



Minutes
Rolling Hills City Council
Monday, November 25, 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, Dieringer, Pieper, Mayor Mirsch
Councilmembers Absent:	Black
Staff Present:	Karina Bañales, City Manager Christian Horvath, City Clerk / Executive Assistant to the City Manager Samantha Crew, Management Analyst Pat Donegan, City Attorney

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – San Pedro High School student Melissa Gonzalez

4. OATH OF OFFICE / CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION / PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.A. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE BY CITY CLERK TO MAYOR PRO TEM JEFF PIEPER AND COUNCILMEMBER BEA DIERINGER

City Clerk / Executive Assistant to the City Manager Horvath administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Pro Tem Pieper and Councilmember Dieringer.

4.B. CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

Motion by Mayor Mirsch, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to nominate Jeff Pieper as Mayor. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Motion by Mayor Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to nominate Bea Dieringer as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Mayor Pieper remarked on former Mayor Mirsch's past year of service and presented her with a plaque of recognition. The following sent certificates of recognition for her service:

Congressmember Ted Lieu
State Senator Ben Allen
State Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi
LA County Supervisor Hahn

Palos Verdes Estates Mayor Dawn Murdock
Rancho Palos Verdes Mayor John Cruikshank
Rolling Hills Estates Mayor Velveth Schmitz
Palos Verdes Library District Board President Bob Parke
Palos Verdes Unified School District President Ami Gandhi

Councilmember Wilson and Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer also made remarks and thanked former Mayor Mirsch for her service.

Former Mayor Mirsch noted it was an honor to serve during a challenging year. She thanked the residents for their public participation, City staff, and her colleagues while reflecting on her term.

Mayor Pieper requested a motion for a brief recess at 7:09 p.m. Without objection, so ordered.

Mayor Pieper reconvened the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

5. APPROVE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Pieper requested moving Item 15B up after the consent calendar. Without objection, so ordered.

6. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS (SUPPLEMENTAL) – NONE

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – NONE

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8.A. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 25, 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: NOVEMBER 11, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

8.D. PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

8.F. RECEIVE AND FILE MEASURE W, MUNICIPAL SAFE CLEAN WATER (SCW) ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

8.G. PULLED BY MAYOR PRO TEM DIERINGER

8.H. FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION: ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 385 AMENDING CHAPTER 17.28 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS TO COMPLY WITH RECENT CHANGES IN STATE LAW; AND FINDING THE ACTION TO BE STATUTORILY EXEMPT FROM CEQA UNDER SECTION 21080.17 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

Motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to approve the Consent Calendar except Item 8G. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

8.G. RECEIVE AND FILE SUBMITTAL OF THE ANNUAL MUNICIPAL STORMWATER REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer had some questions specific to water monitoring. Kathleen McGowan, City Consultant on stormwater matters proceeded to answer questions and explain the tracking information provided in Attachments D and E.

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

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

Mayor Pieper moved to Item 15B.

15. MATTERS FROM STAFF

15.B. RECEIVE AND FILE A VERBAL UPDATE ON FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) GRANT PROGRAMMING ADMINISTERED BY CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (CAL OES)

Presentation by City Manager Karina Bañales
Area G Disaster Management Coordinator Brandy Villanueva

Public Comment: James Wald

Motion by Councilmember Mirsch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer authorizing staff to arrange a meeting with Cal OES for a site visit to the City of Rolling Hills and attend a future City Council meeting; to begin coordinating with Cal OES specifically regarding applying for available grant programs, and return to the Council with updates or any required approvals. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Mayor Pieper returned to the regular Agenda Order.

10. COMMISSION ITEMS – NONE

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

12. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

13. NEW BUSINESS – NONE

14. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

14.A. VERBAL UPDATE ON THE CITY HALL ADA PROJECT PROGRESS (MAYOR PIEPER)

Presentation by Mayor Pieper

Motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch authorizing the Mayor to work with staff towards developing a revised plan for ADA compliance as a result of the Rolling Hills Community Association Architectural Committee's denial of approval. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

15. MATTERS FROM STAFF

15.A. REVIEW COUNCIL EXPENDITURES FOR CONFERENCES ABOVE AND BEYOND THE \$1000 LIMIT PER MEMBER AS SET BY RESOLUTION AND DISCUSS POTENTIAL APPROVAL OR DENIAL

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

Motion by Mayor Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to reimburse Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer \$1002.00 for expenses incurred, approve an additional maximum of \$75.00 for a forthcoming December expense specific to the CalCities/Contract Cities event, and specify that any future expenditures, for the remainder of the fiscal year, will not be approved without a formal estimated budget presented to the City Council ahead of time. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

City Manager Bañales verbally reported out on recent discussions with Southern California Edison regarding their exploration of solutions to re-energize impacted areas within the city. Councilmember Mirsch shared her perspective from attending the meeting and expressed a desire to continue participating in future meetings on behalf of the City Council and the impacted residents.

City Clerk / Executive Assistant to the City Manager Horvath verbally reported out on recent notifications from the California Fair Political Practices Commission regarding Form 700 submission requirements beginning in 2025.

Councilmember Wilson requested that staff look into regulations or guidance specific to noise and air pollution as a result of increased generator usage in the community as compared to other cities or locations.

16. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 9:08 P.M.

16.A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - INITIATION OF LITIGATION GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(4) 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)

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

17. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 10:08 P.M.

18. ADJOURNMENT: 10:08 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 p.m. on November 25, 2024. The next adjourned regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, December 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>

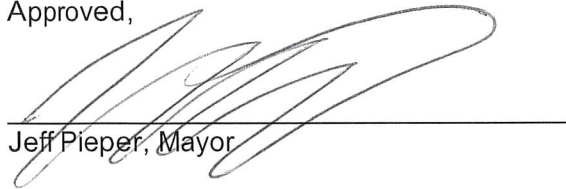
All written comments submitted are included in the record and available for public review on the City website.

Respectfully submitted,



Christian Horvath, City Clerk

Approved,



Jeff Pieper, Mayor

