



Minutes
Rolling Hills City Council
Monday, October 23, 2023
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 Wilson presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:	Black, Dieringer, Pieper, Mayor Pro Tem Mirsch, Mayor Wilson
Councilmembers Absent:	None
Staff Present:	David Ready, Interim City Manager Christian Horvath, City Clerk / Executive Assistant to the City Manager John Signo, Planning & Community Services Director Pat Donegan, City Attorney

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Pieper

4. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE

5. APPROVE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Wilson requested that Item 13A be moved after Item 9. Without objection, so moved.

6. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS (SUPPLEMENTAL)

Motion by Councilmember Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Dieringer to receive and file Blue Folder Item for 10A. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public Comment: Alfred Visco

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8.A. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2023

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: SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

8.D. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mirsch to approve Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – NONE

Mayor Wilson moved to Item 13A.

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.A. APPOINTMENT OF CITY MANAGER AND APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR CITY MANAGER SERVICES

Presentation by City Attorney Patrick Donegan

Public Comment: Karina Banales

Motion by Councilmember Dieringer, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mirsch to Adopt Resolution 1350, appointing Karina Banales to the position of City Manager effective November 13, 2023, and approve the employment agreement attached as Exhibit A. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

Mayor Wilson moved back to Item 10A.

10. COMMISSION ITEMS

10.A. CONSIDERATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-11 FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION GRANTING APPROVAL OF ZONING CASE NO. 22-51 FOR A SITE PLAN REVIEW TO CONSTRUCT A NEW SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE WITH A BASEMENT, ATTACHED GARAGE, FIVE-FOOT-HIGH RETAINING WALLS, NON-EXEMPT GRADING, AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS; VARIANCES TO CONSTRUCT: (1) A SWIMMING POOL/SPA IN THE FRONT YARD, (2) RETAINING WALLS EXCEEDING AN AVERAGE OF 2' 6" FEET IN HEIGHT, (3) RETAINING WALLS IN THE FRONT YARD, AND (4) NON-EXEMPT GRADING EXPORT ON A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4 POPPY TRAIL, ROLLING HILLS, CA 90274 (LOT 17-A-PT) (ARVIDSON), AND FINDING THE PROJECT CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Presentation by Planning & Community Services Director John Signo

Public Comment: Dave Long, Nikos Constant, Jim Aichele

Motion by Councilmember Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Black to receive and file. After subsequent discussion, Councilmember Black withdrew his second.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mirsch, seconded by Councilmember Black to take the project under the City Council's jurisdiction. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

10.B. CONSIDERATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12 FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION GRANTING APPROVAL OF ZONING CASE NO 23-077 FOR A SITE PLAN REVIEW AND LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT BETWEEN THREE LOTS AT 10,12, AND 14 PINE TREE LANE TO CREATE TWO LARGER LOTS WITH A COMBINED GROSS LOT AREA OF 7.84 ACRES (LOTS 85-1-RH, 85-2-RH, 85-3-RH) (HASSOLDT), AND FINDING THE PROJECT CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Presentation by Planning & Community Services Director John Signo

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Councilmember Pieper to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

12. OLD BUSINESS

12.A. APPROVE CURRENT NOISE LEVELS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OR RECONSIDER AND APPROVE CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER 4B WITH AC PROS TO RESOLVE AIRFLOW NOISE CONCERNS IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AS PART OF THE CITY HALL HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC) PROJECT 2023-01

Presentation by City Clerk / Executive Assistant to the City Manager Christian Horvath

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mirsch to approve the current noise levels in the Council Chambers. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Motion by Councilmember Dieringer, seconded by Councilmember Black to approve release the held checks for AC Pros and S&K Engineering. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

12.B. APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR AN EMERGENCY OUTDOOR SIREN SYSTEM AT THREE LOCATIONS, DIRECT STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE PERMITTING AND INSTALLATION OF THE SIREN SYSTEM, AND MAKE A FINDING THE PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Presentation by Planning & Community Services Director John Signo

Public Comment: Chris Hawley (HQE), Jim Aichele, Alfred Visco, Arlene Honbo

Motion by Councilmember Dieringer, seconded by Councilmember Pieper to table the item to a future meeting based on Council feedback. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.B. APPROVE A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE ROLLING HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION EXTENDING THE TERM UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2043

Presentation by Interim City Manager David Ready

Public Comment: Gordana Swanson

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mirsch to approve the Third Amendment with the Rolling Hills Community Association. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

13.C. APPROVE AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT BETWEEN TURBO DATA SYSTEMS AND THE PALOS VERDES PARKING AUTHORITY (ROLLING HILLS, ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, AND RANCHO PALOS VERDES) TO PROVIDE PARKING CITATION ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Presentation by City Clerk / Executive Assistant to the City Manager Christian Horvath

Public Comment: Alfred Visco

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Councilmember Pieper to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

13.D. APPROVE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MV CHENG & ASSOCIATES FOR FINANCE SERVICES

Presentation by Interim City Manager David Ready

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mirsch to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

13.E. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM RHCA TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH COX BUSINESS

Presentation by City Attorney Patrick Donegan

Public Comment: Gordana Swanson

Motion by Councilmember Black to deny the request to the licensing agreement. After subsequent discussion, Councilmember Black withdrew his motion.

Motion by Councilmember Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Dieringer table the item. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

13.F. ACCEPT THE CITY HALL HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING PROJECT #2023-01 AS COMPLETE, FILE NOTICE OF COMPLETION, AND RELEASE RETENTION AFTER 30 DAY LIEN PERIOD TO AC PROS

Presentation by City Clerk / Executive Assistant to the City Manager Christian Horvath

Motion by Councilmember Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Black to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

13.G. CONSIDER REQUESTS FROM THE PENINSULA SENIORS AND THE WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB OF ROLLING HILLS; DETERMINE FISCAL YEAR 23/24 CONTRIBUTION AMOUNTS FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Presentation by City Clerk / Executive Assistant to the City Manager Christian Horvath

Public Comment: Marian Visco, Gordana Swanson

Motion by Councilmember Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Black to modify the FY 23/24 Adopted Budget and allocate \$5,000 each to the Rolling Hills Women's Club, Caballeros Club and Tennis Courts Club; to allocate \$2,000 to the Peninsula Seniors; to allocate \$600 to the South Bay Chamber Music Society; to request statements of expenditures from each group; and to return with a budget amendment resolution. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

13.H. CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH MAYOR AND COUNCIL'S OCTOBER 3, 2023 LETTER REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR THE METRO C-LINE EXTENSION ELEVATED HAWTHORNE ALIGNMENT

Presentation by City Clerk / Executive Assistant to the City Manager Christian Horvath

Public Comment: Jim Aichele

Motion by Councilmember Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Black to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

14. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

14.A VERBAL REPORT FROM THE SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE ON THE OCTOBER 3, 2023 MEETING

Presentation by Mayor Pro Tem Mirsch

Public Comment: Jim Aichele

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Councilmember Pieper to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

14.B RECONSIDERATION OF THE RECENT DECISION TO HOLD A DECEMBER 13, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING (COUNCILMEMBER DIERINGER/MAYOR WILSON)

Presentation by Councilmember Dieringer

Motion by Mayor Wilson to keep December 13th as the meeting day. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Councilmember Dieringer, seconded by Councilmember Black to move the meeting date to December 14, 2023. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Councilmember Dieringer requested staff bring back an item update on Animal Control and Coyote abatement at a future meeting.

15. MATTERS FROM STAFF

15.A RECEIVE AND FILE FIRE FUEL ABATEMENT AND CODE ENFORCEMENT QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2023 (JULY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30)

Presentation by Planning & Community Services Director John Signo

Public Comment: Jim Aichele, Alfred Visco

Motion by Councilmember Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Black to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

15.B REVIEW AND APPROVE THE 2023 HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE FINAL GUEST LIST; PROVIDE DIRECTION ON PURCHASE OF AN ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREE

Presentation by City Clerk / Executive Assistant to the City Manager Christian Horvath

Motion by Councilmember Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Dieringer to purchase an appropriate fake Christmas tree. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

15.C RECEIVE AND FILE A REPORT ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION TERMS EXPIRING ON JANUARY 1, 2024

Presentation by Planning & Community Services Director John Signo

Motion by Mayor Wilson to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Mirsch recognized Interim City Manager David Ready and thanked him for his service since July.

16. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 10:41 P.M.

Mayor Wilson noted that the meeting will later be adjourned in memory of resident Donovan Black.

16.A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - INITIATION OF LITIGATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 54956.9 (D)(4). ONE POTENTIAL CASE - 79 EASTFIELD DRIVE, APN 7567-005-028

16.B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOV. CODE 54956.9(D)(2) POTENTIAL CASES: ONE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES: FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MIGHT RESULT IN LITIGATION AGAINST THE CITY (GOV. CODE 54956.9(E)(1))

17. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 11:16 P.M.

No reportable action.

18. ADJOURNMENT: 11:16 P.M.

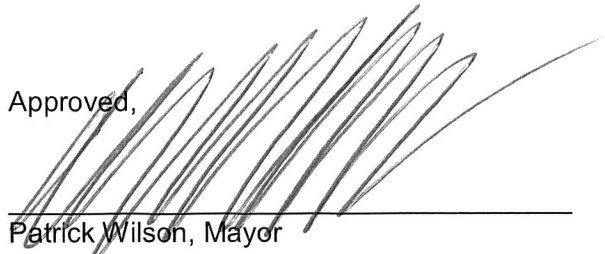
The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 p.m on October 23, 2023. The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled to be held on Monday, November 13, 2023 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 2 Portuguese Bend Road, Rolling Hills, California. It will also be available via 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,


Patrick Wilson, Mayor