



Minutes
Rolling Hills City Council
Monday, January 27, 2025
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, Black, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper

Councilmembers Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Karina Bañales, City Manager

Christian Horvath, City Clerk / Executive Assistant to the City Manager

Samantha Crew, Management Analyst

Lisa Edwards, Willdan Consultant Principal Planner

Pat Donegan, City Attorney

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Charlie Willis of Boy Scout Troop 191

4. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE

5. APPROVE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to approve the order of the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

6. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS (SUPPLEMENTAL)

Motion by Councilmember Mirsch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer to receive and file Blue Folder Items 13A and 14. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public Comment: Judith Haenel

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8.A. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2025

- 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: JANUARY 13, 2025 REGULAR MEETING
- 8.D. PAYMENT OF BILLS
- 8.E. REPUBLIC SERVICES RECYCLING TONNAGE AND COMPLAINT REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2024
- 8.F. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1384 AUTHORIZING A FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET MODIFICATION TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS BY \$2,000 IN THE CITY COUNCIL EXPENSES ACCOUNT FUNDED FROM AVAILABLE GENERAL FUND RESERVES FOR CITY COUNCILMEMBER TO ATTEND UPCOMING CONFERENCES OR EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

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

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

9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – NONE

10. COMMISSION ITEMS

- 10.A. ZONING CASE NO. 24-074: SITE PLAN REVIEW FOR CONSTRUCTION, GRADING, STABLE ACCESS, WALLS EXCEEDING A HEIGHT OF 3 FEET AND 2.5 FEET AVERAGE (UP TO A MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 5 FEET), AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS; CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS FOR A RECREATIONAL GAME COURT (TENNIS COURT), STABLE WITH LOFT GREATER THAN 200 SQUARE FEET, CORRAL GREATER THAN 550 SQUARE FEET; AND VARIANCES FOR CONSTRUCTION IN THE FRONT AND REAR YARD SETBACKS, SITE DISTURBANCE OF MORE THAN 40 PERCENT, NONEXEMPT GRADING EXPORT, AND DEVIATIONS FROM THE CONDITIONS FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PER ROLLING HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 17.16.210(A) AND FINDING THE PROJECT CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (LOT 123-RH) (WHITCOMBE)

Presentation by Willdan Consultant Principal Planner Edwards

Public Comment: Megan Campbell (Project Architect), Alfred Visco

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to take the project under consideration. Motion failed with the following vote:

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

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

AYES: Mirsch, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper

NOES: Wilson, Black
ABSENT: None

10.B. ZONING CASE NO. 24-053: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A DETACHED STRUCTURE THAT EXCEEDS 200 SQUARE FEET LOCATED AT 74 EASTFIELD DRIVE, ROLLING HILLS, CA 90274, AND FINDING THE PROJECT CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (LOT 119-EF) (COCKE)

Presentation by Willdan Consultant Principal Planner Edwards

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

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

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

12. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.A. RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE EMERGENCY OUTDOOR SIREN NOTIFICATION SYSTEM PROJECT AND STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

Presentation by Management Analyst Crew
HQE representative Charles West

Public Comment: Arlene Honbo, Greg Willis, Alfred Visco

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

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

Council directed staff to continue working with HQE on meeting contractual obligations for the outdoor siren installation / sound coverage and, once completed, future implementation of the SAFE Network as an augmented service. Without objection, so ordered.

14. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

14.A. CONSIDERATION OF SUMITTING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF FORMER RANCHO PALOS VERDES MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER HON. JOHN CRUIKSHANK TO THE WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT TO FILL THE RECENTLY VACATED DIVIDSON 1 DIRECTOR'S SEAT (COUNCILMEMBER MIRSCH)

Presentation by City Manager Bañales
Councilmember Mirsch

The Council discussed and decided to not send a letter representing the City Council as an official body, but expressed a willingness to sign a letter drafted by Councilmember Mirsch as individual members.

15. MATTERS FROM STAFF

15.A. RECEIVE AND FILE FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2024 (OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31)

Presentation by City Manager Bañales

Public Comment: Alfred Visco, Marina Visco, Judith Haenel

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

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

Mayor Pieper directed staff to have Councilmember Mirsch provide a summary reflecting the conversations and actions of the previous Fire Fuel Standing Committee for the February 24, 2025 City Council meeting. Without objection, so ordered.

15.B. RECEIVE AND FILE A VERBAL UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE CITY HALL CAMPUS BACKUP GENERATOR

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

Public Comment: Judith Haenel

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer reported out on the Blue Folder Item 14 containing the January 23-24, 2025 CalCities Policy Committees General Briefing which included the Governor's proposed budget highlights and specific policy committee information.

16. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 9:49 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

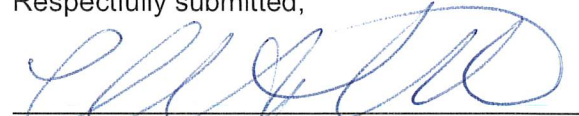
17. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 10:57 P.M.

18. ADJOURNMENT: 10:57 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 p.m. on January 27, 2025. The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled to be held on Monday, February 10, 2025 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>

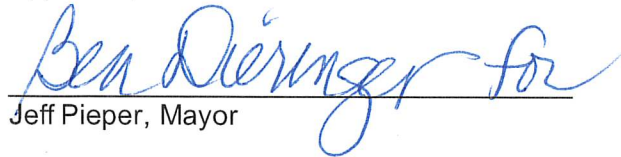
All written comments submitted are included in the record and available for public review on the City website.

Respectfully submitted,



Christian Horvath, City Clerk

Approved,



Jeff Pieper, Mayor