

**MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF ROLLING HILLS, CALIFORNIA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Rolling Hills met in person 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: Elaine Jeng, City Manager
Daisy Laxamana, City Clerk
Stephanie Grant, Code Enforcement Officer
Jennifer Misetich, Deputy City Attorney
Jane Abzug, Deputy City Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY MAYOR DIERINGER.

3. OPEN AGENDA - PUBLIC COMMENT WELCOME

NONE.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.A. REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

MOTION: Councilmember Pieper motioned to approve the amended minutes and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Mirsch.

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Black.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

4.B. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

MOTION: Councilmember Pieper motioned to approve as presented and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Mirsch.

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

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

4.C. REVIEW AND APPROVE PLANNING COMMISSION RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE FOR TERMS EXPIRING IN NOVEMBER 2021 AND JANUARY 2022.

MOTION: Councilmember Pieper motioned to approve as presented and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Mirsch.

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

4.D. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE 2021 HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE FINAL GUEST LIST AND DATE.

City Manager Jeng presented the amended 2021 Holiday Open House guest list.

MOTION: Councilmember Pieper motioned to approve the amended 2021 Holiday Open House guest list and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Wilson.

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

5. PRESENTATION

PRESENTATION OF THE HELEN PUTNAM AWARD BY THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES TO THE CITY'S BLOCK CAPTAIN PROGRAM.

Jeff Kiernan with the League of California Cities presented the **2021 Helen Putnam Award** to the City of Rolling Hills' Block Captain Program. Lead Block Captains Arlene and Gene Honbo were praised and recognized by the City of Rolling Hills City Council for their excellent work on wildfire mitigations.

6. COMMISSION ITEMS

NONE.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

NONE.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.A. CONSIDER A REVISED FIREWORKS ORDINANCE RECOMMENDATION.

City Manager Jeng reported that the City Attorney's advice is for the City Council to have further discussions to determine if a fireworks ordinance is needed.

MOTION: Councilmember Pieper motioned to leave as is and not consider a fireworks ordinance and Mayor Pro Tem Black seconded the motion.

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

8.B. ADOPT THE UPDATED ROLLING HILLS EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Black's comment, resident Jim Aichele commented that gifting of sick time allows employees from voluntarily donating accrued paid time off to co-workers in need and is used elsewhere other than in California.

MOTION: Councilmember Wilson motioned to approve the updated Handbook with one amendment and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Mirsch.

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

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.A. CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESPONSES TO THE 2019-2020 CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT ENTITLED "A DIET FOR LANDFILLS: CUTTING DOWN ON FOOD WASTE."

The City Council discussed edits to the proposed response letter.

MOTION: Councilmember Pieper motion to approve the response letter with the discussed edits and the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Black.

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

9.B. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL TO PROVIDE PLANNING SERVICES.

City Manager Jeng presented the service agreement from Michael Baker International to provide Planning services following the departure of Planning Director, Meredith Elguira.

MOTION: Councilmember Pieper motioned to approve and the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Black.

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

10. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS

10.A. RECEIVE AND FILE A REPORT ON THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2021 FIRE FUEL COMMITTEE MEETING (MIRSCH & BLACK); AND CONSIDER THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO MODIFY THE DEAD VEGETATION ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO CANYON SLOPE.

Resident Marcia Schoettle stated her concern that more people need to learn and be aware of the recommendation for modification.

Resident Cathy Nichols of 14 Crest Road West stated her concern of the potential outcome regarding the proposed ordinance.

Resident Jim Aichele of 14 Crest Road stated that the ordinance should remain unchanged.

Resident V'Etta Virtue of Maverick Lane stated her concern that the ordinance does not have enough definition of the exact work to be done.

Resident Sara Noelle stated that existing laws should be followed prior to establishing new ones.

MOTION: Councilmember Pieper motioned to receive and file and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Wilson.

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

11. MATTERS FROM STAFF

11.A. FIRE FUEL ABATEMENT ENFORCEMENT CASES QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2021. (JULY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30).

MOTION: Councilmember Pat Wilson motioned to receive and file and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Pieper.

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

Resident Jim Aichele commented that he did not complain about the Fire Department and clarified that his statement pertained to the City's ordinance not being fairly enforced.

11.B. ANALYSIS OF SENATE BILL (SB) 9, INCREASE DENSITY IN SINGLE FAMILY ZONE.

Resident Jim Aichele stated that it would be difficult to subdivide a lot due to RHCA's requirements and that no one has applied to have a legal rental unit, which is against the CC&Rs.

Resident V'Etta Virtue stated her concerns on the number of cesspools and septic tanks allowed in a single property and the potential threat to safety for having multiple systems in one lot.

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

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

12. CLOSED SESSION

NONE.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled to be held on Monday, October 25, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 2 Portuguese Bend Road, Rolling Hills, California. It will also be available via City's website link at: <https://www.rolling-hills.org/government/agenda/index.php>

Respectfully submitted,



Elaine Jeng, P.E.
Acting City Clerk

Approved,

Bea Dieringer
Mayor

Minutes Approved 10/25/21

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Ayes: Hirsch, Pieper,
Wilson

Noes: Black, Dieringer