

**MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF ROLLING HILLS, CALIFORNIA
MONDAY, MAY 10, 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.

Mayor Bea Dieringer presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dieringer, Mayor Pro Tem Black, Pieper, Mirsch and Wilson
Absent: None.
Staff Present: Meredith T. Elguira, Planning & Community Services Director
Michael Jenkins, City Attorney
Alan Palermo, Project Manager
Kristen Raig, Rolling Hills Association Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY COUNCILMEMBER PAT WILSON

3. OPEN AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT WELCOME

Resident Steve Wheeler requested removal of fire hazard poles on his property using general fund or the City's FEMA Grant.

4. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

4A REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2021.

MOTION: Mayor Dieringer motioned to approve the minutes as amended and Councilmember Mirsch seconded the motion.

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

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

5A PAYMENT OF BILLS.

5B REPUBLIC SERVICES RECYCLING TONNAGE REPORT FOR MARCH 2021.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Black motioned to move Items 5A to 5B, and Councilmember Pieper seconded the motion.

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

6. COMMISION ITEMS

NONE.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

NONE.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8A RECEIVE THE ASSESSMENT REPORT FROM PACIFIC ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING, INC. AND CONSIDER OPTIONS TO REPLACE A NON-WORKING EMERGENCY STANDBY GENERATOR.

Project Manager Alan Palermo, presented the findings of assessment report and provided Councilmembers options to replace the standby generator.

Discussion ensued among Councilmembers regarding presented options. Project Manager was asked to provide responses to questions with additional research.

Rolling Hills Community Association Manager Kristen Raig commented on the reliance on the emergency generator. The generator allows RHCA to gain access to necessities during power outages, which occur at least once a year.

Resident Alfred Visco stated that the solar option would provide rebates, reductions to electrical cost, and additional benefits for the community.

MOTION: Councilmember Pieper motioned to continue the discussion on this item in two weeks with additional information, and Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion.

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

9. NEW BUSINESS

9A APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO FORM CITY OF ROLLING HILLS UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 (CREST ROAD) AND FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Councilmember Wilson asked about the cost obligations of property owners for this project.

Project Manager Palermo responded that SCE will fund 100 feet on either side of the mainline.

Discussions ensued among the Councilmembers and staff regarding costs to residents due to acreage of land owned.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Black motioned to approve the Resolution of Intent to form the City of Rolling Hills Underground Utility District No. 1 (Crest Road), and Councilmember Pieper seconded the motion.

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

9B APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BOLTON ENGINEERS TO FILE CONSTRUCTION PERMITS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT FOR THE ADA IMPROVEMENTS AT THE TENNIS COURTS.

Planning and Community Service Director Elguira provided the background and the need for a service agreement with Bolton Engineers.

Mayor Dieringer asked if RHCA's most recent tennis court plans showed changes and when did RHCA provide the updated plans to the city.

Planning and Community Service Director Elguira responded that the most recent RHCA project plans were delivered on the day of the Council meeting and staff did not have the opportunity to review the plans prior to the meeting.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Black motioned to approve a professional service agreement with Bolton Engineering to file construction permits with the Los Angeles County Building Department for the ADA improvements at the tennis courts, and Councilmember Pieper seconded the motion.

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

10. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUCIL AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS

10A COMMENDATION FOR CREST ROAD WEST GATE ATTENDANT (MAYOR DIERINGER)

Mayor Dieringer reported that two men attempted to enter the City on April 28, 2021, without clear information on the reason for the visit. Gate Attendant David Saei informed the men that they could not enter. The two men left and the Gate Attendant David Saei contacted the Sheriff's Department. Responding to the call, the Sheriff's Department located the men and they were arrested on miscellaneous charges. Mayor Dieringer wanted to encourage the gate attendants to report suspicious activities to the Sheriff's Department to discourage potential offenders from entering the city.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Black motioned to commend Gate Attendant David Saei for his actions. Councilmember Mirsch proposed an amended motion to include a certificate for the gate attendant, a letter to the RHCA Board, and recognize the gate attendant at a City Council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Black accepted the amendments to the motion and Councilmember Pieper seconded the motion.

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

10B REPORT ON FIRE FUEL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MAY 5, 2021.

Councilmember Mirsch provided a report on the committee meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Black commented regarding more aggressive enforcement of the dead vegetation ordinance to address problematic homes within the community. He expressed that maps showing canyons in Rolling Hills are needed to address concerns.

Mayor Dieringer mentioned a new law (SB 85), effective on April 13, 2021, provided funds for fire prevention projects and that the City should pursue that fund.

Planning and Community Services Director Elguira expressed that applying for a grant requires a grant writer. Planning and Community Services Director Elguira also explained

that grant funds should be administered and spent accordingly to meet criteria for future applications.

Resident Alfred Visco asked how residents are being informed of the Fire and Fuel Committee meetings, and stated that there are trainings for grant writing and applications.

MOTION: Mayor Dieringer motioned to receive and file report and Mayor Pro Tem Black seconded the motion.

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Mayor Pro Tem Black left the meeting at 8:33 PM.

11. MATTERS FROM STAFF

11A RECEIVE AND FILE A REPORT ON INTERESTS IN THE COMMUNITY FOR SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE (VERBAL REPORT)

Planning and Community Services Director Elguira stated that City Manager Jeng requested to delay this item to the next City Council meeting on May 24, 2021.

MOTION: Councilmember Black motioned to postpone the item to the May 24, 2021 City Council meeting, and Councilmember Mirsch seconded the motion.

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Pro Tem Black

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

11B FIRE FUEL ABATEMENT CASES 2021 FIRST QUARTER REPORT.

Councilmember Wilson asked if the dead vegetation on 77 Portuguese Bend Road had been mitigated.

Planning and Community Services Director Elguira reported that 77 Portuguese Bend Road mitigated the identified dead vegetation.

Councilmember Mirsch noted that ATVs are licensed vehicles and cannot be on the trails.

Resident Jim Aichele commented that in California, ATVs are not licensed. Mr. Aichele asked the City Attorney Mike Jenkins to confirm.

City Attorney Jenkins said that he was not informed of this question before the meeting and would have to do research. City Attorney Jenkins also said that the item is not on the agenda and cannot be discussed.

MOTION: Councilmember Wilson motioned to receive and file the 2021 first quarter report, and Councilmember Mirsch seconded the motion.

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

12. CLOSED SESSION

NONE.

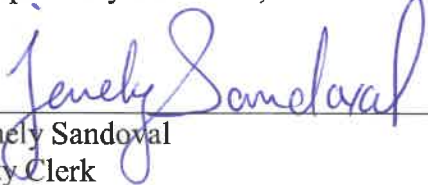
13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM, in memory of longtime resident Katherine Partridge.

Next regular meeting: Monday, June 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via City's website's link at:
<https://www.rolling-hills.org/government/agenda/index.php>

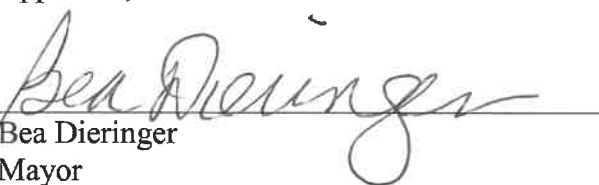
Zoom access:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87227175757?pwd=VzNES3Q2NFprRk5BRmdUSktWb0hmT9> or dial (669) 900-9128, meeting ID: 872 2717 5757, passcode: 780609

Respectfully submitted,



Janelly Sandoval
City Clerk

Approved,



Bea Dieringer
Mayor