

**MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF ROLLING HILLS, CALIFORNIA
MONDAY, MARCH 08, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Rolling Hills met 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, and Wilson
Absent: Black
Staff Present: Elaine Jeng, City Manager
Meredith T. Elguira, Planning & Community Services Director
Jane Abzug, Assistant City Attorney

3. OPEN AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT WELCOME

COMMENTS:

Resident Pamela Reis stated that she communicated with Mayor Pieper and City Manager Jeng about the water rate increase. There was a lack of transparency and communication by the water company over the rate increase. Rate increase was not clear and was never published. The City did not address the rate increase proactively.

Resident Jim Aichele agreed with Pamela Reis.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Mr. Partridge missed the public comment period due lack of internet at home. He came to City Hall to address the City Council. He wanted to verify that the City received his note. Mr. Partridge stated that he did not want to be the subject of the Closed Session because there was no disclosure of the content of the meeting.

4. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

4A REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2021.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer called for a motion to approve the minutes as amended and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Wilson.

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Pieper, Dieringer, Mirsch, and Wilson
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Black
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

5A PAYMENT OF BILLS

5B REBUBLIC SERVICES RECYCLING TONNAGE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2021.

5C WAIVE SECOND FULL READING AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 369 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE ROLLING HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 17.19 (RANCHO DEL MAR HOUSING OPPORTUNITY OVERLAY ZONE) ESTABLISHING AN OVERLAY ZONE TO ACCOMMODATE HOUSING AND TO AMEND SECTION 17.08.010 (ZONES ESTABLISHED) OF CHAPTER 17.08 (ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES AND BOUNDARIES) TO IDENTIFY THE OVERLAY ON THE ZONING MAP; AND APPROVING THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT; AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1270 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ADOPTING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2020-01, AMENDING THE LAND USE ELEMENT AND LAND USE POLICY MAP TO ACCOMMODATE HOUSING; AND APPROVING THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT.

5D JOINT PENINSULA LETTERS FOR REOPENING OF BUSINESSES AND SB9 AND CITY'S OPPOSITION LETTERS TO SB 9 AND 10.

5E RESOLUTION NO. 1272 (PREVIOUSLY NO. 1268) OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN CITY RECORDS AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 34090 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Councilmember Mirsch questioned the responsible party for the \$11,750 assessment engineering fee. City Manager Jeng stated that Councilmembers previously agreed to contribute to the Eastfield assessment engineer back in 2016.

MOTION: Councilmember Wilson called for a motion to approve the consent calendar and the motion was seconded by Pro Tem Mayor Dieringer.

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

6. **COMMISSION ITEMS**
NONE

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**
NONE

8. **OLD BUSINESS**
NONE

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9A CONSIDER AND DISCUSS AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR FIRE FUEL MANAGEMENT IN THE CANYONS.

City Manager discussed the proposed incentive program for fire fuel management in the canyons.

Resident Arlene Honbo shared feedback from the surveys specific to canyons.

Resident Aichele questioned the number of responses received.

Councilmember Wilson asked about financial incentives.

Councilmember Mirsch recommended forming an ad hoc committee consisting of stakeholders.

Mayor Pieper stated there are numerous communication problems that should be improved.

Deputy City Attorney Abzug suggested referring it to the newly established standing committee for Fire Fuel Abatement.

Mayor Pieper recommended to schedule the item to the next City Council meeting for more discussion and future direction.

9B REPORT ON FINDINGS OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU) SURVEY ADMINISTERED TO ROLLING HILLS RESIDENTS IN THE LAST QUARTER OF 2020.

Barry Miller presented the ADU Survey findings.

The City Council received and filed the report.

9C PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE ENGINEERING DESIGN OF ADA IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR ROLLING HILLS CITY HALL.

Mayor Pieper expressed that the bathrooms should be moved to the front lobby area to better serve the community. The item was moved to the April meeting for further discussion with the full Council.

10. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUCIL AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS

Councilmember Wilson reported on his participation with the city selection committee. Five committee members were elected.

Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer requested the City Council to discuss three items: 1) AB 1372 creates a legal responsibility for every city to create a temporary shelter plan in its jurisdiction and allocate necessary funds for shelter, resources and services; 2) SBCCOG proposal assessment fee (\$4,000 or \$7060 per year) on cities to hire a regional planner; and 3) provide some compensation for the Eastfield undergrounding assessment district members from the City's funds.

11. MATTERS FROM STAFF

11A CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (CPUC) RULE 20A TARIFF PROGRAM. (ORAL REPORT)

City Manager Jeng provided a presentation on CPUC's Rule 20 Tariff Program on utility undergrounding.

Resident Alfred Visco asked for the balance of the City's Rule 20A credit.

City Manager Jeng responded with approximately \$1.1 million as of July 2020.

12. CLOSED SESSION

12A CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6 CITY'S DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE: MAYOR JEFF PIEPER UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEE: CITY MANAGER ELAINE JENG

12B CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: INITIATION OF LITIGATION GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(4) THE CITY FINDS, BASED ON THE ADVICE FROM LEGAL COUNSEL, THAT DISCUSSION IN OPEN SESSION WILL PREJUDICE THE POSITION OF THE CITY IN THE LITIGATION. NUMBER OF POTENTIAL CASES: 1

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 8:48pm.

Mayor Pieper reported out from Closed Session with one reportable action. The City Council directed the City Attorney to file a civil suit against property owner of 67 Portuguese Bend Road, Jim Partridge.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further business before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM in honor of former Councilmember Godfrey Pernell.

Next regular meeting: Monday, March 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via City's website's link at:

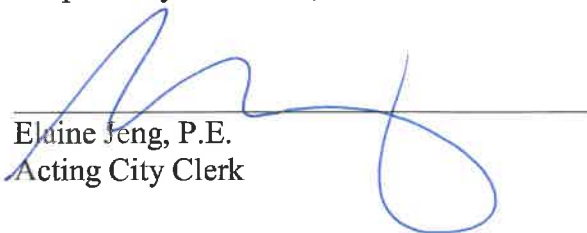
<https://www.rolling-hills.org/government/agenda/index.php>

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

