



Minutes
Rolling Hills City Council
Tuesday, December 10, 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 Pieper presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:	Mirsch, Wilson, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper
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 – Councilmember Wilson

4. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.A. RECEIVE AND FILE A PRESENTATION FROM CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE REGARDING A NEW WILDFIRE HARDENING RELIABILITY PROJECT ALONG APPALOOSA LANE AND UPPER BLACKWATER CANYON ROAD AND VERBAL UPDATE ON THE NEW ABOVE-GROUND MAINS ON CINCHRING ROAD AND QUAILRIDGE ROAD SOUTH

Presentation by Cal Water Services Renzo Ayala and Brianda Nunez

Public Comment: Mitzi Nakamura, Alfred Visco

Motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

4.B. RECEIVE AND FILE A PRESENTATION OVERVIEW FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (CAL OES) REGARDING FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) AND CAL OES HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Presentation by Robyn Fennig, CFM, CalOES Assistant Director for Hazard Mitigation

Motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

5. APPROVE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

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

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

6. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS (SUPPLEMENTAL)

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

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public Comment: Alfred Visco, Ken Bringas, James Wald

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8.A. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 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 25, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

8.D. PAYMENT OF BILLS

8.E. APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING & TRAFFIC COMMISSIONS FOR THE TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 2, 2025 AND EXPIRING JANUARY 1, 2029

Motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer to approve the Consent Calendar with amendments as made to the minutes. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – NONE

10. COMMISSION ITEMS – NONE

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

11.A. A PUBLIC 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

City Clerk / Executive Assistant to the City Manager Horvath and City Attorney Donegan advised the City Council that the nuisance had been abated and that no formal action would be required. Seeing no public comment, Mayor Pieper moved to Old Business without objection.

12. OLD BUSINESS

12.A. DISCUSS POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF A 25% LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT AMOUNT (APPROXIMATELY \$405,250) FOR THE 2023 SUBMITTED APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM TO ADDRESS ADDITIONAL FIRE FUEL ABATEMENT IN ROLLING HILLS' KLONDIKE CANYON

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

Public Comment: Alfred Visco, James Wald, Robyn Fennig

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to table the item and continue exploring potential impacts of delaying approval with CalOES; bring back an update on the status of the sub-application on or before the last meeting in February. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.A. APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH AMPIRICAL SERVICES INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 20B PORTION OF THE EASTFIELD DRIVE FIRE PREVENTION POWER LINE UNDERGROUNDING PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$117,899 FUNDED BY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM #DR4382-177-7R-CA, AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT, AND FINDING THE PROJECT CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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

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

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

14. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer requested moving her approved \$75 expense for the Cal Cities holiday party to cover their January event instead. She also requested having an item added to the January 13, 2025 agenda regarding approvals of additional event expenses.

Councilmember Wilson inquired about his previous request to agendaize a discussion on generators being used in the City.

Councilmember Mirsch asked staff if there was anything pressing that would require an additional December City Council meeting.

15. MATTERS FROM STAFF

15.A. RECEIVE AND FILE A VERBAL UPDATE ON THE OUTDOOR EMERGENCY SIREN PROJECT AND CITYWIDE TESTING

Presentation by Management Analyst Crew

City Clerk / Executive Assistant to the City Manager Horvath

Motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch authorizing staff to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

AYES: Mirsch, Wilson, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper

NOES: None

ABSENT: Black

16. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 9:12 P.M.

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

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

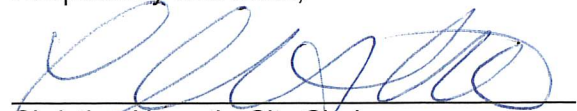
17. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 10:10 P.M.

18. ADJOURNMENT: 10:10 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m. on December 10, 2024. The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled to be held on Monday, January 13, 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.

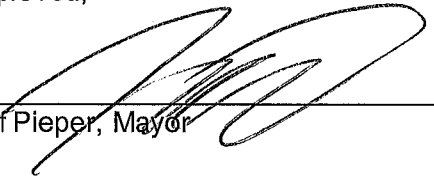
Respectfully submitted,



Christian Horvath, City Clerk

Approved,

Jeff Pieper, Mayor

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