

**MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF ROLLING HILLS, CALIFORNIA
MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Rolling Hills met via Zoom Teleconference on the above date at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Bea Dieringer presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY MAYOR BEA DERINGER

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dieringer, Mayor Pro Tem Black, Pieper, Mirsch and Wilson
Absent: None.
Staff Present: Elaine Jeng, City Manager
Stephanie Grant, Code Enforcement Officer
Ashford Ball, Senior Management Analyst
Michael Jenkins, City Attorney
Terry Shea, Finance Director
Janely Sandoval, City Clerk

3. OPEN AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT WELCOME

None.

4. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

4A REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 10, 2021

City Manager Elaine Jeng presented meeting minute edits.

MOTION: Councilmember Pieper motioned to approve as amended and Councilmember Wilson 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 APRIL 2021

5C NV5 FIRST CONTRACT AMENDMENT – SEPULVEDA MONITORING

MOTION: Councilmember Wilson motioned to approve the consent items 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. PRESENTATION

6A COMMEND CREST ROAD WEST GATE ATTENDANT DAVID SAEI FOR HIS ACTIONS ON APRIL 28, 2021 AND FOR HIS SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY

Mayor Dieringer presented summary of accomplishment followed by commendation.

7. COMMISION ITEMS

7A ZONING CASE NO. 20-08: RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01 FOR DISCRETIONARY APPROVAL TO MODIFY PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ENTITLEMENTS REQUIRING SITE PLAN REVIEW FOR 1) INCREASE TO SIZE OF RESIDENCE BY 1,100 SQUARE FEET; 2) INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF GRADING BY 7,520 CUBIC YARDS; AND 3) CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A NEW CABANA EXCEEDING 200 SQUARE FEET LOCATED AT 20 UPPER BLACKWATER CANYON ROAD (LOT 101-RH), ROLLING HILLS, CA 90274 (IANNITTI).

Code Enforcement Officer Stephanie Grant provided a summary of the proposed project.

Mayor Pro Tem Black asked if he should recuse himself due to proximity of the project to his property.

City Attorney Jenkins, City Manager Jeng, and Code Enforcement Officer Grant discussed Mayor Pro Tem Black's question.

Mayor Pro Tem Black recused himself and turned off Zoom camera at 7:25 PM.

Discussion ensued among Councilmembers and Contractor David Palacios regarding the aspect of the residence having an unbalanced feng shui and needing revisions.

MOTION: Councilmember Wilson motioned to approve the proposed project and Councilmember Mirsch seconded the motion.

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Pro Tem Black

Mayor Pro Tem Black joined and turned on Zoom camera at 7:29 PM.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

9. OLD BUSINESS

9A RECEIVE AND FILE AN UPDATE TO THE DESIGN OF THE 8" SEWER MAIN ALONG PORTUGUESE BEND ROAD/ROLLING HILLS ROAD; AND CONSIDER AND APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WILLDAN TO STUDY POTENTIAL CONNECTIONS TO THE 8" SEWER MAIN FROM POTENTIAL SEWER LINES ALONG MIDDLE RIDGE LANE AND WILLIAMSBURG LANE.

City Manager Jeng provided summary of approved project and presented amendment for new study.

Resident Jeffrey Maclean, 9 Williamsburg Lane, provided report of research findings he has accumulated regarding financial implications for residents.

Resident Fred Dellovade, 11 Middleridge Lane North, provided an option for residents interested in connecting to the main sewer line to sign a formal letter of agreement prior to moving forward with project.

Discussion ensued among Councilmembers, City Manager Jeng, and City Attorney Michael Jenkins regarding future implications for residents, future residents, and City, if overall sewer project gets approved.

Resident Alfred Visco, 15 Clinchring Road, asked if the additional sewer line connecting Middleridge and Williamsburg Lane would be paid by residents or the City.

Councilmember Pieper provided clarification that the main sewer line would be paid by the City.

MOTION: Councilmember Pieper made a motion to approve the additional \$14,500 to complete the sewer study and Councilmember Mirsch 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 REVIEW ASSESSMENT REPORT FROM PACIFIC ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING, INC. AND CONSIDER OPTIONS TO REPLACE A NON-WORKING EMERGENCY STANDBY GENERATOR.

City Manager Jeng provided summary of questions asked regarding options to replace the emergency generator.

Discussion ensued among Councilmembers with additional questions presented to City Manager Jeng.

City Manager Jeng answered questions and explained the pros and cons of each option.

Discussion among Councilmembers and City Manager Jeng continued.

Resident Visco expressed concerns on the \$40,000 price for a 5KW battery.

Resident Jim Aichele, 14 Crest Road West, asked if the only bid for the solar option is through the presented bidder.

City Manager Jeng explained that these are options and there are additional items to discuss before implementing the design phase.

MOTION: Councilmember Pieper motioned to pursue the solar option, not as a final decision, get further information on this option, and see if it is really sustainable, and what needs to change in order to make it work and Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion.

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

Additional discussion ensued among Councilmembers and City Manager Jeng regarding interim options and potential for portable generator.

MOTION: Councilmember Pieper made a second motion for City Manager Jeng to obtain further details regarding having a back-up generator, at her earliest convenience, 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

Additional discussion ensued among Councilmembers regarding proposed immediate action about removing current generator and cleaning the area for future usage.

MOTION: Councilmember Pieper made a third motion to clean out the little house, fix the fuel modes, get rid of the generator and other pieces, but keep the house 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

9C REPORT ON MAY 19, 2021 FIRE FUEL COMMITTEE MEETING

City Manager Jeng reported on the Fire Fuel Committee meeting.

Councilmember Mirsch provided additional information and recommendations regarding the meeting discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Black discussed options to tackle areas of concerns and questioned what the Rolling Hills Community Association will allow residents to do to address the dead vegetation.

Discussion ensued among Councilmembers and City Manager Jeng regarding grant allocation, recommendations, and what can be legally done by residents and the City.

City Manager Jeng read an email from resident Arum Bhumitra, 13 Buggy Whip Drive, to maintain tallest trees within the community trimmed.

Resident Aichele stated his concerns regarding some residents not being contacted concerning any dead vegetation within their property and the lack of proper management of such issues being addressed in a public forum.

Resident Visco stated his concerns regarding current vegetation ordinance not fully addressing what is needed for fire fuel protection.

Resident Arlene and Gene Honbo, 33 Portuguese Bend Road, provided their support for the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACFD), and stated that the main goal is to create a solution. They support a demonstration project but not only on public land.

Mayor Dieringer and City Attorney Jenkins discussed public nuisance and potential legal implications.

Mayor Pro Tem Black discussed potential agenda items for the upcoming Fire Fuel Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Pieper discussed moving forward with current recommendations to ensure residents begin addressing dead vegetation concerns.

City Manager Jeng provided a list of potential agenda items for the next Fire Fuel Committee Meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

MOTION: Councilmember Mirsch motioned to receive and file with note to add to the agenda for the next Fire Fuel Committee Meeting about LACFD assessing properties based on whether they present a danger 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. NEW BUSINESS

10A RECEIVE AND FILE ROLLING HILLS HARDENING THE HOME VIDEOS PRODUCED BY THE WORLD WISE PRODUCTION.

City Manager Jeng presented the first educational video from a series of videos approved by City Council.

Resident Gene Honbo provided positive feedback regarding the video outcome.

Resident Deborah Shrader, 54 Saddleback Road, expressed gratitude for City Council support and explained the need for minor edits.

MOTION: Councilmember Wilson motioned to receive and file 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 BY BUDGET/AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE ON MEETING HELD ON MAY 19, 2021.

Finance Director Terry Shea provided a summary of the Budget/Audit/Finance Committee Meeting discussion and potential changes.

Mayor Dieringer asked about the longevity of current auditor contract and had questions regarding potential changes.

Discussion ensued among Councilmembers regarding view complaint fee.

MOTION: Councilmember Pieper motioned to receive and file 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

10C CITY COUNCIL FY 21-22 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Finance Director Shea presented the budget workshop report.

Finance Director Shea discussed program funding allocation with Mayor Dieringer and Councilmember Mirsch.

Councilmember Mirsch asked if there is additional funding for events and training.

City Manager Jeng responded that estimates are included in the proposed budget. She then presented and showed the three-year CPI report that was also presented to the Committee, and will be presented for approval during the next Council Meeting on Monday, June 14 at 7 PM.

City Manager Jeng and Mayor Dieringer discussed potential adjustments.

11. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUCIL AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS

11A CONSIDER A PENINSULA CITIES JOINT LETTER EXPRESSING CONCERNS REGARDING SPECIAL DIRECTIVE POLICIES IMPACTING PUBLIC SAFETY (MAYOR DIERINGER)

Mayor Dieringer presented the letter and abstained due to being an employee of the District Attorney's office. She requested for Mayor Pro Tem Black to handle the discussion and sign the letter if approved.

Discussion ensued among Councilmembers about the City's more active role lately and taking on more presence on legislations.

MOTION: Councilmember Mirsch motioned to have staff obtain Mayor Pro Tem Black's signature on behalf of City of Rolling Hills and Councilmember Pieper seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Dieringer abstained herself from the vote and discussion.

City Manager Jeng explained that the letter is a draft and might have some changes resulting from Peninsula Cities' further discussions about the letter.

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL ELECTEDS FOR MATTERS CONCERNING SB 9 AND SB 10. (MAYOR DIERINGER)

Mayor Dieringer presented a summary regarding her participation with the Association and sending "nascar" letters to the legislature.

Councilmember Pieper stated that the City must take into consideration what is needed to show opposition against SB 9 and SB 10.

12. MATTERS FROM STAFF

City Manager Jeng asked Mayor Pro Tem Black if he wanted more information on the cost estimates of the ADA project and agreed to email the previous and current estimates to all Councilmembers.

13. CLOSED SESSION

None.

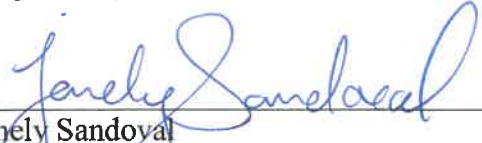
14. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:11 PM.

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>

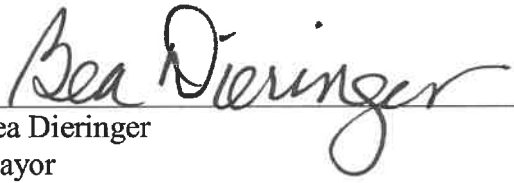
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Respectfully submitted,



Janely Sandoval
City Clerk

Approved,



Bea Dieringer
Mayor

