



Minutes
Rolling Hills City Council
Monday, February 24, 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, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper

Councilmembers Absent:

Black

Staff Present:

Karina Bañales, City Manager

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

Stephanie Grant, Assistant Planner

Robert Samario, Finance Operations Lead Consultant

Pat Donegan, City Attorney

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Wilson

4. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.A. RECEIVE AND FILE A PRESENTATION ON USE OF PROPANE TANKS WITHIN CITY LIMITS FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Presentation by LA County Fire Department Assistant Chief Brian Kane

Public Comment: Abas Goodarzi

5. APPROVE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Pieper approved the order of the agenda. Without objection so ordered.

6. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS (SUPPLEMENTAL) – NONE

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public Comment: Jim Aichele

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8.A. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 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: FEBRUARY 10, 2025 REGULAR MEETING

8.D. PAYMENT OF BILLS

8.E. APPROVE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH 4LEAF, INC. FOR A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

8.F. CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PLANNED EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 SAFE, CLEAN WATER (MEASURE W) MUNICIPAL PROGRAM FUNDS FOR SUBMISSION TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

Motion by Councilmember Mirsch, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to approve the Consent Calendar.
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

10.A. RECEIVE AND FILE ZONING CASE NO. 24-027: VARIANCE FOR RESIDENTIAL ADDITION TO ENCROACH INTO THE SETBACK LOCATED AT 15 FLYING MANE ROAD, ROLLING HILLS, CA 90274, AND FINDING THE PROJECT CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (LOT 54-SF) (MOLLURA & ROGERS)

Presentation by Assistant Planner Grant

Motion by Councilmember Willson, 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

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

12. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.A. APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JOHN L. HUNTER AND ASSOCIATES FOR ANNUAL TMDL TRASH MONITORING AND REPORTING AS REQUIRED BY THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

Presentation by City Manager Bañales

Public Comment: Kathleen McGowan

Motion by Councilmember Wilson, 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

13.B. FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 MID-YEAR REPORT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Presentation by Finance Operations Lead Consultant Samario

Public Comment: Abas Goodarzi

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

13.C. CONSIDERATION OF WAIVER OF DIRECT ASSESSMENTS FOR REFUSE

Presentation by Finance Operations Lead Consultant Samario

Public Comment: Abas Goodarzi, Jim Aichele

Motion by Councilmember Mirsch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer to respond to the LA County Assessor's Office stating the City will not waive the direct assessment for refuse services. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

AYES: Mirsch, Wilson, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper

NOES: None

ABSENT: Black

14. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

14.A. CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING POLICIES TO PREVENT FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY (MAYOR PRO TEM DIERINGER)

Presentation by City Manager Bañales
Finance Operations Lead Consultant Samario

Public Comment: Abas Goodarzi

Mayor Pieper directed staff to make recommendations regarding procedures and/or policies and bring back to the City Council if necessary. Without objection, so ordered.

14.B. RECEIVE AND FILE A PRESENTATION ON THE STATUS OF EMERGENCY GENERATOR USE WITHIN CITY LIMITS, DUE TO THE RECENT UTILITY SHUT OFFS

Presentation by City Manager Bañales

Public Comment: Abas Goodarzi, Jim Aichele

Motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to receive and file and return with an update during the April 7, 2025 City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

14.C. RECEIVE AND FILE A SUMMARY REPORT ON PREVIOUS FIRE FUEL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION, RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR ACTIONS (COUNCILMEMBER MIRSCH)

Presentation by City Manager Bañales

Public Comment: Jim Aichele

Motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to remove Councilmember Mirsch as a member of the Ad Hoc Fire Fuel Committee and nominate Mayor Piper as her replacement. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

15. MATTERS FROM STAFF

15.A. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A MUTUAL AID PERSONNEL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS AND THE CITY OF MALIBU FOR TEMPORARY PERSONNEL ASSISTANCE

Presentation by City Manager Bañales

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

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

16. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 9:43 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

16.D. 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. (1 CASE)

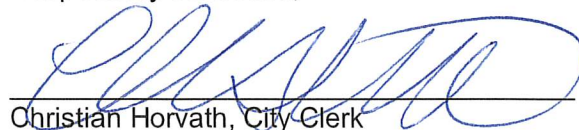
17. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 10:12 P.M.

18. ADJOURNMENT: 10:12 P.M.

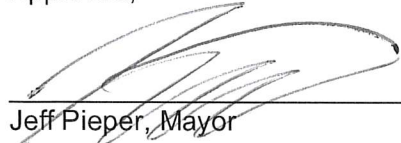
The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m. on February 24, 2025. The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled to be held on Monday, March 10, 2025 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 2 Portuguese Bend Road, Rolling Hills, California. It will also be available via 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

