



Minutes
Rolling Hills City Council
Monday, March 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

Samantha Crew, Management Analyst

Lisa Edwards, Willdan Consultant Principal Planner

Robert Samario, Finance Operations Lead Consultant

Pat Donegan, City Attorney

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Management Analyst Crew

4. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE

5. APPROVE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

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

AYES: Mirsch, Wilson, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper

NOES: None

ABSENT: Black

Councilmember Black arrived at 7:01 p.m.

6. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS (SUPPLEMENTAL)

Motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to receive and file Blue Folder Items 13A and 13H. 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 – NONE

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8.A. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 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: MARCH 10, 2025 REGULAR MEETING**
- 8.D. PAYMENT OF BILLS**
- 8.E. REPUBLIC SERVICES RECYCLING TONNAGE AND COMPLAINT REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 2025**
- 8.F. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FINANCE, BUDGET, AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES: MARCH 10, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING**
- 8.G. RECEIVE AND FILE THE ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS FOR THE GENERAL PLAN**
- 8.H. RECEIVE AND FILE THE ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE HOUSING ELEMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer asked questions regarding ADU's on Item 8G. Clarifying answers were provided by Willdan Consultant Principal Planner Edwards and City Attorney Donegan.

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch 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. RECEIVE AND FILE ZONING CASE NO. 24-078: VARIANCE FOR A DETACHED GARAGE WITHIN THE FRONT YARD AREA, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUEST TO EXCEED 200 SQUARE FEET FOR ACCESSORY STRUCTURES, AND SITE PLAN REVIEW FOR AN EXPANSION TO THE EXISTING DETACHED GARAGE AND FINDING THE PROJECT CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT LOCATED 1 PINTO ROAD (36-FT) (KRAMER)**

Councilmember Wilson recused himself from the item due to his residence being in proximity to the applicant and left the dais at 7:12 p.m.

Presentation by Willdan Consultant Principal Planner Edwards

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

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

Councilmember Wilson returned to the dais at 7:22 p.m.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

12. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.A. PRELIMINARY FISCAL YEAR 2025/26 PROJECTIONS AND BALANCING FOR THE GENERAL FUND

Presentation by Finance Operations Lead Consultant Samario

Motion by Councilmember Mirsch, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to properly notice the Prop 218 Public Hearing for the proposed Fiscal Year 2025/26 refuse increase. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

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

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

Motion by Mayor Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to have Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer work with the City Manager and other cities on drafting a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Los Angeles County Sherriff Department's staffing shortage. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

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

Presentation by Management Analyst Crew
HQE representatives Charles West and Nancho Lopez

Motion by Mayor Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to have residents purchase SAFE units as desired directly through HQE. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

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

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

13.C. APPROVE A TRANSITION TO CIVICPLUS AGENDA MEETING AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR A 3-YEAR TERM

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

Public Comment: Melissa McNabb

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

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

13.D. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GPA CONSULTING TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE EASTFIELD DRIVE FIRE PREVENTION POWER LINE UNDERGROUNDING PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$117,070 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

Public Comment: Judith Haenel

Motion by Councilmember Mirsch, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to approve as presented. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

13.E. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RYAN ECOLOGICAL CONSULTING TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE 20C PORTION OF THE CREST ROAD EAST FIRE PREVENTION POWER LINE UNDERGROUNDING PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000 FUNDED BY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM #DR4344-PJ0526, 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 Councilmember Mirsch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

13.F. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1386 APPROVING THE BLANKET AUTHORITY TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR MEASURE A FUNDING FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE MASTER ANNUAL ALLOCATION GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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

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

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

13.G. APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ROLLING HILLS ESTATE'S' GEORGE F CANYON NATURE CENTER PROJECT

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

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

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

13.H. APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL EARMARK REQUESTS BY THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES FOR A REGIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER AND MAINTENANCE OF DEEP DEWATERING WELLS IN THE PORTUGUESE BEND LANDSLIDE AREA

Presentation by City Manager Bañales

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

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

14. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL – NONE

15. MATTERS FROM STAFF

15.A. UPDATE ON THE CITY HALL ADA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND REQUEST FOR DIRECTION

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

Public Comment: Melissa McNabb

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to not pursue Option 2 as presented, an amendment with Pacific Architecture and Engineering. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Motion by Mayor Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Black to table the Item and further discussion of Options 1 or 3. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Councilmember Black left the dais at 9:35 p.m.

15.B. CONSIDERATION OF PARTICIPATING IN A THIRD ANNUAL ARBOR DAY EVENT AT THE CITY HALL CAMPUS ON APRIL 25, 2025

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

Public Comment: Judith Haenel

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to receive and file and hold a publicized Arbor Day event with Bennett Landscape. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

16. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 9:40 P.M.

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. 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 – 10:04 P.M.

18. ADJOURNMENT: 10:04 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m. on March 24, 2025. The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled to be held on Monday, April 14, 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>

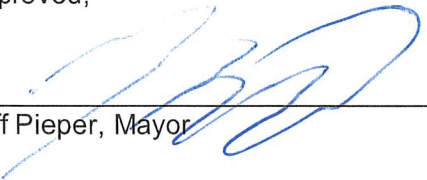
All written comments submitted are included in the record and available for public review on the City website.

Respectfully submitted,



Christian Horvath, City Clerk

Approved,



Jeff Pieper, Mayor