



Minutes
Rolling Hills City Council
Monday, May 12, 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 Robert Samario, Finance Operations Lead Consultant Nicolas Papajohn, City Attorney

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Black

4. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE

5. APPROVE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Black 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 Black, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer to receive and file Blue Folder Item 15C. 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 MAY 12, 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 MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2025: FINANCE/BUDGET/AUDIT COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING AND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**
- 8.D. PAYMENT OF BILLS**
- 8.E. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1389, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS APPOINTING NICOLAS PAPAJOHN AS CITY ATTORNEY; AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE APPOINTMENT**

City Clerk / Executive Assistant to the City Manager Horvath noted a change made to Item 8C City Council minutes after agenda publishing that added a report out from Closed Session.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to approve the Consent Calendar with the amended City Council minutes. 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 – NONE

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

12. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.A. FISCAL YEAR 2025/26 PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDING FINANCE, BUDGET, AND AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Presentation by Finance Operations Lead Consultant Samario

Motion by Councilmember Wilson, 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

13.B. SELECTION OF AN AUDIT FIRM FOR THE THREE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027

Presentation by Finance Operations Lead Consultant Samario

Motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Councilmember Wilson continue contracting with LSL at the current proposed rates as presented. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

13.C. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED EMPLOYEE SALARY SCHEDULE AND JOB CLASSIFICATION MODIFICATIONS

Presentation by City Manager Bañales
Finance Operations Lead Consultant Samario

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to table the item until the next meeting with input from the Personnel Committee. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

13.D. RECEIVE AND FILE AN UPDATE ON POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS FOR THE OUTDOOR EMERGENCY SIREN SYSTEM AND RELATED COSTS TO IMPROVE AND ENSURE CITYWIDE COVERAGE

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

Public Comment: Melissa McNabb, Judith Haenel

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

14. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

14.A. RECEIVE AND FILE A VERBAL UPDATE FROM THE SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING AD HOC COMMITTEE

Presentation by City Manager Bañales
Councilmembers Mirsch and Wilson

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

15. MATTERS FROM STAFF

15.A. 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

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

15.B. DECLARE A VACANCY ON THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION AND DIRECT STAFF TO PUBLICLY NOTICE THE OPENING

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

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to declare a vacancy on the Traffic Commission and direct staff to publicly notice. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

15.C. LETTER FOR RESIDENTS TO PROVIDE TO INSURANCE PROVIDERS REGARDING FIRE RISK AND MITIGATION

Presentation by Management Analyst Crew

Public Comment: Judith Haenel

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

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

16. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 9:37 P.M.

16.A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - 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. (3 CASES)

A. NAME OF CASE: CONNIE ANDERSEN, ET AL. V. CALIFORNIA WATER COMPANY, ET AL. (SEAVIEW CASE) CASE NO.: 24STCV20953

B. NAME OF CASE: CITY OF ROLLING HILLS V. SCE CPUC DOCKET NO. C.24-10-008

C. NAME OF CASE: CITY OF ROLLING HILLS V. SOCALGAS CPUC DOCKET NO. C.24-10-009

16.B. 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) RECOMMENDATION: NONE

- 16.C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - INITIATION OF LITIGATION A CLOSED SESSION WILL BE HELD, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(C) AND (D)(4) REGARDING THE DECISION OF WHETHER TO INITIATE LITIGATION (1 CASE) RECOMMENDATION: NONE**

Councilmember Black left the dais and meeting at 10:00 p.m.

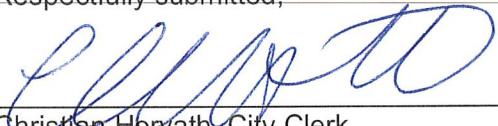
- 17. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 10:01 P.M.**

- 18. ADJOURNMENT: 10:01 P.M.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 p.m. on May 12, 2025. The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, May 28, 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

