



Minutes
Rolling Hills City Council
Monday, March 14, 2022
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

Councilmembers Present:	Mirsch, Pieper, Wilson (remotely), Mayor Dieringer
Councilmembers Absent:	Mayor Pro Tem Black
Staff Present:	Elaine Jeng, City Manager
	Jane Abzug, City Attorney
	John Signo, Planning & Community Services Director
	Christian Horvath, City Clerk / Executive Assistant to the City Manager
	Robert Samario, Finance Director

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Dieringer

4. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE

5. APPROVE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to approve order of the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

6. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS (SUPPLEMENTAL)

Motion by Councilmember Mirsch, seconded by Councilmember Pieper to receive and file additional Items for 12.A, 13.B, and 14.A. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public Comment: Richard Colyear, Jim Aichele

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8.A. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2022

- 8.B. APPROVE MOTION TO READ BY TITLE ONLY AND WAIVE FURTHER READING OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS LISTED ON THE AGENDA**
- 8.C. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES: FEBRUARY 28, 2022**
- 8.D. PAYMENT OF BILLS**
- 8.E. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 374, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 8.10 TO THE ROLLING HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO EDIBLE FOOD RECOVERY. FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION**
- 8.F. PULLED BY MAYOR DIERINGER FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION**
- 8.G. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1292 AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,971,882.00 WITH THE REQUIRED LOCAL MATCH OF \$657,294.00; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO MEET THE GRANT REQUIREMENTS**
- 8.H. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EVAN SMITH LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT TO ASSESS CURRENT CONDITIONS OF CITY HALL CAMPUS LANDSCAPING AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS**
- 8.I. PULLED BY COUNCILMEMBER MIRSCH FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION**
- 8.J. NOTICE BY THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD ON THE LOSS OF DEEMED COMPLIANCE STATUS.**

Motion by Councilmember Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to approve Consent Calendar excluding Items 8F and 8I. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

- 8.F. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 375, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 8.30 (FIRE FUEL ABATEMENT) OF THE ROLLING HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT NEW PLANTINGS OF HIGH HAZARDOUS PLANTS AND TREES; AND FINDING THE ACTION EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION**

Motion by Councilmember Mirsch, seconded by Councilmember Pieper to Adopt by title only Ordinance No. 375. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Mirsch, Wilson, Pieper
NOES: Mayor Dieringer
ABSENT: Black

- 8.I. APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WILDLAND RES MANAGEMENT TO REVIEW DRAFT ORDINANCE RELATING TO FIRE FUEL ABATEMENT IN THE CANYONS**

AND PROVIDE SITE VISITS TO ASSIST RESIDENTS WITH FIRE FUEL ABATEMENT MEASURES

Motion by Councilmember Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to approve. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Mirsch, Wilson, Pieper
NOES: Mayor Dieringer
ABSENT: Black

10. COMMISSION ITEMS – NONE

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

11.A. CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1291 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ADOPTING THE SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE AND A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SAFETY ELEMENT

Presentation by John Signo, Planning & Community Services Director
Lexi Journey & Camila Bobroff of Rincon Consultants
Victoria Boyd & Meghan Gibson of Chambers Group

Public Comment: Don Crocker, Arlene Honbo, William Hassholdt

Motion by Councilmember Mirsch, seconded by Councilmember Pieper to continue discussion to the March 28th City Council meeting. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

Mayor Dieringer requested to skip New Business Items to allow presenters and public commenters on other items an opportunity to participate earlier in the evening. Without objection, so ordered.

13. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

13.A. SEND LETTER TO RESIDENTS EXPLAINING THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE THAT WOULD MANDATE RESIDENTS TO PAY THE COST OF LIVE VEGETATION REMOVAL FROM THEIR PROPERTIES AND SEND SURVEY TO RESIDENTS FOR THEIR INPUT REGARDING PREFERRED FIRE SAFETY MEASURES. (MAYOR DIERINGER)

Public Comment: Dustin McNabb, Richard Colyear, Alfred Visco, Roger Hawkins, Bill Rogers, Cathy Nichols, William Hassholdt, Michael Schoettle

Motion by Mayor Dieringer to draft a letter explaining live vegetation removal and potential mandatory approach; must be sent out to residents via the blue newsletter before any mandatory approach ordinance can be ruled on. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Mayor Dieringer to send a letter to residents explaining the proposed ordinance that would mandate residents to pay the cost of live vegetation removal from their properties. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Mayor Dieringer to send a survey to residents with an explanation of what various fire safety measures the city could do and soliciting their input so the Council would have that input. Motion failed for lack of a second.

City Manager Jeng noted that the Council approved the Order of the Agenda earlier and requested a return to Item 12B as the Finance Director was on site to present. Mayor Dieringer commented that the City is paying the Finance Director for his time. Without objection, so ordered.

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.B. FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 MID-YEAR REPORT AND PROPOSED BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Presentation by Robert Samario, Finance Director

Motion by Councilmember Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to receive and file the report and approve the proposed mid-year adjustments. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

Mayor Dieringer again re-ordered the agenda and returned to Item 13B. Without objection, so ordered.

13. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

13.B. APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FIRE FUEL COMMITTEE TO TAKE THE MANDATORY APPROACH TO MANAGE FIRE FUEL IN THE CANYONS AND TO PROVIDE AVAILABLE COST DATA TO THE COMMUNITY

Public Comment: Gordon Schaye, Judith Hassholdt, Cathy Nichols, Bill Rogers, Roger Hawkins, Arlene Honbo, Michael Schoettle, William Hassholdt, Alfred Visco, Dustin McNabb, Jim Aichele, V'etta Virtue

No Action Taken

City Manager Jeng requested moving to Item 13D as some residents had been waiting all night to speak on this item. Mayor Dieringer acknowledged. Without objection, so ordered.

13.D. ROLLING HILLS TENNIS COURTS IMPROVEMENTS TO ADD PICKLEBALL COURTS. (PIEPER)

Public Comment: Tom Lieb, Roger Hawkins

No Action Taken

Mayor Dieringer again re-ordered the agenda and returned to Item 13C. Without objection, so ordered.

13.C. RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE MARCH 1, 2022 FIRE FUEL COMMITTEE MEETING AND DISCUSS THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Presentation by Elaine Jeng, City Manager
Councilmember Mirsch

Public Comment: Jim Aichele, Michael Schoettle

Motion by Councilmember Mirsch, seconded by Councilmember Pieper to postpone discussion by two months for the City Council to consider and discuss what they would like to do with the list of wildfire mitigation measures as presented in the agenda packet. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

13.E. CITY COUNCIL REMINDERS ON COMMUNITY AND PENINSULA EVENTS. (MAYOR DIERINGER)

Public Comment: Marcia Schoettle

Motion by Councilmember Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to send all five Councilmembers an email calendar invitation to any event happening in the city held by the city. Motion failed with the following vote:

AYES: Pieper, Mayor Dieringer
NOES: Mirsch, Wilson
ABSENT: Black

Due to the late hour, Councilmember Pieper asked what agenda items needed to be addressed. City Manager Jeng requested discussing Item 12A and said the remainder of the agenda could be continued to the next meeting including Item 13F. Mayor Dieringer asked for the council's pleasure regarding another agenda reorder and continuation of further items. Without objection, so ordered.

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.A. BID PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY STORM DRAIN REPAIR AT 1 MIDDLE RIDGE LANE NORTH

Presentation by Elaine Jeng, City Manager

Motion by Councilmember Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to Direct City Attorney to draft a construction contract, authorize the City manager to execute, Adopt Resolution No. 1293 as revised for emergency work, and appropriate \$48,645 from the General Fund Reserves to Fund 40 for the repair. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Motion by Councilmember Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to continue the remainder of agenda items to the next City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

14. OLD BUSINESS – CONTINUED

15. MATTERS FROM STAFF – CONTINUED

16. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – CONTINUED

17. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – NONE

18. ADJOURNMENT: 12:24 P.M.

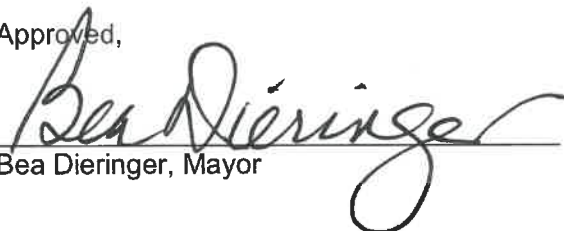
The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 a.m on March 15, 2022. The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled to be held on Monday, March 28, 2022 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 2 Portuguese Bend Road, Rolling Hills, California. It will also be available via City's website link at: <https://www.rolling-hills.org/government/agenda/index.php>

All written comments submitted are included in the record and available for public review on the City website.

Respectfully submitted,


Christian Horvath, City Clerk

Approved,


Bea Dieringer, Mayor