

**MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF ROLLING HILLS, CALIFORNIA
MONDAY, MARCH 22, 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 Pro Tem Bea Dieringer presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer, Mirsch, Black and Wilson
Absent: Mayor Pieper
Staff Present: Elaine Jeng, City Manager
Meredith T. Elguira, Planning & Community Services Director
Jane Abzug, Assistant City Attorney
Terry Shea, Finance Director

3. OPEN AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT WELCOME

NONE

4. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

4A REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 08, 2021.

MOTION: Councilmember Mirsch called for a motion to approve the minutes as amended and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Wilson.

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

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

5A PAYMENT OF BILLS

5B JOINT PENINSULA LETTER OPPOSING SB 10

5C REPUBLIC SERVICES RECYCLING TONNAGE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2021.

MOTION: Councilmember Wilson called for a motion to approve the consent calendar and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Mirsch.

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer, Mirsch, Black, and Wilson

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Pieper

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

6. COMMISION ITEMS

6A ZONING CASE NO 20-10: VARIANCE REQUEST FOR: 1) ENCROACHMENT INTO THE FRONT AND REAR YARD SETBACKS FOR THE PROPOSED 1,021 SQUARE FOOT RESIDENTIAL ADDITION, TWO-CAR GARAGE, SWIMMING POOL WITH SPA, AND PATIO DECK; 2) TOTAL LOT COVERAGE EXCEEDANCE; AND 3) EXEMPTION FROM THE STABLE AND CORRAL REQUIREMENTS; AND SITE PLAN REVIEW FOR: 1) EXCEEDING THE 999 SQUARE-FOOT MAXIMUM ADDITION ALLOWED BY RIGHT AND 2) REMOVING AND REPLACING EXISTING 5 FOOT HIGH WALL WITH THE SAME HEIGHT WALL IN THE SAME LOCATION LOCATED AT 3 OPEN BRAND ROAD, ROLLING HILLS, CA (ROSA).

Planning and Community Services Director Meredith Elguira presented the agenda item.

MOTION: Councilmember Black called for a motion to receive and file and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Mirsch.

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer, Mirsch, Black, and Wilson

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Pieper

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7A PROPOSED ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2021-1 (EASTFIELD DRIVE UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS) PUBLIC HEARING AND BALLOT TABULATION.

Resident Judith Haenel asked what would happen next if the agenda item resulted in a no vote.

Bond Counsel Brian Forbath advised that a resolution to abandon proceeds is also before the Council which would effectively terminate the process.

Resident Judith Haenel asked for the status of the FEMA grants.

City Manager Elaine Jeng stated that there is nothing to report at this time.

Assessment Engineer Jeff Cooper reported that there was 18.09% in favor and 89.91% oppose.

MOTION: Councilmember Black called for a motion to move to adopt Resolution No. 1274 abandoning the proceedings and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Mirsch.

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer, Mirsch, Black, and Wilson

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Pieper

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

8. OLD BUSINESS

8A CONSIDER AND DISCUSS A CAMPAIGN FOR FIRE FUEL MANAGEMENT IN THE CANYONS.

City Manager Jeng presented the agenda item.

Councilmember Mirsch stated that she is ready to conduct a focus group meeting on April 15, 2021 to gather data and bring the data back to Council. She further explained the proposed purpose and scope of work of the campaign. She also stated that she should be able to bring the results to Council on April 26.

Councilmember Black stated his concerns about the availability of bins and where to place them and how they could impact ease of access and potentially reduce costs in clearing canyons.

Councilmember Wilson asked about the focus group timeline and Republic Services' policy restrictions relating to the free greenwaste bin. He also shared his experience with the Fire Department on brush clearance.

Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer suggested that the focus group should be delayed to a later date to allow for more input and time to advertise. Additionally, Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer suggested that there should be multiple ways for residents to provide feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident Alfred Visco asked if third party experts on fire fuel reduction could join the focus group meeting and advised to hold the meeting on April 15th.

Block Captain Arlene Honbo advised that she is in support of holding the meeting on April 15th in the evening.

MOTION: Councilmember Black called for a motion to move forward with Fire Fuel Reduction under the leadership of Councilmember Mirsch the motion was seconded by Councilmember Wilson.

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

9. NEW BUSINESS

9A MID-YEAR BUDGET (FY20-21) REPORT AND APPROPRIATION.

Finance Director Terry Shea presented the agenda item.

MOTION: Councilmember Wilson called for a motion to receive and file the adjusted budget and motion was seconded by Councilmember Mirsch.

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

9B SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SBCCOG) SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR REGIONAL PLANNER.

Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer summarized the scope of work of the regional planner, and outlined the assessment amount per city.

Discussions ensued among the Councilmembers.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer called for a motion to oppose the assessment and that the City would join only if the planner's term was limited to one year and the City's contribution limited to \$1,000 and re-evaluate after one year and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Mirsch.

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer, Mirsch, and Wilson

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Black
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Pieper
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

9C MNS ENGINEERS CONTRACT AMENDMENT.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer directed staff to bring the item back at the next City Council meeting.

9D SAFE CLEAN WATER MUNICIPAL PROGRAM ANNUAL PLAN EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.

City Manager Jeng presented the agenda item.

Consultant Kathleen McGowan stated that the fund disbursement from last year is delayed due to the City's previous submittal being misplaced by the County. Ms. McGowan briefed the Council about the outfall monitoring and reported that there is no flow recorded from the recent rains and that this is really good news for the City's compliance but would require more monitoring and modeling to support the data.

MOTION: Councilmember Mirsch called for a motion to approve as presented and motion was seconded by Councilmember Black.

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

9E AB 1053 CITY SELECTION COMMITTEES: QUORUM: TELECONFERENCING.

City Councilmember Wilson explained the difficulty of getting a quorum due to lack of attendance.

MOTION: Councilmember Wilson called for a motion to support the bill as written and direct staff to issue a letter of support and motion was seconded by Councilmember Mirsch.

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

9F SB 765 ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU) SETBACK.

City Manager Jeng presented the agenda item that would allow cities to determine setbacks for ADUs that are more conducive to individual cities.

MOTION: Councilmember Black called for a motion to support SB 765 ADU setback and to direct staff to send letters of support to Senate and Assembly representatives.

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer, Mirsch, Black and Wilson

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Pieper

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

9G AB 1372 RIGHT TO TEMPORARY SHELTER.

City Manager Jeng presented the agenda item that would require every city to provide temporary shelter, homeless services and job training to someone who has actively sought temporary shelter in the jurisdiction for at least three days and require cities to provide rent subsidies if they are unable to provide temporary shelter.

MOTION: Councilmember Mirsch called for a motion to oppose AB 1372 and to direct staff to send opposition letters to senate and assembly representatives and motion was seconded by Councilmember Black.

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer, Mirsch, Black and Wilson

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Pieper

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

10. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUCIL AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS

10A VACCINATION PASSPORT/BADGE TO BE ISSUED BY THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS FOR RESIDENTS THAT HAVE RECEIVED THE COVID-19 VACCINATION (COUNCILMEMBER BLACK).

Councilmember Black proposed issuing a badge or some type of identification to identify residents who have been fully vaccinated.

Councilmember Mirsch recommended a more fun version of a badge and more socialized way of disseminating them to residents to spread the word about getting vaccinated.

Assistant City Attorney Abzug stated that the City must comply with LA County Health Orders and explained the potential liabilities with staff issuing badges or stickers. Ms. Abzug's final recommendation was to push out information.

COMMENTS:

Resident Judith Haenel stated that she is against having a badge and recommended that a non-city organization administer the plan.

In other matters, Councilmember Mirsch asked to agendaize, for discussion, pending bills that could impact the community.

11. MATTERS FROM STAFF

NONE.

12. CLOSED SESSION

NONE.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 PM.

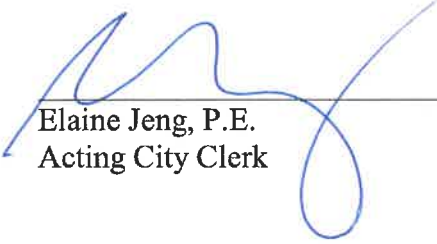
Next regular meeting: Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via City's website's link at:

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

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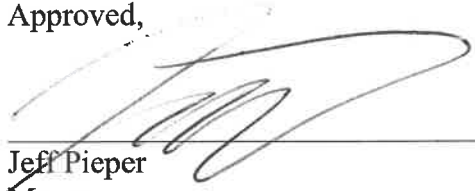
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Respectfully submitted,



Elaine Jeng, P.E.
Acting City Clerk

Approved,



Jeff Pieper
Mayor

