



Minutes
Rolling Hills City Council
Monday, August 12, 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, 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

Pat Donegan, City Attorney

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Dieringer

4. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Bañales introduced Max Amir who provided a short presentation focused on his five-week City internship with an emphasis in Emergency Preparedness. A certificate of completion was presented to Max.

5. APPROVE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

6. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS (SUPPLEMENTAL)

Motion by Councilmember Dieringer, seconded by Councilmember Black to receive and file Blue Folder Items 7A and 11A. 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: Arun Bhumitra, Arlene Honbo, Judith Haenel.

Councilmember Black requested an update on the Emergency Siren project based on public comment. Staff provided a brief update. Mayor Mirsch requested that a formal update be agendaized for the August 26, 2024 meeting.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 8.A. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 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: JULY 22, 2024 REGULAR MEETING**
- 8.D. PAYMENT OF BILLS**
- 8.E. REPUBLIC SERVICES RECYCLING TONNAGE AND COMPLAINT REPORTS FOR JUNE 2024**

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to approve the 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

- 11.A. ZONING CASE NO. 23-070: SITE PLAN REVIEW TO DEVELOP A VACANT LOT INCLUDING NON-EXEMPT GRADING AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE WITH BASEMENT, RETAINING WALLS EXCEEDING A HEIGHT OF 3 FEET (UP TO A MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 5 FEET), DRIVEWAY WITH PORTIONS THAT EXCEED A WIDTH OF 20 FEET, AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS; CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A STABLE, CORRAL, DETACHED TRELLIS, AND GUEST HOUSE; AND VARIANCES TO ALLOW THE STABLE, CORRAL, SWIMMING POOL, AND RETAINING WALLS TO ENCROACH INTO THE FRONT YARD, ALLOW A PORTION OF THE CORRAL TO ENCROACH INTO THE FRONT YARD SETBACK, CONSTRUCT RETAINING WALLS EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM AVERAGE HEIGHT OF TWO-AND-ONE-HALF FEET, CONSTRUCT A BASEMENT WITH A PORTION EXTENDING BEYOND THE BUILDING WALLS OF THE RESIDENCE, CONSTRUCT DECKS/PATIOS MORE THAN ONE FOOT ABOVE GRADE, AND ALLOW GRADING EXPORT FOR A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 23 CREST ROAD EAST, AND FINDING THE PROJECT CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (LOT 132A-MS) (OGASAWARA)**

Councilmember Black requested that all public comment be limited to five minutes per person. Mayor Mirsch and the City Council briefly deliberated and concurred.

Presentation by Presentation by Planning & Community Services Director John Signo

Public Comment: LA County representatives: Anthony Wong, Thanhhy To
Applicant representatives: Yuki Ogasawara, Frank Esher
Kathleen Hughes, Arlene Honbo, Charlie Raine, Ron Montalto, Abas Goodarzi,
Paul Rajewski, Alfred Visco, Dustin McNabb, John Mackenbach, Lynne Macer-Rhodes

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Black to continue the Public Hearing to a date uncertain. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

11.B. A HEARING REGARDING A NUISANCE ABATEMENT AT 6 SADDLEBACK ROAD (LOT 18-RH), AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS DECLARING THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND ORDERING THE ABATEMENT THEREOF

Presentation by Planning & Community Services Director John Signo

Public Comment: Stephen Birkett

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Black to adopt Resolution No. 1375 declaring the condition to constitute a public nuisance and ordering the abatement thereof. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Pieper requested that the City Council reevaluate the nuisance ordinance.

12. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.A. APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH S&K CONSULTING SERVICES TO PROVIDE AN ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A DUAL-FUEL EMERGENCY GENERATOR ON THE CITY HALL CAMPUS AT A NOT-TO-EXCEED FEE OF \$54,879

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

Public Comment: Alfred Visco

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

14. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

14.A. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 610 (WIENER), FIRE PREVENTION AND LOCAL DISCRETIONAL REVIEW

Presentation by City Manager Karina Bañales

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pieper to authorize the Mayor to send a letter in opposition. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

15. MATTERS FROM STAFF

15.A. RECEIVE AND FILE FIRE FUEL ABATEMENT AND CODE ENFORCEMENT QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2024 (APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30)

Mayor Mirsch continued the item to the next meeting. Without objection, so ordered.

City Clerk / Executive Assistant to the City Manager Christian Horvath reported that the filing period for the November 5, 2024 general municipal election had ended on Friday, August 9, 2024. Only two candidates had pulled papers, filed and been certified as nominated by the LA County Registrar Recorder / County Clerk. The two nominees are the current office holders, Jeff Pieper and Bea Dieringer.

Clerk Horvath explained the CA Election Code requirements for potentially canceling an election and nominating the two candidates would necessitate a special meeting held between August 20th and August 22nd. The Council briefly discussed their availability and settled on a special meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 7:30 a.m.

16. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 10:52 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: (21) (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)

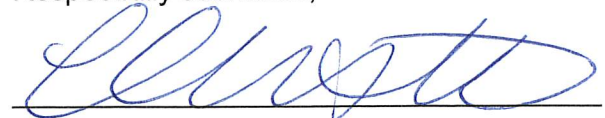
17. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 11:44 P.M.

18. ADJOURNMENT: 11:44 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 p.m. on August 12, 2024. The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled to be held on Monday, August 26, 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>

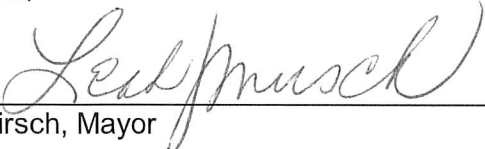
All written comments submitted are included in the record and available for public review on the City website.

Respectfully submitted,



Christian Horvath, City Clerk

Approved,



Leah Mirsch, Mayor

