



Minutes  
Rolling Hills City Council  
Monday, March 11, 2024  
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 Mirsch presiding.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present:

Wilson, Dieringer, Mayor Pro Tem Pieper, Mayor Mirsch

Councilmembers Absent:

Black

Staff Present:

Karina Bañales, City Manager

Christian Horvath, City Clerk / Executive Assistant to the City Manager

John Signo, Planning & Community Services Director

Samantha Crew, Management Analyst

Pat Donegan, City Attorney

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Pro Tem Pieper**

Councilmember Black arrived at 7:02 p.m.

**4. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**4.A. MAYOR'S PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN JAMES C. POWERS FOR HIS 36 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Mirsch read a short bio of Captain Powers 36 years of service and invited him to speak. Captain Powers reflected on his service and time with the Lomita Station and thanked the block captain community for their efforts in matters of public safety and wildfire mitigation. He also acknowledged his wife, Gina.

Mayor Mirsch presented a Certificate of Recognition to Captain Powers.

**5. APPROVE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Mirsch announced that the City Council would move Closed Session Item 16A after Item 5.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to move Closed Session Item 16A after Item 5 and approve order of the agenda. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Wilson, Black, Pieper, Mayor Mirsch

NOES: Dieringer

ABSENT: None

**16. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 7:12 P.M.**

**16.A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - (PARAGRAPH (2) OF SUBDIVISION (D) AND PARAGRAPH (2) OF SUBDIVISION (E) OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9) THE CITY FINDS, BASED ON ADVICE FROM LEGAL COUNSEL, THAT DISCUSSION IN OPEN SESSION WILL PREJUDICE THE CITY IN THE LITIGATION.**

**SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO CIVIL LITIGATION (1 POTENTIAL CASE) - ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF MS4 NPDES PERMIT**

**17. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 7:39 P.M.**

City Attorney Donegan noted there was no reportable action.

Mayor Mirsch introduced new Management Analyst Samantha Crew and invited her to tell the Council a little bit about herself. Management Analyst Crew gave a brief background of prior experience.

**6. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS (SUPPLEMENTAL)**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Dieringer to receive and file Blue Folder Items for Item 7 and 14B. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – NONE**

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8.A. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2024**

**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 26, 2024 REGULAR MEETING**

**8.D. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**8.E. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1359 AUTHORIZING A FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET MODIFICATION TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS BY \$34,420.39 IN THE GENERAL FUND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPENSES ACCOUNT FUNDED FROM AVAILABLE GENERAL FUND RESERVES FOR CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE REGIONAL AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION (ALPR) PROGRAM, ONE-TIME CAMERA REPLACEMENT PURCHASE, INSTALLATION, AND ONGOING MAINTENANCE**

**8.F. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1360 AUTHORIZING A FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET MODIFICATION TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS BY \$658.21 IN THE GENERAL FUND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPENSES ACCOUNT FUNDED FROM AVAILABLE GENERAL FUND RESERVES FOR THE LOMITA STATION SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PURCHASE OF LIDAR/RADAR SPEED DETECTION DEVICE EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN THE THREE REGIONAL CONTRACT LAW PENINSULA CITIES**

**8.G. RECEIVE AND FILE THE ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS FOR THE GENERAL PLAN**

**8.H. RECEIVE AND FILE THE ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE HOUSING ELEMENT**

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

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

**9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – NONE**

**10. COMMISSION ITEMS – NONE**

**11. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE**

**12. OLD BUSINESS – NONE**

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

**13.A. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM THE ROLLING HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TO APPROVE INSTALLATION OF A BACKUP NATURAL GAS GENERATOR AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THEIR BUILDING**

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

Public Comment: Kristen Raig

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

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

**13.B. RECEIVE AND FILE AN UPDATE FROM SITELOGIQ REGARDING THE SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC DUAL-FUEL EMERGENCY GENERATOR PROJECT FOR THE CITY HALL CAMPUS BACK-UP POWER / RESILIENCY AND TIMELINE TOWARDS A PUBLIC HEARING**

Presentation by City Clerk / Executive Assistant to the City Manager Christian Horvath  
Josh Steeber, SiteLogiq

Public Comment: Alfred Visco

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Mayor Mirsch to approve Option C and the installation of a dual-fuel backup generator. Motion failed with the following vote:

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

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to present specific schematics and bottom-line costs for both Option B (Photovoltaic Solar System with dual-fuel backup generator) and Option C (dual-fuel backup generator only) at the March 25, 2024 Council meeting. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

#### **14. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL**

##### **14.A. RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE ACTION OF THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SBCCOG) BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGARDING MEMBERSHIP DUES AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF (COUNCILMEMBER DIERINGER)**

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

Public Comment: Rolling Hills Estates Mayor Pro Tem Debby Stegura, Gardena Councilmember Rodney Tanaka, SBCCOG Staff David Leger

Motion by Councilmember Dieringer, seconded by Mayor Mirsch to stay with the SBCCOG under the new proposed dues structure. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

##### **14.B. DISCUSSION REGARDING AT&T'S APPLICATIONS TO THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION REQUESTING REMOVAL OF OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE TRADITIONAL LANDLINE PHONE SERVICE WITHIN THEIR SERVICE TERRITORY AS CARRIER OF LAST RESORT AND REQUEST TO GIVE UP ITS DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER (COUNCILMEMBER DIERINGER)**

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

Public Comment: AT&T representative Mckenzie Neely-Wright, Michael & Marcia Schoettle (via email)

Motion by Councilmember Dieringer, seconded by Councilmember Black to write a letter in opposition. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

#### **15. MATTERS FROM STAFF**

##### **15.A. CONSIDER AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH WILL DAN ENGINEERING TO PROVIDE CIVIL ENGINEERING, CITY ENGINEERING, CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEERING, BUILDING OFFICIAL AND GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CITY ON AN ON-CALL BASIS**

Presentation by Planning & Community Services Director John Signo,

Public Comment: Vanessa Munoz

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

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

**16. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 9:49 P.M.**

**16.B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - (PARAGRAPH (2) OF SUBDIVISION (D) AND PARAGRAPH (2) OF SUBDIVISION (E) OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9) THE CITY FINDS, BASED ON ADVICE FROM LEGAL COUNSEL, THAT DISCUSSION IN OPEN SESSION WILL PREJUDICE THE CITY IN THE LITIGATION. SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO CIVIL LITIGATION (1 POTENTIAL CASE) – THREAT OF LITIGATION FROM RESIDENTS IN AND AROUND THE FLYING TRIANGLE MADE TO CITY OFFICIALS AND THE CITY MANAGER REGARDING THE THREAT OF A LANDSLIDE DUE TO INCREASED RAIN EVENTS AND WATER DRAINAGE IN THE AREA**

**17. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 10:44 P.M.**

City Attorney Donegan noted there was no reportable action.

**18. ADJOURNMENT: 10:44 P.M.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 p.m on March 11, 2024. The next regular adjourned meeting of the City Council is scheduled to be held on Monday, March 25, 2024 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,

  
Leah Mirsch, Mayor

