



Minutes
Rolling Hills City Council
Monday, July 8, 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 7:01 p.m. Mayor Mirsch presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:

Wilson, Black, Dieringer, Mayor Mirsch

Councilmembers Absent:

Pieper

Staff Present:

Karina Bañales, City Manager

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

Robert Samario, Finance Operations Lead Consultant

Samantha Crew, Management Analyst

Pat Donegan, City Attorney

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – City Manager Bañales

4. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.A. LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE REGARDING JUNE 2024 BRUSH CLEARANCE INSPECTIONS (VERBAL REPORT)

Presentation by Los Angeles County Fire Department Acting Assistant Chief Brian Kane

Public Comment: Alfred Visco, Charlie Raine, Marita Geraghty

5. APPROVE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Mirsch requested moving any potential excluded consent calendar items under Item 9 to after Item 14. Without objection, so ordered.

6. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS (SUPPLEMENTAL)

Motion by Councilmember Dieringer, seconded by Councilmember Black to receive and file Blue Folder Item 4A. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

AYES: Wilson, Black, Dieringer, Mayor Mirsch

NOES: None

ABSENT: Pieper

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public Comment: Alfred Visco, Charlie Raine, Kathleen Hughes

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 8.A. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 8, 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: JUNE 24, 2024 REGULAR MEETING**
- 8.D. PULLED BY MAYOR MIRSCH**
- 8.E. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1373 AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF A GIFT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS**
- 8.F. RECEIVE AND FILE A REPORT ON THE NEXT CITY SPONSORED COMMUNAL BINS EVENT FROM AUGUST 2, 2024 THROUGH AUGUST 9, 2024 TO ASSIST RESIDENTS WITH FIRE FUEL REDUCTION IN THE COMMUNITY**

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to approve Consent Calendar, except for Item 8D, and with amended language for the Gift Policy in 8E as presented by the City Attorney. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

10. COMMISSION ITEMS – NONE

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 11.A. A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1371 AUTHORIZING PLACEMENT OF SOLID WASTE SERVICE CHARGES OWED TO REPUBLIC SERVICES PURSUANT TO ITS SOLID WASTE FRANCHISE WITH THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ON THE FY 2024-2025 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S OFFICE ANNUAL TAX ROLL**

Presentation by Finance Operations Lead Consultant Robert Samario

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Councilmember Dieringer to adopt Resolution No. 1371. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

12. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

13. NEW BUSINESS

- 13.A. ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS AUDITED ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Presentation by Finance Operations Lead Consultant Robert Samario

Public Comment: Daniel Shrader, Alfred Visco

Motion by Councilmember Dieringer, seconded by Councilmember Black to approve FY 22/23 audit as presented. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Motion by Councilmember Dieringer, seconded by Councilmember Black requesting staff expend no more than 20 hours gathering information and associated costs specific to potentially conducting a financial fraud assessment. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

13.B. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1372 APPROVING THE UPDATED FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 PAY SCHEDULE TO COMPLY WITH CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CALPERS) STATUTORY AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPENSATION EARNABLE AND PUBLICLY AVAILABLE PAY SCHEDULES

Presentation by City Manager Karina Bañales

Motion by Mayor Mirsch, seconded by Councilmember Dieringer to remove the Code Enforcement position from the FY 24/25 Salary Schedule. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to have the Personnel Committee review the FY24/25 Salary Schedule monthly minimum and maximum amounts as well as consider lowering the monthly minimum's base amount. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

14. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Dieringer invited her colleagues to the League of California Cities LA County Division 2024 Installment Dinner

Mayor Mirsch moved to Excluded Consent Calendar Item 8D.

9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

8.D. PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

Mayor Mirsch directed staff to bring back the expense policy for review at a future Council meeting. Without objection, so ordered.

15. MATTERS FROM STAFF

City Manager Bañales introduced summer intern Max Amir and briefly discussed her desire to launch an official unpaid intern program that would include a project presentation to the City Council at the end of the defined work period. Mr. Amir spoke briefly about his background and connection to the community.

16. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 9:00 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: (7) (GOVERNMENT CLAIMS ACT FORM SUBMITTED BY VARIOUS PROPERTY OWNERS IN RANCHO PALOS VERDES AGAINST THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ALLEGING DAMAGE TO PROPERTY)

16.B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - INITIATION OF LITIGATION A CLOSED SESSION WILL BE HELD, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(C) AND (D)(4) REGARDING THE DECISION OF WHETHER TO INITIATE LITIGATION (1 CASE)

17. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 9:59 P.M.

18. ADJOURNMENT: 9:59 P.M.

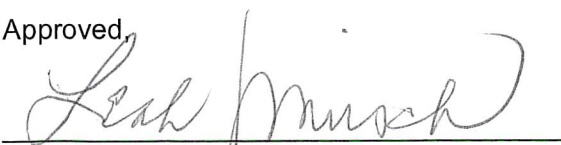
The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m. on July 8, 2024. The next regular adjourned meeting of the City Council is scheduled to be held on Monday, July 22, 2024 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 2 Portuguese Bend Road, Rolling Hills, California. It will also be available 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