



Minutes
Rolling Hills City Council
Monday, October 28, 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, Wilson, Black, 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

Samantha Crew, Management Analyst

Pat Donegan, City Attorney

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Pro Tem Pieper

4. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE

5. APPROVE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

6. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS (SUPPLEMENTAL)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Dieringer to receive and file Blue Folder Items 11A and 13A. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public Comment: Alfred Visco

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8.A. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 28, 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: OCTOBER 14, 2024 REGULAR MEETING**
- 8.D. PAYMENT OF BILLS**
- 8.E. REPUBLIC SERVICES RECYCLING TONNAGE AND COMPLAINT REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024**

Motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Dieringer to approve the Consent Calendar.
Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – NONE

10. COMMISSION ITEMS

- 10.A. ZONING CASE 24-063: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR A VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT SOLAR BATTERIES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT IN THE SIDE YARD SETBACK FOR A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 18 EASTFIELD DRIVE, AND FINDING THE PROJECT CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO STATE CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15303 (LOT 69-A-EF) (RICH)**

Presentation by Planning & Community Services Director John Signo

Motion by Councilmember Wilson, 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

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 ACCESSORY STRUCTURES FOR A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 23 CREST ROAD EAST, AND FINDING THE PROJECT CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO STATE CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15303 (LOT 132A-MS) (OGASAWARA)**

Presentation by Planning & Community Services Director John Signo

Public Comment: Abas Goodarzi, Charlie Raine, Alfred Visco, Kathleen Hughes, Dustin McNabb,
Justin Carlson (speaking through Charlie Raine), Melissa McNabb

Applicant presentations: Frank Escher, Principal, Escher GuneWardena Architecture
Yuki Ogasawara, Applicant

LA County Building & Safety: Yoshiya Morisaku, Regional Drainage and Grading Engineer
Karin Burger, Supervising Engineering Geologist II
Michael Dorta, P.E., Senior Civil Engineer
Anthony Wong, P.E., Associate Civil Engineer

Mayor Mirsch called for a 5-minute recess at 9:02 p.m. to allow the Council time to read late public comments included with the Blue Folder Items.

Mayor Mirsch resumed the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Councilmember Dieringer to approve with the following added conditions:

1. The applicant shall install and maintain all landscaping in accordance with all current and applicable City requirements.
2. The applicant shall process the project's post entitlement permits such as building permits and any other required permits through Los Angeles County only as opposed to any qualified private consultant under contract with the City.
3. The approved grading plans shall be updated to include the 8 cubic yards of cut and 9 cubic yards of fill in the "sunset terrace" covered patio located downslope from the main residence.
4. The underground cisterns for the Project shall be designed to store excess runoff from a 100-year storm.
5. The decks attached/adjacent to the main residence shall not be cantilevered in excess of 12' above grade.
6. No trees shall be planted on the berm.
7. Condition AR is changed to read as follows:
"The applicant, irrespective of any approval, direction or other information from the County of Los Angeles or other relevant permitting agency, shall not modify any part or portion of the Project that impacts, deals with or is related to the drainage on the Property, including the size and scope of the proposed cisterns on the Property, without prior City Council approval."

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

12. OLD BUSINESS

12.A. UPDATE ON THE CITY HALL ADA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND PACIFIC ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING'S INC. (PAE) REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL BUDGET TO COMPLETE RESPONSES TO PLAN REVIEW COMMENTS; ADOPT BY RESOLUTION NO. 1379 AUTHORIZING A FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET MODIFICATION TO APPROPRIATE \$4,000.00 IN THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FUNDED FROM A TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND RESERVES AND APPROVE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PAE COVERING ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY HALL ADA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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

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

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

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.A. APPROVE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WILL DAN ENGINEERING TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY ON AN ON-CALL BASIS

Presentation by City Manager Karina Bañales

Motion by Councilmember Dieringer, 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

13.B. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1382 AUTHORIZING A FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET MODIFICATION TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS BY \$23,485.40 IN THE GENERAL FUND REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT FUNDED FROM AVAILABLE GENERAL FUND RESERVES FOR EMERGENCY PLUMBING REPAIRS RELATED TO EXTERIOR WATER MAIN LEAKS ON THE CITY HALL CAMPUS

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

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pieper, 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

14. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Pieper asked if now would be an appropriate time to discuss when the next City Council meeting should be held due to scheduling conflicts and brief discussion ensued regarding individual member's availability.

With staff input, consensus was found around scheduling the meeting for Monday, November 11, 2024 despite the federal Veterans Day holiday.

15. MATTERS FROM STAFF

15.A. RECEIVE AND FILE FIRE FUEL ABATEMENT AND CODE ENFORCEMENT QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2024 (JULY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30)

Presentation by Planning & Community Services Director John Signo

Public Comment: Alfred Visco

Motion by Councilmember Dieringer, 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

15.B. RECEIVE AND FILE A PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS UPDATE

Presentation by City Manager Karina Bañales
Management Analyst Samantha Crew
City Clerk / Executive Assistant to the City Manager Christian Horvath

Public Comment: Alfred Visco

Motion by Councilmember Dieringer, 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

15.C. RECEIVE AND FILE A REPORT ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION TERMS EXPIRING ON JANUARY 1, 2025

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

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pieper, 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

16. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 11:15 P.M.

The City Council continued the following items to the next meeting.

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. (SEAVIEW CASE) CASE NO.: 24STCV20953

16.B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 (2 CASES) CPUC COMPLAINTS AGAINST SOTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON AND SOCAL GAS

16.C. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957 (B)(1) TITLE: CITY MANAGER

17. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 12:02 A.M. ON OCTOBER 29, 2024

18. ADJOURNMENT: 12:02 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 a.m. on October 29, 2024. The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled to be held on Monday, November 11, 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>

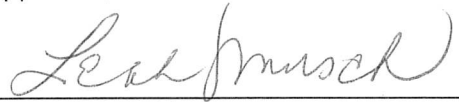
All written comments submitted are included in the record and available for public review on the City website.

Respectfully submitted,



Christian Horvath, City Clerk

Approved,



Leah Mirsch, Mayor