinance for adoption.

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

C. CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1263 TO ACCEPT STATE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION PER CAPITA PROGRAM GRANT ALLOCATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$177,952 FROM THE OFFICE OF GRANTS AND LOCAL SERVICES (OGALS); AND CONSIDER TRANSFER OF STATE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION PER CAPITA PROGRAM GRANT ALLOCATION OF \$177,952 TO ROLLING HILLS ESTATES FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GEORGE F. CANYON NATURE CENTER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1265 TO TRANSFER THE PER CAPITA GRANT FUND ALLOCATION.

City Manager Jeng reported on Resolution No. 1263 and 1265.

Assistant City Attorney Abzug clarified to the City Council the actions being taken by the City Council with two proposed resolutions.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Mirsch and seconded by Councilmember Wilson to approve Resolution No. 1263 and 1265.

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

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. RECEIVE AND FILE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE EVACUATION ROUTES (PORTUGUESE BEND ROAD, CREST ROAD, EASTFIELD DRIVE) WITH RESPECT TO FIRE SAFETY; AND RECEIVE AND FILE COMMUNITY EVACUATION ROUTE SURVEY RESULTS.

City Manager Jeng reported on the Community Evacuation Route Report and thanked the Fire Department for their efforts in meeting with the City on numerous occasions.

Councilmember Black raised concern about the trees along the evacuation route that are a problem.

Los Angeles Fire Department Chief Scott Hale commented on addressing the concerns and the importance of mitigating hazard of evacuation route.

B. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTIONS TO STAFF FOR INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM THE NOVEMBER 3RD ELECTION.

City Manager Jeng recommended that the City Council Meeting be held on December 14, 2020 to install new elected members.

MOTION: It was moved by Mayor Pieper and seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to install the elected City Council members on December 14, 2020.

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

C. DISCUSS SCHEDULING DECEMBER 28, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE REVISED HOUSING ELEMENT, INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION, GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING AMENDMENT.

City Manager Jeng recommended scheduling the City Council meeting on December 28, 2020.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Mirsch and seconded by Councilmember Wilson to schedule the City Council meeting on December 28, 2020 to discuss the revised Housing Element, Initial Study/Negative Declaration, General Plan Amendment and Zoning Amendment.

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

10. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS

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)

Rolling Hills Community Association Manager (RHCA), Kristen Raig reported that on Friday, November 13, 2020, the automated gate located on Crest Road East is complete and operable.

Mr. Visco commented on the functionality of the gate and questioned how residents would know if the gate is open.

Councilmember Dieringer commented on the Weekly Memorandum recommending making the Fire Fuel Reduction Committee, not an Ad Hoc Committee but a Standing Committee. This item will be agendaized to the December 14, 2020 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Dieringer would also like an update from Edison on the Eastfield Assessment District Project.

City Manager Jeng stated that Edison will provide an invoice. However, Edison stated that they will not share the costs of their bids that they received.

11. MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. 5TH CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE. (ORAL)

Planning Director Elguira reported that the December 28th City Council meeting is needed to meet CEQA requirements for the Housing Element and that the City received 144 ADU surveys (mailed hardcopies) and seven electronic surveys, as of November 23, 2020.

B. TORRANCE AIRPORT REGIONAL PROJECT UPDATE. (ORAL)

Planning Director Elguira reported that the Safe Clean Water Program approved funding for \$906,000 to complete the final design for the Torrance Airport Regional Project. This funding is coming from Measure W.

City Manager Jeng gave a brief history of the Torrance Airport project and reported that CalOES awarded grant to the City for dead vegetation management for approximately \$300,000.

12. CLOSED SESSION: Began at 9:36PM

**A. EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957
TITLE: CITY MANAGER**

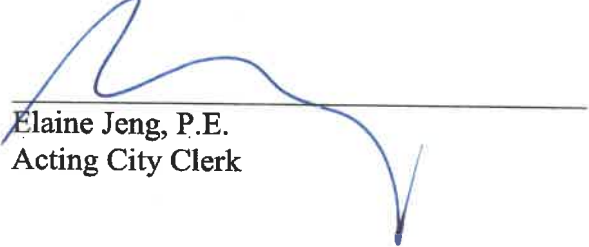
13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business before the City Council, City Attorney Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 10:40 PM. Next regular meeting: Monday, December 14, 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