



Minutes
Rolling Hills City Council
Monday, May 13, 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, Black, Dieringer, Mayor Pro Tem Pieper, Mayor Mirsch

Councilmembers Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Karina Bañales, City Manager

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

John Signo, Planning & Community Services Director

Robert Samario, Finance Operations Lead Consultant

Pat Donegan, City Attorney

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Black

4. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Bañales introduced the new Administrative Assistant Serena Lopez. Mayor Mirsch invited Ms. Lopez to speak. Ms. Lopez thanked the City Manager and City Council for the opportunity to officially join the organization.

5. APPROVE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Mirsch requested that all New Business Items be moved before Commission Items. Without objection, so ordered.

6. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS (SUPPLEMENTAL)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Black to receive and file Blue Folder Item 13A. 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

Public Comment: Kathleen Hughes

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8.A. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 13, 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: APRIL 22, 2024 REGULAR MEETING**
- 8.D. PULLED BY COUNCILMEMBER WILSON**
- 8.E. PULLED BY MAYOR MIRSCH**
- 8.F. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS NOS. 1362 AND 1363 PERTAINING TO A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION CONSOLIDATED WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pieper, seconded by Mayor Mirsch to approve Consent Calendar except Items 8D and 8E. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

8.D. PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

8.E. REPUBLIC SERVICES RECYCLING TONNAGE AND COMPLAINT REPORTS FOR MARCH 2024

Mayor Mirsch requested staff discuss the required diversion rate not being met for multiple months with Republic Services.

Motion by Mayor Mirsch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pieper to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Mayor Mirsch moved to New Business.

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.A. FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 PROPOSED BUDGET - REPORT ON FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Presentation by Finance Operations Lead Consultant Robert Samario

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to approve Finance/Budget/Audit Committee and staff recommendations as presented. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

13.B. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROCEED WITH IRS CODE SECTION 170(C)(1) FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS USED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES

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

Public Comment: Jim Aichele

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Dieringer to receive and file and directing staff to return with a formal policy for accepting gifts and donations for public purposes based on Council comments and direction. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Mayor Mirsch moved to Item 10B

10. COMMISSION ITEMS

10.B. ZONING CASE NO. 23-056: SITE PLAN REVIEW FOR GRADING AND VARIANCE TO RETAIN GRADING IMPORT FOR A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 29 MIDDLE RIDGE LANE SOUTH, AND FINDING THE PROJECT CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (LOT 239-A-6-MS) (JOHNSON)

Presentation by Planning & Community Services Director John Signo

Public Comment: Ken Johnson

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

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

Mayor Mirsch recused herself from Item 10A due to her residence being within proximity of the Zoning Case subject and left the dais at 8:40 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Pieper assumed the presiding officer duties.

10.A. ZONING CASE NO. 23-150: SITE PLAN REVIEW TO CONSTRUCT ADDITIONS TO AN EXISTING RESIDENCE AND STABLE GREATER THAN 999 SQUARE FEET, NEW BASEMENT, SWIMMING POOL, OUTDOOR KITCHEN, RETAINING WALLS, COVERED DECKS/PORCHES, GRADING, HARDSCAPE, LANDSCAPE, AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS; AND VARIANCES FOR CONSTRUCTION IN THE FRONT AND REAR YARD SETBACKS FOR A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2 POSSUM RIDGE ROAD, AND FINDING THE PROJECT CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (LOT 123-RH) (WHITCOMBE)

Presentation by Planning & Community Services Director John Signo

Public Comment: Jim Aichele

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

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

Mayor Mirsch returned to the dais at 9:19 p.m.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

12. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

14. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

14.A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BI-PARTISAN HOMELESSNESS, DRUG ADDICTION, AND THEFT REDUCTION ACT (INITIATIVE 23-0017A1) FOR TARGETED REFORMS TO PROPOSITION 47 (COUNCILMEMBER DIERINGER)

Presentation by City Manager Karina Bañales
Councilmember Dieringer

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pieper to support the initiative and direct staff to return with the draft resolution as amended by Mayor Mirsch for adoption. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

15. MATTERS FROM STAFF

15.A. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPORTING RETAIL THEFT LEGISLATION IN THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE THAT WOULD STRENGTHEN PUBLIC SAFETY

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

Councilmember Dieringer introduced a revised Letter of Support for AB 2943.

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pieper to receive and file Councilmember Dieringer's submission. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Public Comment: Jim Aichele

Motion by Councilmember Dieringer, seconded by Councilmember Black to send Letters of Support for all pending legislation presented except AB 1772, AB 1779 and AB 1794; and to accept Councilmember Dieringer's amendments to the letter supporting AB 2943. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

16. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 9:38 P.M.

16.A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: THREATENED LITIGATION GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(2) AND (E)(3) THE CITY COUNCIL FINDS, BASED ON ADVICE FROM LEGAL COUNSEL, THAT DISCUSSION IN OPEN SESSION WILL PREJUDICE THE POSITION OF THE CITY IN THE LITIGATION NUMBER OF POTENTIAL CASES: 1(GOVERNMENT CLAIMS ACT FORM SUBMITTED BY MR. DONALD SCHMID AGAINST THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ALLEGING DAMAGE TO PROPERTY IN RANCHOS PALOS VERDES)

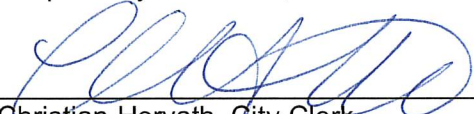
17. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 10:50 P.M.

18. ADJOURNMENT: 10:50 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m. on May 13, 2024. The next regular adjourned meeting of the City Council is scheduled to be held on Monday, June 10, 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>

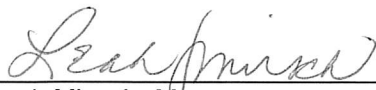
All written comments submitted are included in the record and available for public review on the City website.

Respectfully submitted,



Christian Horvath, City Clerk

Approved,



Leah Mirsch, Mayor

