



Minutes
Rolling Hills City Council
Monday, September 23, 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:	Dieringer, Pieper, Mayor Mirsch
Councilmembers Absent:	Wilson, 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 – Councilmember Dieringer

Mayor Mirsch moved to Item 5.

5. APPROVE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Dieringer, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pieper to move Item 11A to a date uncertain. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

6. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS (SUPPLEMENTAL)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Dieringer to receive and file Blue Folder Item 13A. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Mayor Mirsch moved to Item 4.

4. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.A. VERBAL UPDATE ON NATURAL GAS UTILITY, ELECTRIC UTILITY, AND TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE DISCONNECTIONS IN THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS

City Manager Bañales introduced the item. City Clerk / Executive Assistant to the City Manager Horvath provided an explanation of the process by which the meeting would be conducted to ensure public

participation from as many individuals as possible, and the overflow capabilities created to accommodate a larger assembly.

Presentation by Southern California Gas Company:

Gina Orozco, Vice President of Gas Engineering and Systems Integration
Maria Martinez, Director of Gas Engineering
Travis Sera, Director of Integrity Management

Presentation by Southern California Edison:

Larry Chung, Vice President, Customer Engagement Division
George Mundorf, Vice President, Distribution Ops.

Presentation by COX Communications:

Jennifer Bullard, Director, Government Affairs
Colleen Dillaway, Market Vice President, Orange County/Palos Verdes

The City Council asked questions and stated concerns separately for each presentation group.

Public Comment: Amy Zimmerman, Karl Frykman, Charlie Raine, Melissa McNabb, Aryan papoli, Milad Goodarzi, Fred Lorig, James Bellis, Alfred Visco, Marian Visco, Hannah Carlson, Dimitri Bizoumis, James Wald, Diane Montaldo

Public Comment as read by the Clerk into the record: Gretchen Goldsmith, John Loizeaux-Witte

Each group of presenters returned separately for follow-up questions from the City Council.

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

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public Comment: Alfred Visco, Charlie Raine

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 8.A. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 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: SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 REGULAR MEETING**
- 8.D. PAYMENT OF BILLS**
- 8.E. REPUBLIC SERVICES RECYCLING TONNAGE AND COMPLAINT REPORTS FOR AUGUST 2024**

8.F. RECEIVE AND FILE THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF A SIGN AT PORTUGUESE BEND ROAD AND RANCHERO ROAD

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

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

9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – NONE

10. COMMISSION ITEMS – NONE

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

11.A. A HEARING REGARDING A NUISANCE ABATEMENT AT 20 PORTUGUESE BEND ROAD (LOT 58-A-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

Per the motion in Item 5, this item was continued to a date uncertain.

12. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.B. CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROCURE ADDITIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO UTILITY SHUTOFFS IN THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS; TO RETURN WITH A BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION; AND TO SEND A LETTER TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AND ADDITIONAL COUNTY SERVICES

Presentation by City Manager Karina Bañales
Los Angeles Sherriff's Department, Lomita Station Captain Kimberly Guerrero

Public Comment: Dustin McNabb, Melissa McNabb

Motion by Mayor Mirsch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pieper directing the City Manager to seek any and all outside funding sources for increased potential law enforcement purposes and report back to the City Council. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

13.C. REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES (CAL CITIES) PROPOSED 2024 RESOLUTION PACKET AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO THE CITY'S VOTING DELEGATE FOR ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON OCTOBER 18, 2024 AT THE 2024 GENERAL ASSEMBLY DURING THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPO

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

Councilmember Dieringer noted that certain aspects of the Cal Cities proposed Resolution had been modified slightly from what is presented in the Agenda Packet.

Motion by Mayor Mirsch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pieper directing Councilmember Dieringer or Councilmember Wilson, as the delegates to the 2024 League of California Cities General Assembly, to vote yes on the proposed Resolution. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

13.A. (1) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1381 A LOCAL PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY RELATED TO LAND MOVEMENT AND UTILITY SHUTOFFS; AND (2) DIRECT CITY MANAGER TO SEND LETTER TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS RELATED TO COUNTY FEES

Presentation by Management Analyst Samantha Crew
Area G Disaster Management Area Coordinator Brandy Villanueva

Councilmember Black arrived at 11:10 p.m.

Public Comment: James Wald

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Black to not pass a proclamation of emergency and direct the City Manager to reach out to any pertinent party regarding waivers or reduction of any fees, permitting or otherwise, that would impact residents in the affected areas. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

14. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Pieper requested staff return with information on the potential dangers of individually owned propane systems in the community.

15. MATTERS FROM STAFF – NONE

16. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 11:29 P.M.

16.A. EXISTING LITIGATION - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(1) THE CITY FINDS, BASED ON ADVICE FROM LEGAL COUNSEL, THAT DISCUSSION IN OPEN SESSION WILL PREJUDICE THE POSITION OF THE CITY IN THE LITIGATION. (1 CASE) a. NAME OF CASE: CONNIE ANDERSEN, ET AL. V. CALIFORNIA WATER COMPANY, ET AL. CASE NO.: 24STCV20953

16.B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - INITIATION OF LITIGATION GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(1) THE CITY FINDS, BASED ON ADVICE FROM LEGAL COUNSEL, THAT DISCUSSION IN OPEN SESSION WILL PREJUDICE THE POSITION OF THE CITY IN THE LITIGATION. (2 CASES)

Mayor Mirsch recused herself for this item.

17. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 12:14 A.M. SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

City Attorney Donegan reported that by a unanimous vote on closed session Item 16B (with Councilmember Wilson absent and Mayor Mirsch recusing due to a financial conflict of interest because her home is in the impacted area), the City Council directed the City Attorney to file complaints with the CPUC against both SoCalGas and SCE. These complaints with the CPUC are prerequisites to the filing of any lawsuit.

18. ADJOURNMENT: 12:15 A.M.

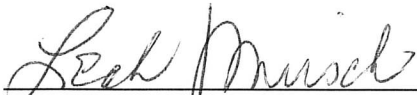
The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 a.m. on September 24, 2024. The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled to be held on Monday, October 14, 2024 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 2 Portuguese Bend Road, Rolling Hills, California. It will also be available 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

