



City of Rolling Hills

INCORPORATED JANUARY 24, 1957

2 PORTUGUESE BEND ROAD, ROLLING HILLS, CA 90274 | (310) 377-1521

City Council

Monday, May 11, 2026, 7:00 PM

Regular Meeting
City of Rolling Hills

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AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Presentations/Proclamations/Announcements**
- 5. Approve Order of the Agenda**

This is the appropriate time for the Mayor or Councilmembers to approve the agenda as is or reorder.

6. Blue Folder Items (Supplemental)

Blue folder (supplemental) items are additional back up materials to administrative reports, changes to the posted agenda packet, and/or public comments received after the printing and distribution of the agenda packet for receive and file.

7. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

This is the appropriate time for members of the public to make comments regarding items not listed on this agenda. Pursuant to the Brown Act, no action will take place on any items not on the agenda.

8. Consent Calendar

Business items, except those formally noticed for public hearing, or those pulled for discussion are assigned to the Consent Calendar. The Mayor or any Councilmember may request that any Consent Calendar item(s) be removed, discussed, and acted upon separately. Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be taken up under the "Excluded Consent Calendar" section below. Those items remaining on the Consent Calendar will be approved in one motion. The Mayor will call on anyone wishing to address the City Council on any Consent Calendar item on the agenda, which has not been pulled by Councilmembers for discussion.

8.A. Approve Affidavit of Posting for the City Council Regular Meeting of May 11, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

8.B. Approve Motion to Read by Title Only and Waive Further Reading of All Ordinances and Resolutions Listed on the Agenda

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

8.C. Approve the following Minutes: April 27, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as presented.

8.D. Payment of Bills

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as presented.

8.E. Adopt Resolutions Nos. 1408 and 1409 Pertaining to a General Municipal Election consolidated with the Statewide General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as presented.

8.F. Adopt Resolution 1410, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills, California, assigning its available Proposition C Transportation Funds to the City of Rolling Hills Estates in support of the Palos Verdes Drive North and Dapplegray School Intersection Improvement Project

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as presented.

9. Excluded Consent Calendar Items

10. Commission Items

11. Public Hearings

12. Discussion Items

12.A. Fiscal Year 2026-27 Proposed Budget including Finance, Budget, Audit Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file a presentation from staff regarding the recommended General Fund expenditure budget for fiscal year 2026-27 and update revenue estimates.

12.B. Adopt Resolution No. 1411 establishing a Disruption of Telephonic or Internet Service during Public Meetings Policy as required by SB 707 and in accordance with Government Code § 54953.4

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as presented.

13. Matters From the City Council

13.A. Consideration of Support for Assembly Bill 2529 (Johnson) – Government Claims Accountability

RECOMMENDATION: Provide direction on whether the City Council wishes to:

1. Support AB 2529;
2. Oppose AB 2529; or
3. Support AB 2529 if amended consistent with Mayor Dieringer's proposed revisions.

14. Matters From Staff

14.A. Update on current City Hall Campus Capital Projects

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

15. Recess to Closed Session

**15.A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)
Title: City Attorney**

RECOMMENDATION: None.

16. Reconvene to Open Session

17. Adjournment

Next regular meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, Rolling Hills City Hall, 2 Portuguese Bend Road, Rolling Hills, California, 90274.

Notice:

Public Comment is welcome on any item prior to City Council action on the item.

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Item: 8.A.

Meeting Date: 5/11/2026

To: City Council
From: Christian Horvath, Assistant to the City Manager / City Clerk
Thru: Karina Bañales, City Manager
Subject: Approve Affidavit of Posting for the City Council Regular Meeting of May 11, 2026

Background:

None.

Discussion:

None.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

Approve.

Attachments:

1. CL_AGN_260511_CC_AffidavitofPosting



Administrative Report

8.A., File # 2026-118

Meeting Date: 5/11/2026

To: MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

From: Christian Horvath, City Clerk

TITLE

APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 11, 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF ROLLING HILLS)

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

In compliance with the Brown Act, the following materials have been posted at the locations below.

Legislative Body	City Council
Posting Type	Regular Meeting Agenda
Posting Location	2 Portuguese Bend Road, Rolling Hills, CA 90274 City Hall Window City Website: https://www.rolling-hills.org/government/agendas_meetings.php https://rollinghillsca.portal.civicclerk.com/
Meeting Date & Time	MAY 11, 2026 7:00pm Open Session

As City Clerk of the City of Rolling Hills, I declare under penalty of perjury, the document noted above was posted at the date displayed below.

Christian Horvath, City Clerk

Date: May 8, 2026



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Item: 8.B.

Meeting Date: 5/11/2026

To: City Council

From: Christian Horvath, Assistant to the City Manager / City Clerk

Thru: Karina Bañales, City Manager

Subject: Approve Motion to Read by Title Only and Waive Further Reading of All Ordinances and Resolutions Listed on the Agenda

Background:

None.

Discussion:

None.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

Approve.

Attachments:

None



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Item: 8.C.

Meeting Date: 5/11/2026

To: City Council
From: Christian Horvath, Assistant to the City Manager / City Clerk
Thru: Karina Bañales, City Manager
Subject: Approve the following Minutes: April 27, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting

Background:

None.

Discussion:

None.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

Approve as presented.

Attachments:

1. CL_MIN_260427_CC_F



1. Call To Order

The City Council of the City of Rolling Hills met in person on the above date at 7:01 p.m. Mayor Dieringer presiding.

2. Roll Call

Councilmembers Present:	Pieper, Mirsch, Wilson, Mayor Dieringer
Councilmembers Absent:	Black
Staff Present:	Karina Bañales, City Manager Christian Horvath, Assistant to the City Manager / City Clerk Samantha Crew, Management Analyst Whitney Berry, Planning Manager Nicolas Papajohn, City Attorney

3. Pledge Of Allegiance – Councilmember Pieper

4. Presentations / Proclamations / Announcements - None

5. Approve Order of the Agenda

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

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

6. Blue Folder Items (Supplemental)

Motion by Councilmember Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to receive and file Blue Folder Item 8G. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

7. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - None

8. Consent Calendar

8.A. Approve Affidavit of Posting for the City Council Regular Meeting of April 27, 2026

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 13, 2026: City Council Regular Meeting

8.D. Pulled by Councilmember Mirsch

8.E. Republic Services Recycling Tonnage and Compliant Reports for March 2026

8.F. Adopt Resolution 1407 authorizing the exchange of Proposition A Funds with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority for General Funds; and authorize the City Manager to execute the Fund Exchange Agreement

8.G. Reaffirm approval awarding an emergency construction contract to Pearce Concrete & Masonry, Inc. for the re-routing and repair of City Hall's water main service line in an amount not-to-exceed \$29,373, inclusive of a 5% contingency subject to minor revisions approved by legal counsel to conform insurance requirements to California Joint Powers Insurance Authority guidance; re-authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement; and finding the project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

Motion by Councilmember Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 8D and with a minor modification to the minutes. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

9. Excluded Consent Calendar Items

8.D. Payment of Bills

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

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

Councilmember Wilson requested staff add Item 8B cover sheet back into the agenda packet.

10. Commission Items - None

11. Public Hearings - None

12. Discussion Items

12.A. Discussion regarding the City of Rancho Palos Verdes' Emergency AM Radio Program

Presentation by Management Analyst Crew

Public Comment: Judith Haenel

Motion by Councilmember Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to pass, for now, on the opportunity to explore participation; monitor the development and implementation of the emergency AM radio program for future potential consideration; and direct the City Attorney to not provide any additional research. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

12.B. Consideration and discussion regarding the Traffic Commission's recommendation to modify the existing Rolling Hills Municipal Code overnight parking restriction ordinance for possible revisions or updates

Presentation by Assistant to the City Manager / City Clerk Horvath

Public Comment: Judith Haenel

Motion by Councilmember Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch directing the Traffic Commission to re-evaluate combining of Municipal code sections 10.52.250 and 10.52.210 with updated language including a maximum limit of 48-hour parking restrictions, as well as possible allowances for City and Association approved parking passes when reasonable. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

13. Matters From the City Council - None

14. Matters From Staff

14.A. Receive and file the Code Compliance Quarterly Report for the First Quarter of 2026 (January 1 - March 31)

Presentation by City Manager Bañales

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

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

City Manager Bañales provided an update on coyote abatement including LA County Weights and Measures firearm certification process for three new team members. She noted the City follows LA County's Coyote Management Plan which emphasizes education before utilizing other methods.

15. Recess To Closed Session - None

16. Reconvene To Open Session - None

17. Adjournment: 8:45 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. on April 27, 2026. The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled to be held on Monday, May 11, 2026 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,

Bea Dieringer, Mayor



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Item: 8.D.

Meeting Date: 5/11/2026

To: City Council
From: Christian Horvath, Assistant to the City Manager / City Clerk
Thru: Karina Bañales, City Manager
Subject: Payment of Bills

Background:

None.

Discussion:

None.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

Approve as presented.

Attachments:

1. CL_AGN_260511_CC_PaymentOfBills_E

CITY OF ROLLING HILLS

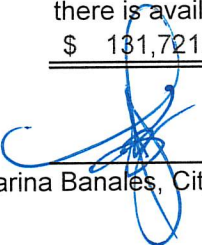
AP26-021, ACH26-021

Check Run 05/05/2026

Check No.	Check Date	Payee	Description	Amount
029208	5/5/2026	Alan Palermo Consulting	April 2026 Svcs - Emer. Generator Rep	165.00
029209	5/5/2026	Occupational Health Centers of	██████ Medical Background Check	126.00
029210	5/5/2026	Environmental Design Associates	Landscape Rev-1st/2nd-10 Saddleback Rd	1,500.00
029211	5/5/2026	County of Los Angeles	LA Cty Weights/Measures-Coyote Control-Feb 2026	1,529.18
029212	5/5/2026	PVS, Inc.	April 2026-Service Call	150.00
029213	5/5/2026	Tea Takaoka	Reimburse T Takaoka for Petty Cash-Staff Mtg	34.89
029213	5/5/2026	Tea Takaoka	T. Takaoka-Mileage Reimburse from 01-08-26 to 05-02-26	67.06
CHECK TOTAL			\$ 101.95	
ACH-1175	5/10/2026	Abila	May 2026 Accounting Software	377.64
ACH-1176	5/5/2026	Bennett Landscape	May 2026 - Landscape Maint Service	1,020.00
ACH-1177	4/7/2026	CalPERS	April 2026 Health Insurance Premium	13,536.22
ACH-1178	5/1/2026	CalPERS	CalPERS Retirement Payroll Ending 04-14-26	3,583.50
ACH-1179	4/30/2026	CalPERS	Unfunded Accrued Liability-Classic FY25-26	7,608.92
ACH-1180	4/30/2026	CalPERS	Unfunded Accrued Liability-PEPRA FY25-26	137.25
ACH-1181	4/18/2026	California Water Service Co.	Water Usage 02-27-26 to 03-26-26_RANCHO#74654	606.15
ACH-1182	4/18/2026	California Water Service Co.	Water Usage 02-27-26 to 03-26-26_ROLLING#54654	5,101.67
ACH-1183	5/18/2026	California Water Service Co.	Water Usage 03-27-26 to 04-28-26_RANCHO#74654	369.48
ACH-1184	5/4/2026	Cox Communications	Phone Service April 26 - May 25, 2026	94.09
ACH-1185	5/4/2026	Delta Dental	May 2026 Dental Coverage	647.64
ACH-1186	5/10/2026	Forum Info-Tech. Inc./Levelcloud	May 2026 - IT Cloud Service	5,226.68
ACH-1187	5/5/2026	The Gas Company	Design 294374-DF Generator	50,013.34
ACH-1188	2/26/2026	The Gas Company	Gas usage from 01-09-26 to 02-06-26	87.60

ACH-1189	3/27/2026	The Gas Company	Gas usage 02-06-26 to 03-10-26	86.91
ACH-1190	4/25/2026	The Gas Company	Gas usage from 03-10-26 to 04-08-26	24.88
ACH-1191	5/1/2026	Nextiva	May 2026 Business Phone Service	289.36
ACH-1192	5/17/2026	Pitney Bowes	Postage for April 2026	502.25
ACH-1193	5/4/2026	Race Communications	May 2026 - Communications Fiber	1,020.00
ACH-1194	5/6/2026	City of Rolling Hills Estates	PVPready.gov Webhosting_FY25-26 Cost Share	134.40
ACH-1195	4/4/2026	Southern California Edison	Electricity usage 02-24-26 to 03-24-26 ACCT#8030	768.05
ACH-1196	3/29/2026	Southern California Edison	Electricity usage 02-18-26 to 03-18-26 ACCT#4218	387.32
ACH-1197	4/30/2026	Southern California Edison	Electricity usage 03-19-26 to 04-19-26 ACCT#4218	291.09
ACH-1198	5/4/2026	Southern California Edison	Electricity usage 03-25-26 to 04-23-26 ACCT#8030	556.43
ACH-1199	5/1/2026	Standard Insurance Company	May 2026 Life Insurance Policy #161783 Div 0001	235.34
ACH-1200	4/17/2026	Vantagepoint Transfer Agents - 306580	Deferred Comp Contributions PR Ending 04-14-26	1,368.29
ACH-1201	5/1/2026	Vision Service Plan - (CA)	May 2026 Vision Coverage	107.08
ACH-1202	5/6/2026	Willdan Inc.	March 2026 - Contract Senior Planner	13,608.00
PR LINK	4/17/2026	PR LINK - Payroll & PR Taxes PR8	Payroll Processing Fee PR#8 _04/01/26 - 04/14/26	93.97
PR LINK	4/17/2026	PR LINK - Payroll & PR Taxes PR8	Pay Period PR#8 _04/1/26 - 04/14/26	20,266.25
REPORT TOTAL				131,721.93

I, Karina Banales, City Manager of Rolling Hills, California certify that the above demands are accurate and there is available in the General Fund a balance of
\$ 131,721.93 for the payment of above items.


Karina Banales, City Manager



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Item: 8.E.

Meeting Date: 5/11/2026

To: City Council

From: Christian Horvath, Assistant to the City Manager / City Clerk

Thru: Karina Bañales, City Manager

Subject: Adopt Resolutions Nos. 1408 and 1409 Pertaining to a General Municipal Election consolidated with the Statewide General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Background:

The California Voter Participation Rights Act prohibits a political subdivision, such as the City of Rolling Hills, from holding an election other than on a statewide election date if holding an election on a non-concurrent date has previously resulted in a significant decrease in voter turnout, being at least 25% less than its average voter turnout in the previous four (4) statewide general elections.

The City of Rolling Hills did not meet the qualifying criteria to continue conducting stand-alone elections on a non-concurrent date and therefore moved its elections to coincide with the statewide election date. On October 24, 2016, the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills adopted Ordinance No. 347, moving the date of the City's General Municipal Election from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of odd-numbered years to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years beginning in November 2020.

The City's next General Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, to elect three members of the City Council to four-year terms. The seats are currently held by Mayor Pro Tem James Black, M.D., Councilmember Patrick Wilson, and Councilmember Leah Mirsch.

Discussion:

Enclosed with this staff report are two routine-in-nature Resolutions relating to the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. The first resolution is required to call and give notice of an election for November 3, 2026, and to request that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors direct the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to provide full services. The second resolution establishes the regulations for candidates for elective office. The Resolutions are as follows:

- A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to order the consolidation of a General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026 with the Statewide General Election to be held in the County of Los

Angeles the same day; to authorize the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to canvass the returns of said General Municipal Election; and to request that the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of said County be permitted to render full services to the City of Rolling Hills relating to the conduct of said General Municipal Election pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10403; and

- A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills, California, adopting regulations for candidates for elective office pertaining to candidate statements submitted to the voters at an election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

The City Clerk's Office will handle all candidate filings and publishing of notices. All other elements of the election would be administered by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office.

Fiscal Impact:

The County has provided an unofficial estimated cost for the November 3, 2026 General Election, not including any potential ballot measure(s), of \$7,500. An amount of \$10,000 will be included in the General Fund Account for FY 2026/27.

Recommendation:

Approve as presented.

Attachments:

1. ResolutionNo1408_CallElection2026_CountyServices_F
2. ResolutionNo1409_EstablishRegulations_CandidateStatement_F

RESOLUTION NO. 1408

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO ORDER THE CONSOLIDATION OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026 WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THE SAME DAY; TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CANVASS THE RETURNS OF SAID GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION; AND TO REQUEST THAT THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY BE PERMITTED TO RENDER FULL SERVICES TO THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF SAID GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 10403

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. RECITALS.

A. A General Municipal Election has been called by the City of Rolling Hills to be held in the City of Rolling Hills on November 3, 2026.

B. A Statewide General Election to be held in the County of Los Angeles has been or will be called to be held on November 3, 2026.

C. It is desired, pursuant to the authority found in California Elections Code section 10403, to consolidate said General Municipal Election with said Statewide General Election to be held in the County of Los Angeles.

Section 2. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles is hereby respectfully requested to order the consolidation of said General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026, with the Statewide General Election to be held in the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 2026.

Section 3. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles is hereby further respectfully requested to place upon the same ballot as that provided for said Statewide General Election to be held in the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 2026, the names of the candidates for the offices of three (3) Councilmembers for the full term of four years, to be submitted to the electors of the City of Rolling Hills at said General Municipal Election.

Section 4. The City of Rolling Hills acknowledges that the consolidated election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed in Section 10418 of the California Elections Code.

Section 5. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles is hereby authorized and respectfully requested to canvass the returns of said General Municipal Election.

Section 6. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles is hereby authorized and respectfully requested to authorize and permit the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles to:

- a) Print and supply ballots for said City of Rolling Hills General Municipal Election;
- b) Mail the City's sample ballots and candidate statements of qualifications to the electors of the City of Rolling Hills as part of the same material that will be mailed to the voters of the Statewide General Election to be held in the County of Los Angeles;
- c) Perform such other services as may be required for the consolidation and conduct of said City of Rolling Hills General Municipal Election with said Statewide General Election to be held in the County of Los Angeles.

Section 7. Vote centers for the election shall be open throughout the designated voting period as required. On November 3, 2026, all vote centers shall open at 7:00 a.m. and remain open until 8:00 p.m., in accordance with Sections 4005, 14212, and 14401 of the California Elections Code.

Section 8. The City shall reimburse the County of Los Angeles in full for the services performed on behalf of the City upon the presentation of a bill by the County.

Section 9. The City Clerk is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and to transmit an electronic copy to the Board of Supervisors and the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of May, 2026.

BEA DIERINGER
MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHRISTIAN HORVATH
CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF ROLLING HILLS)

The foregoing Resolution No. 1408 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO ORDER THE CONSOLIDATION OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026 WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THE SAME DAY; TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CANVASS THE RETURNS OF SAID GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION; AND TO REQUEST THAT THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY BE PERMITTED TO RENDER FULL SERVICES TO THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF SAID GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 10403

was approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 11th day of May, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

CHRISTIAN HORVATH
CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 1409

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATE STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. RECITALS. Section 13307 of the Elections Code of the State of California provides that the governing body of any local agency adopt regulations pertaining to materials prepared by any candidate for a municipal election, including costs of the candidate's statement.

Section 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS. Pursuant to §13307 of the Elections Code of the State of California, each candidate for elective office to be voted for at an Election to be held in the City of Rolling Hills on November 3, 2026, may prepare a candidate's statement on an appropriate form provided by the City Clerk. The statement may include the name, age and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of no more than 400 words of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate. The statement shall not include party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. The statement shall be filed in typewritten form in the office of the City Clerk at the time the candidate's nomination papers are filed. The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

Section 3. FOREIGN LANGUAGE POLICY

A. Pursuant to the Federal Voting Rights Act, candidate statements will be translated into all languages required by the County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. The County is required to translate candidate's statements into the following languages: Armenian, Chinese Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, Vietnamese, and other required languages as identified.

B. The County will mail sample ballots and candidate statements in a particular language to only those voters who are on the county voter file as having requested a sample ballot in a particular language. The County will make the sample ballot and candidate statements in the required languages available at all vote centers, on the County's website, and in the Election Official's office.

Section 4. PAYMENT

A. Translations

1. The candidate shall not be required to pay for the cost of translating the candidate statement into any required foreign language as specified in (A) of Section 2 above pursuant to Federal and/or State law.
2. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of translating the candidate statement into any foreign language that is not required as specified in (A) and/or (B) of Section 2 above, pursuant to Federal and/or State law, but is requested as an option by the candidate.

B. Printing

1. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of printing the candidate statement in English in the main voter pamphlet.
2. The candidate shall be required to pay for the cost of printing the candidate statement in a foreign language requested by the candidate per (B) of Section 2 above, in the main voter pamphlet.

The City Clerk shall estimate the total cost of printing, handling, translating, and mailing the candidate's statements filed pursuant to this section, including costs incurred as a result of complying with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (as amended), and require each candidate filing a statement to pay in advance to the local agency his or her estimated pro rata share as a condition of having his or her statement included in the voter's pamphlet. In the event the estimated payment is required, the estimate is just an approximation of the actual cost that varies from one election to another election and may be significantly more or less than the estimate, depending on the actual number of candidates filing statements. Accordingly, the City Clerk is not bound by the estimate and may, on a pro rata basis, bill the candidate for additional actual expense or refund any excess paid depending on the final actual cost. In the event of underpayment, the City Clerk may require the candidate to pay the balance of the cost incurred. In the event of overpayment, the City Clerk shall prorate the excess amount among the candidates and refund the excess amount paid within 30 days of the election.

Section 5. MISCELLANEOUS.

A. All translations shall be provided by professionally-certified translators.

B. The City Clerk shall not allow bold type, underlining, capitalization, indentations, bullets, leading hyphens to the same extent and manner as in previous City elections.

C. The City Clerk shall comply with all recommendations and standards set forth by the California Secretary of State regarding occupational designations and other matters relating to elections.

Section 6. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS. No candidate will be permitted to include

additional materials in the sample ballot package.

Section 7. That the City Clerk shall provide each candidate or the candidate's representative a copy of this Resolution at the time nominating petitions are issued.

Section 8. That all previous Resolutions establishing City Council policy on payment for candidate's statements are repealed.

Section 9. That this Resolution shall apply only to the election to be held on November 3, 2026 and shall then be repealed.

Section 10. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of May, 2026.

BEA DIERINGER
MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHRISTIAN HORVATH
CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF ROLLING HILLS)

The foregoing Resolution No. 1409 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ROLLING HILLS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING
REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE
OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATE STATEMENTS
SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE
HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026.**

was approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 11th day of
May, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

CHRISTIAN HORVATH
CITY CLERK



City of Rolling Hills

INCORPORATED JANUARY 24, 1957

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Item: 8.F.

Meeting Date: 5/11/2026

To: City Council

From: Christian Horvath, Assistant to the City Manager / City Clerk

Thru: Karina Bañales, City Manager

Subject: Adopt Resolution 1410, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills, California, assigning its available Proposition C Transportation Funds to the City of Rolling Hills Estates in support of the Palos Verdes Drive North and Dapplegray School Intersection Improvement Project

Background:

The City annually receives countywide tax disbursements from Proposition A, Proposition C, Measure R, and Measure M funds to be used for transportation and transit-related purposes. Proposition A and C funds are dedicated to transit and major arterial improvements; they are not eligible for use in Rolling Hills due to the roads within the City being privately owned and maintained. Measure R and Measure M funds are eligible for transportation improvement projects on public properties. Historically, the City has solicited interest from other public agencies regarding the exchange of accumulated local return funds for General Fund monies (Proposition A) or donating local return funds towards transit/transportation-related purposes (Proposition C).

These funds have a five-year spend-down period, after which the expiring amount can lapse. Since 2024, the City has accumulated approximately \$110,879 in Proposition C Funds.

Discussion:

The City of Rolling Hills Estates (RHE) is interested in using donated Proposition C funds to help to support their Palos Verdes Drive North and Dapplegray School Intersection Improvement Project. This includes traffic signal and lighting upgrades, ADA improvements, additional through lanes to improve traffic operations and safety, median and landscaping modifications, and enhancements to pedestrian, equestrian, and transit facilities.

RHE's Total Project Cost (includes PS&E, Bid & Construction Management and Contingency): \$7,240,835.

The project is funded through a \$4,480,252 sub-regional Measure M grant; \$712,579 in Traffic Mitigation Fees; and a combination of Prop C, Measure M and R, Highway Users Tax Account and SB 1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account funds. Construction will be carried out in phases to reduce traffic disruptions during the school year, with most roadway work anticipated in Summer

2026 and Summer 2027.

RHE's bid results and a recommendation for award will be presented at their May 12, 2026 City Council meeting.

Fiscal Impact:

The following summarizes the disposition of Proposition C funds over the past 24 years:

Fiscal Year (FY)	Amount	Benefiting Agency	Exchange Rate	General Fund Revenue
2002/2003	\$ 46,146.50	RH Estates	N/A	N/A
2002/2003	\$ 46,146.50	Rancho PV	N/A	N/A
2005/2006	\$ 83,000.00	RH Estates	N/A	N/A
2008/2009	\$ 38,174.00	RH Estates	N/A	N/A
2008/2009	\$ 38,174.00	Rancho PV	N/A	N/A
2010/2011	\$ 9,000.00	RH Estates	N/A	N/A
2010/2011	\$ 3,000.00	PVP Transit	N/A	N/A
2010/2011	\$ 18,000.00	Rancho PV	N/A	N/A
2012/2013	\$ 40,000.00	RH Estates	N/A	N/A
2014/2015	\$ 70,000.00	RH Estates	N/A	N/A
2016/2017	\$ 65,000.00	RH Estates	N/A	N/A
2018/2019	\$ 65,000.00	RH Estates	N/A	N/A
2020/2021	\$ 39,000.00	RH Estates	N/A	N/A
2020/2021	\$ 26,000.00	Rancho PV	N/A	N/A
2023/2024	\$ 89,000.00	RH Estates	N/A	N/A
2025/2026	\$110,879.00	RH Estates	N/A	N/A

Recommendation:

Approve as presented.

Attachments:

1. ResolutionNo1410_PropC_Funds_RHE_F

RESOLUTION NO. 1410

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS, CALIFORNIA ASSIGNING TO THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES ITS AVAILABLE PROPOSITION C TRANSPORTATION FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City of Rolling Hills has a fund balance of approximately \$110,879 in Proposition C Local Return Funds for transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rolling Hills does not have projects that are eligible for funding with Proposition C Local Return Funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rolling Hills Estates has identified projects that qualify for funding with Proposition C Local Return Funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rolling Hills has a general interest in supporting eligible projects for transportation, to maintain traffic flow and to improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities on the Palos Verdes Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rolling Hills Estates has a specific project focused on improving the Palos Verdes Drive North and Dapplegray School Intersection including traffic signal and lighting upgrades, ADA improvements, additional through lanes to improve traffic operations and safety, median and landscaping modifications, and enhancements to pedestrian, equestrian, and transit facilities located near the Portuguese Bend entrance serving the residents of the City of Rolling Hills ("Palos Verdes Drive North and Dapplegray School Intersection Improvement Project"); and

WHEREAS, at this time the City wishes to allocate Proposition C Local Return Funds to another public agency to be utilized for an eligible use.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills, California, does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The City of Rolling Hills hereby assigns to the City of Rolling Hills Estates \$110,879 in Proposition C Local Return Funds for the Palos Verdes Drive North and Dapplegray School Intersection Improvement Project.

Section 2. The City Council approves an Agreement for the assignment of said funds. Said Agreement is hereto attached as Exhibit "A" and is made a part hereof by reference.

Section 3. The City of Rolling Hills will submit its documentation for the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority to allocate these funds to the City of Rolling Hills Estates for the appropriate eligible programs in the City.

Section 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and shall forward certified copies to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the City of Rolling Hills Estates.

Section 5. The City Manager is hereby directed and authorized to execute any necessary documents, including, but not limited to agreements, amendments, forms, and applications to follow through with this transfer of funds.

Section 6. The City Clerk, or duly appointed deputy, is directed to attest thereto.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ON THIS 11th DAY OF MAY 2026.

BEA DIERINGER
MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHRISTIAN HORVATH
CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS) §§
ANGELES
CITY OF ROLLING HILLS)

The foregoing Resolution No. 1410 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ROLLING HILLS, CALIFORNIA ASSIGNING TO THE CITY
OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES ITS AVAILABLE
PROPOSITION C TRANSPORTATION FUNDS**

was approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on May 11, 2026 by
the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

CHRISTIAN HORVATH
CITY CLERK

EXHIBIT A

PROPOSITION C FUNDS ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

This Assignment Agreement is made and entered into this 11th day of May, 2026 by and between the City of Rolling Hills and the City of Rolling Hills Estates, with respect to the following facts:

A. The Palos Verdes Drive North and Dapplegray School Intersection Improvement Project includes traffic signal and lighting upgrades, ADA improvements, additional through lanes to improve traffic operations and safety, median and landscaping modifications, and enhancements to pedestrian, equestrian, and transit facilities.

B. The City of Rolling Hills has an accumulation of uncommitted Proposition C Local Return funds which could be made available to the City of Rolling Hills Estates to assist in providing the services described in Paragraph A of this Agreement. The City of Rolling Hills is willing to assign uncommitted Proposition C Local Return funds to the City of Rolling Hills Estates for the purpose identified in Paragraph A.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual benefits to be derived by the parties and of the premises herein contained, it is mutually agreed as follows:

1. Gifting.

The City of Rolling Hills agrees to assign \$110,879 of its uncommitted Proposition C Local Return funds to the City of Rolling Hills Estates in Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

2. Consideration.

The City of Rolling Hills shall assign the agreed upon Proposition C Local Return funds to the City of Rolling Hills Estates in one payment no later than June 30, 2026.

3. Term.

This Agreement is effective on the date above written and for such time as is necessary for both parties to complete their mutual obligations under this Agreement.

4. Termination.

Termination of this Agreement may be made by either party before the date of approval of the project description covering the funds in question by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, so long as written notice of intent to terminate is given to the other party at least five (5) days prior to the termination.

5. Notices.

Notices shall be given pursuant to this Agreement by personal service on the party to be notified, or by written notice upon such party deposited in the custody of the United States Postal Service addressed as follows:

EXHIBIT A

- a. Karina Bañales, City Manager
City of Rolling Hills
2 Portuguese Bend Road
Rolling Hills, California 90274
- b. Greg Grammer, City Manager
City of Rolling Hills Estates
4045 Palos Verdes Drive North
Rolling Hills, California 90274

6. Assurances.

- a. The City of Rolling Hills Estates shall use the assigned Proposition C Local Return funds only for the purpose of providing the project discussed in Paragraph A of this Agreement and within the time limits specified in Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Proposition C Local Return Guidelines.
- b. Concurrently with the Execution of this Agreement, the City of Rolling Hills Estates shall provide the Metropolitan Transportation Authority with the Standard Assurances and Understandings Regarding Receipt of Use of Proposition C Funds specified in the Guidelines regarding the use of the assigned Proposition C Local Return Funds.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Assignment Agreement to be executed by their respective officers, duly authorized, on the day and year written above.

EXHIBIT A

CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES

CITY OF ROLLING HILLS

By: _____
Greg Grammer
City Manager

By: _____
Karina Bañales
City Manager

ATTEST

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lauren Pettit
City Clerk

By: _____
Christian Horvath
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Donald M. Davis
City Attorney

By: _____
Nicolas Papajohn,
City Attorney



City of Rolling Hills

INCORPORATED JANUARY 24, 1957

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Item: 12.A.

Meeting Date: 5/11/2026

To: City Council
From: Robert Samario, Finance Operations Lead Consultant
Thru: Karina Bañales, City Manager
Subject: Fiscal Year 2026-27 Proposed Budget including Finance, Budget, Audit Committee Recommendations

Background:

The City of Rolling Hills is in the midst of developing the fiscal year 2026-27 budget that takes effect on July 1, 2026. To that end, staff spent several weeks analyzing transactions this fiscal year through March 31, 2026, and evaluating the needs for next fiscal year to ensure the recommended expenditure budget is sound and defensible. In addition, staff analyzed revenues through March 31, 2026, and updated, where needed, its projections for the current and next fiscal year.

On May 5, 2026, staff presented its recommended expenditures and updated revenue estimates to the FAB Committee to solicit their feedback and recommendations.

Thus, the primary purpose of this item is to present the same information to the City Council, including the FBA Committee's recommendations, to solicit Council's feedback and final direction towards adoption in early June.

A detailed discussion of all elements is provided as Attachment A to this report.

Discussion:

In March 2026, staff presented to the FBA Committee and City Council a report on the preliminary balancing of the General Fund that included preliminary revenue projections for next fiscal year and a "status quo" (i.e., baseline) expenditure budget. The status quo budget takes the current fiscal year amended budget and adjusts it for known and non-discretionary increases, including increases to salary and benefits, increases to the contract with the L.A. County Sheriff for public safety services, and increases to costs for the planning and building services provided by L.A. County Department of Public Works.

Staff also updated its revenue estimates, as needed, from those previously provided to the City Council, using revenues received through March 31, 2026. This resulted in a small increase in estimated revenues in the amount of \$19,300. Please refer to Attachment C for a detailed listing of General Fund revenues.

Staff's recommended expenditure budget for fiscal year 2026-27 adds a total of \$80,460 to the baseline budget presented in March 2026. The recommended budget includes both increases and decreases at the line-item level. In many cases, the adjustments are purely based on the costs incurred this fiscal year and an understanding of the projected costs for the next fiscal year. In other cases, the increases are more discretionary in that they are not tied to ongoing and usual operations, but rather based on the needs of the City. Please refer to Attachment D for all General Fund recommended expenditures by department and line-item.

Based on prior Council direction to forego a complete overhaul of the City Hall building, most of the increase in the budget is attributable to repairs and improvements to the City Hall campus, in particular, City Hall and the Council Chambers. This is intended to address deferred maintenance, infrastructure improvements or upgrades, and discretionary projects that will increase the building's functionality and/or accessibility, including the lobby, front counter, offices, and Council Chambers.

For example, since the Council Chambers also serve as a multipurpose community room supporting events and functions, replacing the current fixed chairs with folding chairs would allow for easier rearrangement, breakdown, or removal. Other improvements are required to comply with both federal ADA guidelines and state law (SB 707), which was signed into law in October 2025 and becomes effective July 1, 2026. SB 707 updates the Brown Act to update teleconferencing and remote public access for Council meetings. In order to comply with law, the City will need to acquire the hardware and technology to enable remote access and two-way participation by the public in the City's public meetings. Finally, the budget reallocates funding from Emergency Preparedness (65-917) to Buildings & Equipment (75-946) because the Council Chambers also serve as the City's emergency operations center (EOC).

Therefore, based on these discussions and the direction provided by the City Council, staff has taken the proposed approach to implement the identified goals. Based on staff's recommended budget and updated revenue estimates, the General Fund is balanced, with estimated revenues exceeding expenditures by \$33,480. Please refer to Attachment A.

Note that the revenue estimates will continue to be monitored and adjusted if needed. However, staff do not expect the revenue estimates to change materially from the current estimate.

FBA Committee Feedback and Recommendations

The FBA Committee recommendations primarily related to the \$55,000 increase in the staff recommended budget for Buildings & Equipment (75-946), including capital improvements to Council Chambers. Staff added funds to this line item, as stated above, for various improvements that support mandated compliance and/or multiple proactive goals without requiring a larger overarching capital improvement project.

The FBA Committee recommended removing the funding for all but a projected amount necessary to comply with SB 707 from the proposed budget, and that staff bring the City Council individual funding requests during next fiscal year for each element related to the broader goals described above or not anticipated.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Recommendation:

Receive and file a presentation from staff regarding the recommended General Fund expenditure

budget for fiscal year 2026-27 and update revenue estimates.

Attachments:

1. Attachment A - FY26-27_RecommendedBudget_DetailedDiscussion
2. Attachment B - FY26-27_BudgetSummary
3. Attachment C - FY26-27_GeneralFund_RevenueEstimates
4. Attachment D - FY26-27_RecommendedExpenditures
5. FY26-27_RecommendedBudget_Presentation

CITY OF ROLLING HILLS
Recommended Budget
Fiscal Year 2026-27

Overview

The City of Rolling Hills is in the midst of developing its budget that takes effect on July 1, 2026. At this point in the development, staff has worked on providing the Finance/Budget/Audit (FBA) Committee with its recommended expenditure budget at a line-item level. To that end, staff have spent the last several weeks analyzing transactions this fiscal year through March 31, 2026, and evaluating the needs for next fiscal year to ensure the recommended expenditure budget is sound and defensible.

In March 2026, staff presented to the FBA Committee and City Council with a preliminary balancing that included preliminary revenue projections for the next fiscal year and a “status quo” (i.e., baseline) expenditure budget. The status quo budget takes the current year amended budget and adjusts it for known and non-discretionary increases, including increases to salary and benefits, increases to the contract with the L.A. County Sheriff for public safety services, and increases to costs for the planning and building services provided by the L.A. County Department of Public Works.

Staff’s recommended budget adds a total of \$80,460 to the baseline budget. Table 1 below provides a summary of the recommended budget by department compared to both the current year adopted budget and the baseline (status quo) budget for fiscal year 2026-27.

Department	FY 2025-26 Amended Budget	FY 2026-27 Status Quo Budget	FY 2026-27 Recomm'd Budget	Increase (Decrease)
City Administrator	\$ 875,874	\$ 900,205	\$ 907,892	\$ 7,687
Finance	160,000	160,000	159,100	(900)
Planning & Development	894,681	923,224	951,824	28,600
Public Safety	339,324	351,045	351,045	(0)
Non-Departmental	149,600	149,600	115,260	(34,340)
City Properties	200,540	200,540	279,953	79,413
Total Operations	\$ 2,620,019	\$ 2,684,614	\$ 2,765,074	\$ 80,460

The fiscal year 2026-27 recommended budget includes both increases and decreases at the line-item level. In many cases, the adjustments are purely based on costs incurred this fiscal year and an understanding of projected costs for next fiscal year. In other cases, the increases are technically discretionary in that they are not tied to ongoing and usual operations, but rather based on the needs of the City. A discussion of the key adjustments is provided below by department.

15 - Planning & Development Department

In total, the recommended budget for Planning & Development has been increased by \$28,600. Of this total, \$20,000 relates to building/planning services provided by Willdan. We have seen an increase in applicants choosing the expedited services Willdan provides versus the service provided by the County's Department of Public Works. We anticipate a corresponding increase in revenues generated from the expedited services.

The other notable increase is for legal services related to planning and development. The recommended budget of \$15,000 is \$5,000 higher than the current year budget based on costs through December 31, 2025. This increase reflects the City Attorney's assistance in filling the gap during the period in which the City did not have a Planning Manager that would bring their expertise in supporting planning-related matters and maintaining continuity of operations. With the new Planning Manager in place, staff expects costs for legal services will return to normal levels.

65 - Non-Departmental

As shown in the table below, the Non-Departmental budget includes costs that are not directly tied to a department. The recommended budget is essentially unchanged from the current year budget with the exception of account 917- Emergency Preparedness. The recommended budget has been reduced by \$36,500 relative to the current year budget based on costs over the last several years. Staff have hesitated lowering it in prior years as a precautionary measure, but reducing it now is appropriate.

Department/Object Account	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Status Quo	Proposed Budget
65 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL				
895 Insurance & Bond Expense	55,000	55,000	55,000	57,160
901 South Bay Comm. Organization	17,600	17,600	17,600	17,600
915 Community Recognition	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
917 Emergency Preparedness	69,000	69,000	69,000	32,500
Total Non-Departmental	149,600	149,600	149,600	115,260

75 – City Properties

City Properties account for costs associated with operating the City’s facilities and related infrastructure, including technology-related systems. In total, the recommended budget calls for an increase of \$97,413. This stems from increases in several line-items as highlighted in the table below. Each of these is discussed below as well.

Department/Object Account	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Status Quo	Proposed Budget
75 - CITY PROPERTIES				
892 IT Services	72,000	72,000	72,000	83,983
893 Granicus Services	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600
894 Computer Hardware Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
925 Utilities	65,000	65,000	65,000	67,370
930 Repairs & Maintenance	21,200	21,200	21,200	30,000
932 Area Landscaping	13,740	13,740	13,740	15,000
946 Buildings & Equipment	15,000	15,000	15,000	70,000
947 Non-Building Improvements	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total City Properties	200,540	200,540	200,540	279,953

- **892 - IT Services** – This account tracks our costs for IT services provided by Forum IT firewall services. The increase to Forum IT services of almost \$7,000 is based on the average monthly costs from prior fiscal. In addition, the firewall license fee of \$4,483 is a 3-year license that is coming up for renewal next fiscal year.
- **930 - Repairs & Maintenance** – The recommended budget includes an additional \$8,800 in funding to cover as-needed repairs. The baseline budget covers pest control costs of \$2,154, janitorial services of \$11,960 for twice per week cleaning, and \$4,000 for campus tree trimming.
- **946 - Building & Equipment** – This line-item has been increased by \$57,000 to cover needed capital improvements to City Hall, including Council Chambers. Some examples include a podium for public comment, new collapsible tables/chairs for the public, new chairs for City Council and staff, and finalization of audio/visual upgrades. In addition, \$40,000 has been earmarked for other upgrades to the Council Chambers to enable it to serve as an Emergency Operations Center.

Updated Revenues

When staff presented the preliminary revenue estimates last month, the projections were based on revenues through December 31, 2025. Although staff will continue to monitor revenues through May, staff have re-examined its revenue estimated based on revenues collected through March 31, 2026.

The table below provides a detailed listing of all General Fund revenues, including the preliminary estimates presented to the FAB on March 9, 2026 and the updated estimates.

		Fiscal Year 2025-26			FY 2026-27	
		Adopted Budget	Actuals 03/31/26	YE Projections	Preliminary Estimates	Updated Projections
401	Property Taxes	\$ 1,501,494	\$ 918,014	\$1,523,159	1,568,854	\$ 1,568,854
405	Sales Taxes	15,000	6,207	8,276	10,000	10,000
410	Property Transfer Tax	62,400	45,118	60,157	60,000	60,000
420	Motor Vehicle In Lieu	290,265	148,179	296,358	298,000	298,000
440	Building & Other Permits	450,000	-	496,000	500,000	500,000
441	C&D Permits	10,000	3,300	4,400	8,000	5,000
450	Variance, Planning & Zoning	30,000	16,275	21,700	26,000	25,000
455	Animal Control Fees	300	205	273	300	300
460	Franchise Fees	13,000	6,090	8,300	10,000	8,300
480	Fines & Traffic Violations	4,000	3,838	5,117	5,000	5,000
482	Cost Recovery - Public.	3,000	2,000	2,800	3,000	3,000
600	RHCA Lease Revenue	69,000	51,750	69,000	69,000	69,000
650	Public Safety Aug Fund	1,800	824	1,099	1,100	1,100
670	Interest on Investments	160,000	116,677	155,569	150,000	155,000
671	PARS Earnings	44,000	52,223	69,631	45,000	65,000
675	Miscellaneous Revenue	1,000	120,452	121,000	1,000	1,000
699	Transfers In - Refuse Fund	24,000	18,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
TOTALS		\$ 2,679,259	\$ 1,509,152	\$2,866,840	\$ 2,779,254	\$ 2,798,554

As can be seen in the table above, the overall revenue estimates for next fiscal year increased nominally by less than \$20,000. The line-items that changed are highlighted. In general, the changes were due to revised estimates for the current year based on revenues collected through March 31, 2026 vs December 31, 2025.

Updated Balancing

The table below summarizes the updated revenue estimates and staff's recommended expenditure budget. On March 9, 2026, staff's preliminary balances resulted in an operating surplus of \$96,640. The updated estimates reduce the operating surplus to \$33,480.

	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	Amended Budget	Preliminary Year-End Estimates	Preliminary Estimates	Recomm'd Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 2,679,259	\$ 2,956,377	\$ 2,779,254	\$ 2,798,554
Operating Expenditures	2,620,019	2,620,019	2,684,614	2,765,074
Operating Surplus	\$ 59,240	\$ 336,358	\$ 94,640	\$ 33,480

It is important to keep in mind that staff will continue to monitor revenues and make any necessary adjustments. However, staff do not expect the estimates to change materially.

CITY OF ROLLINGS HILLS
Fiscal Year 2026-27 Recommended Budget
General Fund

	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	Amended Budget	Preliminary Year-End Estimates	Preliminary Estimates	Recomm'd Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 2,679,259	\$ 2,956,377	\$ 2,779,254	\$ 2,798,554
Operating Expenditures	2,620,019	2,620,019	2,684,614	2,765,074
Operating Surplus	\$ 59,240	\$ 336,358	\$ 94,640	\$ 33,480

CITY OF ROLLING HILLS
Fiscal Year 2026-27 Preliminary Projections
GENERAL FUND REVENUES

		Fiscal Year 2025-26			FY 2026-27	
		Adopted Budget	Actuals 03/31/26	YE Projections	Preliminary Estimates	Updated Projections
401	Property Taxes	\$ 1,501,494	\$ 918,014	\$ 1,523,159	1,568,854	\$ 1,568,854
405	Sales Taxes	15,000	6,207	8,276	10,000	10,000
410	Property Transfer Tax	62,400	45,118	60,157	60,000	60,000
420	Motor Vehicle In Lieu	290,265	148,179	296,358	298,000	298,000
440	Building & Other Permits	450,000	-	496,000	500,000	500,000
441	C&D Permits	10,000	3,300	4,400	8,000	5,000
450	Variance, Planning & Zoning	30,000	16,275	21,700	26,000	25,000
455	Animal Control Fees	300	205	273	300	300
460	Franchise Fees	13,000	6,090	8,300	10,000	8,300
480	Fines & Traffic Violations	4,000	3,838	5,117	5,000	5,000
482	Cost Recovery - Public.	3,000	2,000	2,800	3,000	3,000
600	RHCA Lease Revenue	69,000	51,750	69,000	69,000	69,000
650	Public Safety Aug Fund	1,800	824	1,099	1,100	1,100
670	Interest on Investments	160,000	116,677	155,569	150,000	155,000
671	PARS Earnings	44,000	52,223	69,631	45,000	65,000
675	Miscellaneous Revenue	1,000	120,452	121,000	1,000	1,000
699	Transfers In - Refuse Fund	24,000	18,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
TOTALS		\$ 2,679,259	\$ 1,509,152	\$ 2,866,840	\$ 2,779,254	\$ 2,798,554

CITY OF ROLLING HILLS
FY 2026-27 Recommended Expenditures
GENERAL FUND

Department/Object Account	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Status Quo	Proposed Budget
01 - CITY ADMINISTRATOR				
702 Salaries -Full Time	\$ 453,862	\$ 453,862	\$ 475,798	\$ 475,798
705 Temporary Salaries	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
710 Retirement CalPERS-Employer	37,204	37,204	38,626	38,626
712 CalPERS Unfunded Liability	-	-	-	-
715 Workers Compensation Insurance	9,100	9,100	9,100	9,100
716 Group Insurance	92,036	92,036	84,603	84,603
717 Retiree Medical	40,000	40,000	42,000	42,000
718 Employer Payroll Taxes	35,309	35,309	37,326	37,326
719 Deferred Compensation	4,141	4,141	8,530	8,530
720 Auto Allowance	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600
721 Phone Allowance	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
740 Office Supplies	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
745 Equipment Leasing Costs	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
750 Dues & Subscriptions	14,822	14,822	14,822	15,614
755 Conference Expense	1,500	1,500	1,500	2,750

Department/Object Account	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Status Quo	Proposed Budget
757 Meetings Expense	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,600
759 Training & Education	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,150
761 Auto Mileage	700	700	700	800
765 Postage	18,500	18,500	18,500	19,345
775 City Council Expense	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
776 Miscellaneous Expenses	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
780 Comm./Newsletters & Outreach	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
785 Codification	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
790 Advertising	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
795 Other Gen Admin Expense	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,700
801 City Attorney	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
802 Legal Expense - Other	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
804 Legal Expense -CPUC	-	-	-	-
820 Website	3,900	3,900	3,900	7,250
890 Consulting Fees	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
891 Records Management	3,900	3,900	3,900	4,200
Total City Administrator	875,874	875,874	900,205	907,892

Department/Object Account	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Status Quo	Proposed Budget
05 - Finance				
750 Dues & Subscriptions	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
810 Annual Audit	35,000	35,000	35,000	32,550
890 Consulting Fees	120,500	120,500	120,500	122,050
Total Finance	160,000	160,000	160,000	159,100

15- PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

702 Salaries	232,520	232,520	284,472	284,472
703 Salaries - Part-Time	26,889	26,889	-	-
705 Temporary Salaries	-	-	-	-
710 Retirement CalPERS-Employer	19,234	19,234	23,094	23,094
715 Workers Comp. Insurance	3,900	3,900	3,900	3,900
716 Group Insurance	42,977	42,977	58,377	58,377
718 Employer Payroll Taxes	20,000	20,000	21,781	21,781
719 Deferred Comp	4,681	4,681	-	-
720 Auto Allowance	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
721 Phone Allowance	600	600	600	600
750 Dues & Subscription	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
755 Conference Expense	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000

Department/Object Account		FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
		Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Status Quo	Proposed Budget
759	Training & Education	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
XXX	Code Compliance Phone	-	-	-	600
761	Auto Mileage	300	300	300	300
776	Miscellaneous Expenses	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
790	Publication/Advertising/Noticing	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
802	Legal Expenses-Other	10,000	10,000	10,000	15,000
872	Property Development-Legal Exp	37,000	37,000	37,000	40,000
875	Willdan Building	45,000	45,000	45,000	65,000
878	Build Inspect. LA County	250,000	250,000	300,000	300,000
881	Storm Water Management	88,000	88,000	88,000	88,000
884	Special Project Study & Consult.	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
886	Code Enforcement	62,880	62,880	-	-
890	Consulting Fees (Onward)	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
928	Traffic Engineering	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Total Planning & Development		894,681	894,681	923,224	951,824

25 - Public Safety

830	Law Enforcement	320,424	320,424	332,145	332,145
831	Traffic Enforcement	-	-	-	-

Department/Object Account	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Status Quo	Proposed Budget
833 Other Law Enforcement Exp	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
837 Wild Life Mgmt & Pest Control	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
838 Animal Control Expense	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500
Total Public Safety	339,324	339,324	351,045	351,045

65 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL

895 Insurance & Bond Expense	55,000	55,000	55,000	57,160
901 South Bay Comm. Organization	17,600	17,600	17,600	17,600
915 Community Recognition	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
917 Emergency Preparedness	69,000	69,000	69,000	32,500
Total Non-Departmental	149,600	149,600	149,600	115,260

75 - CITY PROPERTIES

892 IT Services	72,000	72,000	72,000	83,983
893 Granicus Services	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600
894 Computer Hardware Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
925 Utilities	65,000	65,000	65,000	67,370
930 Repairs & Maintenance	21,200	21,200	21,200	30,000
932 Area Landscaping	13,740	13,740	13,740	15,000

Department/Object Account	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Status Quo	Proposed Budget
946 Buildings & Equipment	15,000	15,000	15,000	70,000
947 Non-Building Improvements	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total City Properties	200,540	200,540	200,540	279,953
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,620,019	\$ 2,620,019	\$ 2,684,614	\$ 2,765,074



CITY OF ROLLING HILLS

UPDATED REVENUE PROJECTIONS AND
RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR 2026-27



Background

- In March 2026, staff presented preliminary revenue estimates and overall balancing estimates to the FBA Committee and City Council
- Revenues were based on those received through 12/31/2025
- Adjustments to arrive at “Baseline” expenditures were discussed
 - Increases to salaries and benefits
 - Increase to contract with LA County Sheriff
 - Increase to contract with LA County Department of PW



Background - Continued

- On May 5 staff presented its recommended FY 2026/27 line-item expenditures to the FBA Committee
- Staff also presented updated revenue projections to the Committee



Purpose of Report

- To provide updated revenue projections for FY 2026/27 based on revenues through 3/31/2026
- To present recommended General Fund expenditures for FY 2026-27
 - Highlighting changes to the baseline (status quo) budget
- To provide the feedback and recommendations of the FBA Committee



UPDATED REVENUES

Fiscal Year 2025-26

FY 2026-27

	Adopted Budget	Actuals 03/31/26	YE Projections	Preliminary Estimates	Updated Projections
Property Taxes	\$ 1,501,494	\$ 918,014	\$1,523,159	1,568,854	\$ 1,568,854
Sales Taxes	15,000	6,207	8,276	10,000	10,000
Property Transfer Tax	62,400	45,118	60,157	60,000	60,000
Motor Vehicle In Lieu	290,265	148,179	296,358	298,000	298,000
Bldg & Other Permits	450,000	322,253	496,000	500,000	500,000
C&D Permits	10,000	3,300	4,400	8,000	5,000
Planning & Zoning	30,000	16,275	21,700	26,000	25,000
Animal Control Fees	300	205	273	300	300
Franchise Fees	13,000	6,090	8,300	10,000	8,300
Fines & Traffic Viol.	4,000	3,838	5,117	5,000	5,000
Cost Recovery - Public.	3,000	2,000	2,800	3,000	3,000
RHCA Lease Revenue	69,000	51,750	69,000	69,000	69,000
Public Safety Aug Fund	1,800	824	1,099	1,100	1,100
Interest Earnings	160,000	116,677	155,569	150,000	155,000
PARS Earnings	44,000	52,223	69,631	45,000	65,000
Misc. Revenue	1,000	120,452	121,000	1,000	1,000
Transfers In - Refuse	24,000	18,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
TOTALS	\$ 2,679,259	\$ 1,831,405	\$2,866,840	\$ 2,779,254	\$ 2,798,554

**FY 2026/27
Updated
Revenue
Projections**



RECOMMENDED GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES



Proposed GF Expenditures by Department

Department	FY 2025-26 Amended Budget	Status Quo Adjustments	FY 2026-27 Status Quo Budget	FY 2026-27 Recomm'd Budget	Increase (Decrease)
City Administrator	\$ 875,874	\$ 24,331	\$ 900,205	\$ 907,892	\$ 7,687
Finance	160,000	-	160,000	159,100	(900)
Planning & Development	894,681	28,543	923,224	951,824	28,600
Public Safety	339,324	11,721	351,045	351,045	(0)
Non-Departmental	149,600	-	149,600	115,260	(34,340)
City Properties	200,540	-	200,540	279,953	79,413
Total Operations	\$ 2,620,019	\$ 64,595	\$ 2,684,614	\$ 2,765,074	\$ 80,460



Highlights of Adjustments Planning Department (15)

- Added \$20,000 to budget for contract with Willdan for expedited services
- Added \$5,000 for legal services related to planning/development
 - Due largely to lack of a Planning Manager that has expertise in planning related matters
 - Hope to see costs lower next fiscal year with the recent filling of PM position

Highlights of Adjustments Non-Departmental (65)



Department/Object Account	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Status Quo	Proposed Budget
65 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL				
895 Insurance & Bond Expense	55,000	55,000	55,000	57,160
901 South Bay Comm. Organization	17,600	17,600	17,600	17,600
915 Community Recognition	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
917 Emergency Preparedness	69,000	69,000	69,000	32,500
Total Non-Departmental	149,600	149,600	149,600	115,260

Highlights of Adjustments City Properties (75)



Department/Object Account	FY 2026-27	
	Status Quo	Proposed Budget
75 - CITY PROPERTIES		
892 IT Services	\$ 72,000	\$ 83,983
893 Granicus Services	6,600	6,600
894 Computer Hardware Fund	5,000	5,000
925 Utilities	65,000	67,370
930 Repairs & Maintenance	21,200	30,000
932 Area Landscaping	13,740	15,000
946 Buildings & Equipment	15,000	70,000
947 Non-Building Improvements	2,000	2,000
Total City Properties	200,540	279,953

892 IT Services – Increase to Forum IT of ~\$7,000 based on average costs in the prior year. Also included \$4,483 for renewal of 3-year license for a firewall

930 R&M – Increased by \$8,800 for as needed repairs. This is to provide ongoing funding to incrementally make needed repairs to the City Hall campus, with a focus of ADA improvements.



Funding for Building & Repairs

- Additional \$55,000 in funding to make one-time improvements (largely to Council Chambers) that address 3 main goals
 - Goal #1 – Comply with SB 707 that takes effect July 1, 2026 and ADA requirements
 - Goal #2 – Increase functionality of Council Chambers as a multi-purpose community space; and for public meetings
 - Goal #3 – Enhancements that increase the effectiveness of the Chambers as an Emergency Operations Center
- Some of the recommended improvements may serve more than one goal



Funding for Building & Repairs

- Staff's intention was to establish a level of funding that will make significant strides towards achieving the articulated goals
- The priority is to comply with SB 707 / ADA compliance
- With the other goals, any level of funding would be helpful
- Council can choose to reduce staff's recommended \$55,000 for budget considerations; or eliminate the funding once the goals are no longer necessary



FBA Committee Recommendations

- Temporary Salaries of \$7,000 in Administration
 - Recommended removing the \$7,000
 - Reasoning was that it will likely be covered by salary savings
- Buildings & Improvements of \$55,000
 - Supported the improvements needed to comply with SB 707
 - Did not support other “discretionary” improvements being in the budget
 - Suggested staff could bring the Council individual requests throughout next fiscal year for funding consideration

Updated Balancing

	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	Amended Budget	Preliminary Year-End Estimates	Preliminary Estimates	Recomm'd Budget
Operating Revenues	\$ 2,679,259	\$ 2,956,377	\$ 2,779,254	\$ 2,798,554
Operating Expenditures	2,620,019	2,620,019	2,684,614	2,765,074
Operating Surplus	\$ 59,240	\$ 336,358	\$ 94,640	\$ 33,480



Recommendation

- Receive and file report
- Provide staff feedback on updated revenues and proposed expenditures
- Address FBA's recommendations



QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION



City of Rolling Hills

INCORPORATED JANUARY 24, 1957

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Item: 12.B.

Meeting Date: 5/11/2026

To: City Council
From: Christian Horvath, Assistant to the City Manager / City Clerk
Thru: Karina Bañales, City Manager
Subject: Adopt Resolution No. 1411 establishing a Disruption of Telephonic or Internet Service during Public Meetings Policy as required by SB 707 and in accordance with Government Code § 54953.4

Background:

In 2025, Senate Bill 707 (Durazo) was signed into law. SB 707 amends the Brown Act in several ways in an attempt to increase public participation in City Council meetings. One of the changes required by SB 707 is that certain City meetings "shall include an opportunity for members of the public to attend via a two-way telephonic service or a two-way audiovisual platform."

In addition, SB 707 requires local agencies to adopt a policy that addresses how the agency will respond when there are disruptions in the telephonic or internet service that prevent members of the public from attending the meeting remotely (Gov. Code section 54953.4). To remain compliant with state law and ensure transparency, accessibility, and the continuity of government during technology disruptions, the City of Rolling Hills must adopt a formal Disruption Policy by July 1, 2026.

Staff has included the January 26, 2026 staff report addressing SB 707 as Attachment B.

Discussion:

Proposed Telephonic or Internet Disruption Policy

This proposed Disruption Policy outlines procedures and expectations for managing technological disruptions during public meetings, specifically telephonic or internet services that enable two-way, remote, public participation during Rolling Hills' City Council meetings and pertains to all open and public meetings of the City Council at which remote participation is offered or required under the Brown Act.

Key elements of this policy include:

- Clear definitions: defines "disruption" and "remote access services" in accordance with the Brown Act.
- Procedures for addressing disruptions: outlines steps for the presiding officer or City Clerk to follow in the event of service disruptions, including troubleshooting teleconferencing software

- and platforms, restoration of service, or procedures in the event service cannot be restored.
- Procedures for recess: establishes guidelines for calling a recess if the disruption cannot be resolved immediately, as well as reconvening the open session once service is restored.
- Public access assurance: ensures the public's right to participate in remote open meetings remains protected, even in the event of technological disruptions.

The City Attorney has provided guidance to ensure that the City of Rolling Hills' process is compliant with SB 707 while continuing to preserve the public's right to participate in the democratic process.

This recommended policy will:

- Establish procedures for handling technological disruptions.
- Clarify the roles and responsibilities of the presiding officer or City Clerk.
- Ensure that disruptions do not hinder public participation or access to open public meetings.
- Provide transparency in the City's response to disruptions during remote participation.
- By adopting this policy, the City will comply with State Law and show a commitment to transparent, accessible public meetings. Failure to adopt this policy could result in noncompliance and potential challenges regarding accessibility.

Staff recommends the City Council Adopt Resolution No. 1411 establishing a Disruption of Telephonic or Internet Service during Public Meetings Policy as required by SB 707 and in accordance with Government Code § 54953.4.

Fiscal Impact:

To be determined based on ongoing audiovisual upgrades to the City Council Chambers.

Recommendation:

Approve as presented.

Attachments:

1. Attachment A - ResolutionNo1411_SB707_Disruption_RemoteAccess_Policy_F
2. Attachment B - CL_AGN_260126_CC_Item14B

RESOLUTION NO. 1411

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING A DISRUPTION OF TELEPHONIC OR INTERNET SERVICE DURING PUBLIC MEETINGS POLICY AS REQUIRED BY SB 707 AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE § 54953.4

The City Council of the City of Rolling Hills does resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Council finds and declares as follows:

- A. In 2025, Senate Bill 707 (Durazo) was signed into law; the bill amends the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code §§ 54950 et seq.) in several ways to increase public participation in City meetings;
- B. One of the changes required by SB 707 is that "[a]ll open and public meetings shall include an opportunity for members of the public to attend via a two-way telephonic service or a two-way audiovisual platform";
- C. Because of the new public participation requirements, SB 707 requires local agencies to adopt a policy that addresses how the agency will respond when there are disruptions in the telephonic or internet service that prevent members of the public from attending the meeting remotely (Gov. Code section 54953.4); and
- D. To remain compliant with state law and ensure transparency, accessibility, and the continuity of government during technology disruptions, the Rolling Hills City Council desires to adopt the attached Disruption Policy.

SECTION 2. *Adoption and Authorization.* The City Council hereby adopts:

- A. The Disruption Policy, attached as Exhibit "A"

The City Manager, or her designee, is hereby authorized to take any actions necessary to implement the policies.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is directed to certify the passage and adoption of this Resolution; cause it to be entered into the City of Rolling Hills book of original Resolutions; make a note of the passage and adoption in the records of this meeting; and, within fifteen (15) days after the passage and adoption of this Resolution, cause it to be published or posted in accordance with California law.

SECTION 4. This Resolution will become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 11th day of May, 2026.

BEA DIERINGER
MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHRISTIAN HORVATH
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

City Manager

EXHIBIT A

Policy: Disruption of Telephonic or Internet Service During Meetings

1. Background

Senate Bill 707 (2025) amended the Brown Act to require eligible legislative bodies to adopt, on or before July 1, 2026, a policy addressing how the agency will respond to disruptions in telephonic or internet service that prevent members of the public from participating remotely.

2. Purpose

This policy establishes procedures for responding to a disruption in the telephonic or internet services that provide two-way remote public access to meetings of the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills, as required by the Brown Act (Government Code section 54953.4). The policy ensures transparency, public participation, and the continuation of meetings during technological disruptions.

3. Definitions

“Service Disruption” means any failure, outage, or other interruption to the agency’s remote access services that prevents members of the public from participating in a City Council meeting through the remote access service.

“Disrupting” means engaging in behavior during a meeting of the City Council that actually disrupts, disturbs, impedes, or renders infeasible the orderly conduct of the meeting and includes, but is not limited to one of the following:

- a. A failure to comply with reasonable and lawful regulations adopted by the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills
- b. Engaging in behavior that constitutes use of force or a true threat of force.

“Remote access services” means the two-way telephonic service and/or two-way audiovisual platform used to provide real-time remote public attendance and observation of meetings.

“Two-way audiovisual platform” means an online platform that provides participants with the ability to participate in a meeting via both an interactive video conference and a two-way telephonic service.

“Two-way telephonic service” means a telephone service that does not require internet access and allows participants to dial a telephone number to listen and verbally participate.

“True threat of force” means a threat that has sufficient indicia of intent and seriousness, that a reasonable observer would perceive it to be an actual threat to use force by the person making the threat.

4. Applicability

This policy applies to all open and public meetings of the City Council at which remote public participation is required under the Brown Act. Consistent with the Brown Act, this policy shall not apply to the following meetings:

- a. Meetings held to attend a judicial or administrative proceeding to which the City of Rolling Hills is a party.
- b. Meetings held to inspect real or personal property provided that the topic of the meeting is limited to items directly related to the real or personal property.
- c. Meetings held to meet with elected or appointed officials of the United States or the State of California, solely to discuss a legislative or regulatory issue affecting the City of Rolling Hills and over which the federal or state officials have jurisdiction.
- d. Meetings held to meet in or nearby a facility owned by the City of Rolling Hills, provided that the topic of the meeting is limited to items directly related to the facility.
- e. Meetings held in an emergency situation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.5.

5. Remote Public Access Generally

When remote public access is required under the Brown Act, the City Council shall provide members of the public with an opportunity to attend and participate in the meeting using a two-way audiovisual platform or a two-way telephonic service, provided that adequate telephonic or internet service is operational at the meeting location.

If adequate telephonic or internet service is not operational at the meeting location, the City Council shall not be required to provide remote access. If adequate telephonic or internet service is operational for only a portion of the meeting, the City Council shall provide remote access during that portion of the meeting.

If a two-way audiovisual platform is used, the City Council shall:

- a. Publicly post and provide a call-in option as well; and
- b. Activate any automatic captioning function that is available in the audiovisual platform.

If a two-way audiovisual platform is not provided, the City Council shall provide a two-way telephonic service.

Members of the public participating remotely shall be provided the same opportunity to provide public comment as members of the public attending in person, including the same time allotment.

6. Response to Service Disruption

If the Mayor or City Clerk becomes aware of a service disruption:

- a. The Mayor or City Clerk shall immediately announce the service disruption to the public.
- b. The Mayor shall call for a recess of the open session and may convene the legislative body in an authorized closed session, consistent with the Brown Act. The recess shall last for one hour or until service is restored, whichever is earlier.
- c. During the recess, City of Rolling Hills staff shall make a good faith effort to diagnose and restore the disrupted service.

7. Reconvening the Open Session

After the expiration of the hour, if service has not been restored, the Mayor or City Clerk shall report on the status of staff's efforts to restore remote access services, and the City Council may reconvene to:

- a. Adjourn the meeting;
- b. Extend the recess to allow staff more time to make a good faith effort to restore remote access services; or
- c. Continue the open session portion of the meeting by adopting, by roll call vote, the following or a substantially similar finding:

"The City of Rolling Hills has made good faith efforts to restore telephonic or internet service in accordance with its adopted policy, and the public interest in continuing the meeting outweighs the public interest in remote public access."

Upon adoption of the finding, the City Council may continue the open session portion of the meeting despite the fact that remote access services have not been restored.

8. Recordkeeping

The City Clerk shall enter a brief statement into the meeting minutes, including:

- The nature and time of the service disruption;
- The time the meeting was reconvened (if applicable);
- Any finding adopted pursuant to Section 7.

9. Response to Members of the Public Disrupting a Meeting

If the Mayor or City Clerk becomes aware of a member of the public who is attending the meeting through remote access services and is disrupting the meeting or otherwise preventing other members of the public from attending or observing the meeting remotely or in-person:

- a. The Mayor or City Clerk shall warn the person who is participating through remote access services that he or she is disrupting the meeting and his or her failure to cease that behavior may result in his or her removal.
- b. If the person to whom the Mayor gave the above warning persists in disrupting the meeting, the Mayor shall order staff to:
 - i. mute or otherwise limit the individual's ability to disrupt the meeting, while allowing the individual to continue to observe and attend the meeting; or
 - ii. remove the individual from the meeting if paragraph (a) does not address the disrupting behavior or is not available using the remote access service.

10. Review and Updates

This policy may be amended by the City Council at a noticed public meeting in open session and may not be placed on the consent calendar.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF ROLLING HILLS)

The foregoing Resolution No. 1411 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ROLLING HILLS, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING A DISRUPTION
OF TELEPHONIC OR INTERNET SERVICE DURING PUBLIC
MEETINGS POLICY AS REQUIRED BY SB 707 AND IN
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE § 54953.4**

was approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 11th
day of May, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

CHRISTIAN HORVATH
CITY CLERK



City of Rolling Hills

INCORPORATED JANUARY 24, 1957

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Item: 14.B.

Meeting Date: 1/26/2026

To: City Council
From: Christian Horvath, Assistant to the City Manager / City Clerk
Thru: Karina Bañales, City Manager
Subject: Receive and file an update on recent legislative changes impacting key Brown Act provisions under Senate Bill 707

Background:

On October 3, 2025, Senate Bill 707 (SB 707) was signed by Governor Newsom, bringing significant changes to many public agencies' meetings in 2026. SB 707 is intended to diversify and increase public engagement in local government, and to modernize the Ralph M. Brown Act in light of technological advancements.

SB 707 amends numerous provisions of the Brown Act and places new restrictions, expectations, and duties upon legislative bodies. The changes are best understood in terms of what only applies to "eligible legislative bodies" versus what generally applies to all legislative bodies.

Rules Specific to Eligible Legislative Bodies

The most significant changes in SB 707 will apply to an "eligible legislative body," which is defined as any of the following:

1. A city council of a city with a population of 30,000 or more,
2. A board of supervisors of a county, or a city and county, with a population of 30,000 or more,
3. **A city council of a city located in a county with a population of 600,000 or more, and**
4. A board of directors of large special districts meeting certain thresholds based on boundary areas, population, number of employees and/or revenues.

Practical Considerations:

It should be noted that the requirements applying to "eligible legislative bodies" only impact the main governing body of those agencies, **not** all legislative bodies that are part of the agency. By example, the requirements would only affect the City Council, **not** the Planning Commission, Traffic Commission or other standing and advisory committees.

- **Two-Way Remote Attendance and Disruption Procedures**

Unlike earlier versions of the Brown Act, the new law now requires eligible legislative bodies to offer hybrid meetings. This means the public must be able to participate through a two-way

phone or video platform, unless the technology is not available at the meeting location or the meeting qualifies for an exemption, such as a field trip.

On or before July 1, 2026, an eligible legislative body must also approve in an open session a policy regarding disruption of the above-mentioned services or platform and efforts to restore service. If a disruption prevents the public from attending a meeting, the body must take a recess and try to restore service for at least one hour. Afterward, it must adopt a finding by roll call vote confirming that good-faith efforts were made to fix the issue and that resuming the meeting serves the public interest more than delaying it further.

Furthermore, this bill allows a legislative body or its presiding officer to also remove or limit participation from individuals engaging in disruptive behavior, regardless of whether the individual is attending in-person or via two-way audiovisual or telephonic services.

- **Outreach**

This bill will now require eligible legislative bodies to take specific actions to encourage residents to participate in public meetings, including:

- Provide a system for electronically accepting and fulfilling requests for meeting agendas;*
- Have an accessible internet web page dedicated to information concerning public meetings and how members of the public may participate, including a link to the page on the agency's home page;* and
- Make reasonable efforts to invite groups that do not traditionally participate in public meetings to attend those meetings, such as outreach to media organizations serving non-English-speaking communities or civic engagement organizations. The legislative body has broad discretion to implement these efforts.

- **Language Translation and Interpretation**

Eligible legislative bodies must also:

- Translate the agenda and instructions on how to participate in meetings into any language spoken jointly by 20 percent or more of an applicable population that also speaks English less than "very well" according to the American Community Survey;
- Provide reasonable assistance to members of the public who wish to use personal interpreters, such as arranging space for interpreters and allowing extra time for interpretation;
- The new web page requirements for web pages dedicated to information concerning public meetings must be translated into any language spoken jointly by 20 percent or more of an applicable population that also speaks English less than "very well" according to the American Community Survey;*
- Make a physical location, within reasonable proximity to the location where the agenda is posted, freely accessible to the public so the public may post additional translations of that agenda.

Note: Currently, Rolling Hills does not meet the above threshold per the most recent U.S. Census Data (English only: 74.8%, Spanish: 2.7%, Other Indo-European languages: 7.7%, Other languages: .5%)

Rules Applicable to Legislative Bodies in General

While the rules above apply to eligible legislative bodies, the following rules apply to legislative bodies more broadly and generally.

- **Teleconferencing Updates**

SB 707 reorganizes and expands the teleconferencing provisions of the Brown Act, adding some uniformity to noticing, disclosure, accessibility, and public comment requirements for certain types of teleconferencing. For example, SB 707 revises and restates the existing teleconferencing provisions for states of emergency, just cause, and emergency circumstances, and expands coverage to include:

1. States of emergency declared by localities, and
2. Just cause allowances, including physical or family medical emergencies preventing in-person attendance, and military service. The new law also continues the availability of teleconferencing for neighborhood councils, student body community college associations, and student-run community college organizations.

In addition, SB 707 would allow agencies to permit attendance by a member of the legislative body via teleconferencing as a reasonable accommodation under applicable law, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Those attending in accordance with this section must still disclose any present adults and their relationship to them and participate via audio and camera, unless their disability prevents such.

The new law also authorizes remote teleconference meetings by “eligible subsidiary bodies” of local agencies, as long as the subsidiary bodies comply with certain requirements. This compliance is defined as having at least one physical location for the meeting, requiring that members attending remotely appear on camera, and requiring the legislative body that created the subsidiary body to make certain findings prior to authorizing fully remote meetings and at least every six months thereafter. Under SB 707, an “eligible subsidiary body” includes only advisory bodies that cannot take certain final actions and do not have primary subject matter jurisdiction on elections, budgets, police oversight, privacy, library material restrictions, or taxing or spending proposals.

Similarly, SB 707 allows remote teleconference meetings by “eligible multi-jurisdictional bodies” if certain requirements are met, including at least a quorum of the body participating from one or more physical locations that are open to the public, and that members who participate remotely do not receive compensation for attendance. There are also limits on the number of times a member may participate remotely. Under the law, an “eligible multi-jurisdictional body” means a legislative body that includes representatives from more than one local agency, or a legislative body of a joint powers agency.

Finally, SB 707 clarifies that the term “teleconference” does not apply when one or more members of a legislative body watch or listen to a meeting via webcasting, without the ability to interactively speak or discuss.

Note: The limits for just cause teleconferencing applicable to Rolling Hills Councilmembers allow a member to attend up to five meetings per year remotely due to the Council meetings held twice a month.

- **Other Changes**

Copies of the Brown Act: Existing law encourages agencies to provide copies of the Brown Act to each member of a legislative body. SB 707 will now require agencies to provide a copy of the Brown Act to any person elected or appointed as a member of a legislative body.*

Harsher Restrictions: Removes a requirement that members of an appointed legislative body must be appointed by or under the authority of the elected legislative body in order for the legislative body to impose harsher open and public meeting requirements.

Special & Emergency Meetings: Removes a requirement that only specified legislative bodies must comply with the internet website posting and notice requirements for special or emergency meetings, and thus imposes the same posting and notice requirements on all legislative bodies.

Extends the Social Media Rules Indefinitely: Existing law permits a member engaging in separate conversations or communications outside of a meeting with any other person using an internet-based social media platform for specified purposes. However, this is provided that the majority of members do not use the platform to discuss business of a specific nature that falls within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. This bill makes this exception indefinite.

Notably, some other updates or changes enacted by SB 707 do not actually alter the substance of the law, but simply move and regroup the information into a more readable and trackable format within the Brown Act. These changes were intended to address common complaints and overall feedback on the organization of the Brown Act.

Please note that most updates to the Brown Act under SB 707 will become effective on January 1, 2026, while those specifically applying to eligible legislative bodies will take effect on July 1, 2026. Further, some provisions of SB 707 will expire on January 1, 2030, unless later extended by the Legislature.

**The City of Rolling Hills is already compliant.*

Discussion:

None.

Fiscal Impact:

Staff is working on solutions to upgrade and improve the Council Chambers audio/visual system and functionality to comply with SB707, but also to ensure future-proofing, potential Emergency Operations Center needs, and improve systems for general use of the room.

Staff will return at a future meeting with a report on potential changes to share with the Council.

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

Attachments:

None



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Item: 13.A.

Meeting Date: 5/11/2026

To: City Council
From: Karina Bañales, City Manager
Thru: Karina Bañales, City Manager
Subject: Consideration of Support for Assembly Bill 2529 (Johnson) – Government Claims Accountability

Background:

Assembly Bill 2529 (Johnson) originally proposed to amend California's Government Claims Act by requiring that claims for monetary damages submitted to a public entity include a signed declaration verifying that the factual allegations are true and correct to the best of the claimant's knowledge, information, and belief. This Bill was amended. (Attachment A).

Under current law, individuals seeking monetary damages from a public agency must first submit a written claim before initiating litigation. While claim forms often request factual detail, there is no uniform statewide requirement that such claims be verified under penalty of perjury or certified in a manner similar to court filings.

AB 2529 is co-sponsored by the Cities of Hidden Hills and Carson (Attachment C). According to the sponsors, the bill is intended to introduce a consistent verification requirement in the claims process, with the goal of improving accountability and reducing the submission of unsupported or exaggerated claims. The measure seeks to align the initial claims process more closely with standards applied later in litigation.

The item has been brought forward at the request of Mayor Dieringer for City Council consideration, including potential consideration of a "support if amended" position, with additional language and other language stricken.

Discussion:

The City Council's consideration of AB 2529 involves evaluating both the potential benefits of increased accountability in the claims process and the possible impacts of adding procedural requirements for claimants.

Requiring a signed verification may encourage individuals to more carefully review and substantiate their claims prior to submission. From a municipal perspective, this could improve the quality of claims received, assist in early evaluation, and potentially reduce costs associated with investigating

or defending unsupported claims. For smaller jurisdictions in particular, even a limited number of questionable claims can require a disproportionate use of staff time and public resources.

At the same time, Council may wish to consider whether the proposed requirement could create additional complexity for individuals who are unfamiliar with legal processes or who are not represented by counsel. Introducing a formal verification requirement at the claims stage may be viewed by some as an added procedural step that could discourage or complicate the filing of legitimate claims.

To address these considerations, Mayor Dieringer has proposed amendments to AB 2529 that would align the bill more closely with existing legal standards under California Code of Civil Procedure (CCP) Section 128.7 (Attachment B). The proposed amendments would clarify that:

- The claimant should sign the claim, certifying the accuracy of the information provided;
- A CA licensed attorney may sign on behalf of a claimant only when authorized;
- These claims would be subject to the provisions of CCP Sec. 128.7 and
- Non-attorney third-party verification would not be permitted.

These proposed revisions are intended to maintain the bill's goal of improving accountability while ensuring consistency with established legal practices and avoiding unintended procedural concerns.

Based on the above, the City Council may choose to support, oppose, or support AB 2529 with amendments.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

Provide direction on whether the City Council wishes to:

1. Support AB 2529;
2. Oppose AB 2529; or
3. Support AB 2529 if amended consistent with Mayor Dieringer's proposed revisions.

Attachments:

1. Attachment A - AssemblyBill_2529
2. Attachment B - CCCA_Support_IfAmended_Language_AB2529
3. Attachment C - PublicCEO_Article_HiddenHills_Carson



AB-2529 Civil claims: public entities and employees: declaration. (2025-2026)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2025–2026 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

NO. 2529

Introduced by Assembly Member Johnson

February 20, 2026

An act to ~~add Section 448 to the Code of Civil Procedure, and to add Section 945.7 to~~ *amend Section 910.2 of* the Government Code, relating to civil procedure.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2529, as amended, Johnson. Civil claims: public *entities and* employees: ~~perjury.~~ *declaration.*

Existing law, the Government Claims Act, governs the tort liability and immunity of, and claims and actions against, public entities, officers, and employees.

~~Existing law defines the pleadings in a civil action as the formal allegations by the parties of their respective claims and defenses for the judgment of the court. Existing law requires the verification of certain civil claims and requires the verification of answers to certain verified complaints. Existing law provides that a person verifying a pleading need not swear to the truth or their belief in the truth of the matters stated therein but may, instead, assert the truth or their belief in the truth of those matters under penalty of perjury.~~

~~This bill would require a civil complaint or cross-complaint filed by an employee or former employee of a public agency seeking monetary damages against the public agency for acts or omissions arising out of or relating to the employment relationship to be verified under penalty of perjury. The bill would require a court to grant a motion to strike the complaint or cross-complaint if the complaint or cross-complaint is not verified by the plaintiff or cross-complainant, as provided.~~

~~This bill would require a claim presented in accordance with the Government Claims Act by an employee or former employee of a public entity seeking monetary damages against the public entity for acts or omissions arising out of or relating to the employment relationship to include a declaration signed by the claimant under penalty of perjury verifying the core factual allegations supporting the claim. The bill would also require public agency to make a report to the appropriate district attorney if the public agency concludes that there is substantial evidence the person who made the claim committed perjury in signing the claim, and would authorize~~

~~the district attorney to investigate and take action, as appropriate.~~

~~By expanding the crime of perjury, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.~~

~~The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.~~

~~This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.~~

Existing law requires that a claim against a public entity or public employee be signed by the claimant or by some person on the claimant's behalf.

This bill would require a claim against a public entity or public employee to include a declaration that, upon information and belief, the contents of the claim are true and correct.

By expanding the definition of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: yes

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. *Section 910.2 of the Government Code is amended to read:*

910.2. The claim shall be signed by the claimant or by some person on ~~his behalf.~~ *the claimant's behalf declaring that, upon information and belief, the contents of the claim are true and correct* Claims against local public entities for supplies, materials, equipment or services need not be signed by the claimant or on ~~his~~ *the claimant's* behalf if presented on a billhead or invoice regularly used in the conduct of the business of the claimant.

~~SECTION 1. Section 448 is added to the Code of Civil Procedure, immediately following Section 446, to read:~~

~~448.(a) Notwithstanding Section 446, a civil complaint or cross-complaint filed by an employee or former employee of a public agency seeking monetary damages against the public agency for acts or omissions arising out of or relating to the employment relationship shall be verified under penalty of perjury:~~

~~(b) If the public agency files a motion to strike the complaint or cross-complaint pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 435) on the grounds the complaint or cross-complaint is not verified by the plaintiff or cross-complainant, the court shall grant the motion if the court concludes the complaint or cross-complaint was not verified as required by this section. Notwithstanding Section 436, granting of a motion to strike on the grounds the complaint or cross-complaint is not verified by the plaintiff or cross-complainant is mandatory and is not subject to the court's discretion:~~

~~SEC. 2. Section 945.7 is added to the Government Code, to read:~~

~~945.7.(a) A claim presented in accordance with Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 900) and Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 910) of Part 3 by an employee or former employee of a public entity seeking monetary damages against the public entity for acts or omissions arising out of or relating to the employment relationship shall include a declaration signed by the claimant under penalty of perjury verifying the core factual allegations supporting the claim:~~

~~(b) If the public agency concludes, after investigation of the claim, that there is substantial evidence the person who made the claim committed perjury in signing the claim, the public agency shall make a report presenting that evidence to the appropriate district attorney, and the district attorney may, in their discretion, investigate and take action with respect to the person who filed the claim as it concludes is appropriate:~~

~~SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution:~~

SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

It is recommended that we support AB 2529 if it is amended to conform to the legal requirements already provided for other pleadings, petitions and motions, as provided by **California Code, Code of Civil Procedure - CCP § 128.7**, instead of creating an exception to this Section.

CCP § 128.7 requires the following:

By presenting to the court, whether by signing, filing, submitting, or later advocating,. a pleading, petition, written notice of motion, or other similar paper, an attorney or unrepresented party is certifying that to the best of the person's knowledge, information, and belief, formed after an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances, all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) It is not being presented primarily for an improper purpose, such as to harass or to cause unnecessary delay or needless increase in the cost of litigation.
- (2) The claims, defenses, and other legal contentions therein are warranted by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for the extension, modification, or reversal of existing law or the establishment of new law.
- (3) The allegations and other factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, are likely to have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery.
- (4) The denials of factual contentions are warranted on the evidence or, if specifically so identified, are reasonably based on a lack of information or belief.

Cities should be afforded the ability to avoid claims that are not based on facts as to which claimants are willing to attest. A declaration under penalty of perjury, asserting the truth of the facts underlying the claim would be the best method to assure that claimants do not make or file claims that are fraudulent, frivolous or not based on provable facts. However, if a declaration under penalty of perjury is not to be required, then at the very least, the claimant should be required to sign, certifying that the facts supporting the claim are true to the best of the person's knowledge, information, and belief, unless the claimant is represented by an attorney who certifies the facts supporting the claim on behalf of his client.

Nevertheless, it is preferable for the claimant, who is knowledgeable of the facts supporting the claims, to sign the claim rather than his or her attorney, who is receiving the information supporting the claim from his or her client. Given the general availability for represented claimants to sign electronically, (see e.g. Cal. Rule of Court 2.257), the need for an attorney to sign on behalf of his or her client should be rare.

An attorney who represents a claimant has a legal duty to state facts accurately and truthfully. There are laws and California State Bar rules that provide serious consequences for attorneys who do not do so. The same cannot be said for third parties who sign a claim on “the claimant’s behalf declaring that, upon information and belief, the contents of the claim are true and correct” when that declaration is not signed under penalty of perjury. Consequently, cities should oppose any language within AB 2529 that would allow any third party, who is not a California licensed attorney who legally represents the claimant, to sign on behalf of a claimant.

Consequently, the bill should be further amended as follows: (parts stricken and added language highlighted in yellow):

SECTION 1. *Section 910.2 of the Government Code is amended to read:*

910.2. The claim shall be signed by the claimant or by ~~some person~~ **a California licensed attorney, who legally represents the claimant,** on his behalf. ~~the claimant’s behalf~~ **declaring that, upon information and belief, the contents of the claim are true and correct. Such claims shall be subject to the provisions of CCP § 128.7** ~~Claims against local public entities for supplies, materials, equipment or services need not be signed by the claimant or on his~~ **the claimant’s** ~~behalf if presented on a billhead or invoice regularly used in the conduct of the business of t he~~ **claimant.**



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Cities of Hidden Hills and Carson announce co-sponsorship of AB 2529 to increase accountability in government claims process



Citing a sharp rise in questionable monetary claims filed against California public agencies, the Cities of Hidden Hills and Carson today announced their joint sponsorship and support of Assembly Bill 2529

(Johnson), a focused legislative reform aimed at restoring accountability, deterring abuse, and ensuring greater consistency in the civil claims process under California's Government Claims Act.

In their effort to pass this critical reform, Hidden Hills and Carson were joined by numerous cities, as well as the California Contract Cities Association and Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management (PRISM).

AB 2529 seeks to amend existing law to require that any claim for monetary damages submitted to a public entity include a signed declaration stating that, upon information and belief, the contents of the claim are true and correct.

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Under current law, some public agencies provide claim forms that typically require a signature under penalty of perjury. However, the courts have interpreted the statute to allow claimants to bypass these forms and submit independent written claims that lack any verification of factual assertions.

AB 2529 closes this gap by establishing a uniform, statewide standard, ensuring that all claimants affirm the accuracy of their allegations at the outset. “For smaller jurisdictions like Hidden Hills, even a single unsubstantiated claim can have a measurable and disproportionate impact on communities,” said Hidden Hills Councilmember Laura McCorkindale. “AB 2529 protects limited public resources while maintaining the integrity of fair and full access to the claims process for those with actual legitimate grievances.”



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Public agencies across California currently expend significant taxpayer and insurance pool resources to investigate and respond to claims. The high cost of litigation often pressures agencies to resolve matters early, regardless of merit. Mayor of Carson, Lula Davis-Holmes, stated “By requiring early verification, AB 2529 will help deter knowingly false or exaggerated claims and encourage the early, clear evaluation of legitimate ones. This measure is a common-sense step to reduce unnecessary litigation costs and stabilize public-entity insurance expenses, ultimately protecting the taxpayers we serve.”

The supporters of AB 2529 emphasize that the bill:

- Promotes transparency by requiring factual affirmations at the initial stage.
- Discourages frivolous claims intended primarily to generate settlement leverage.
- Preserves legal rights, as it does not alter substantive law or limit access to the courts.

The Hidden Hills City Council formally adopted Resolution No. 1056 in support of the bill on April 20, 2026. Both cities urge the California State Legislature to approve this measure to safeguard public funds and improve the integrity of the government claims process.

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Item: 14.A.

Meeting Date: 5/11/2026

To: City Council
From: Christian Horvath, Assistant to the City Manager / City Clerk
Thru: Karina Bañales, City Manager
Subject: Update on current City Hall Campus Capital Projects

Background:

The City Hall Campus currently has three capital projects in various states:

1. The Tennis Court's ADA Project
2. The Dual-Fuel Emergency Backup Generator
3. The Emergency Water Main Relocation & Repair

The following report is meant to provide a brief status update for the City Council.

Discussion:

The Tennis Court's ADA Project

- The project is wrapping up punch list items and is scheduled to have a final walkthrough the week of May 11th.
- Inspections have been completed by LA County and are waiting for the City and RHCA sign-offs before finalizing.
- Staff intends to bring an item to the Council on May 26th to accept the project as complete.

Unrelated to the project's deliverables, but an additional item that was brought to the Rolling Hills Community Association (RHCA) Board for consideration on May 8th is an alteration to the Tennis Court 1 west fence line. At the request of the Rolling Hills' Courts Club, the board was asked to consider and approve a reduction to 4 feet in a portion of the fence height as indicated by the yellow area in the image below. The Courts Club would possibly like to apply its annual community budgeted allocation towards this modification in coordination with the RHCA.



The Dual-Fuel Emergency Backup Generator

- Work commenced on May 4th with demolition of the existing concrete foundation inside the shed, sub-grade prep, and compaction for the propane tank concrete pad.
- Most construction work will be completed before August, with the remainder happening after delivery of the generator in November.
- Start-up, testing, inspections, and clean-out will take place in late November / early December with a final completion date of December 9.
- SoCal Gas work has yet to be scheduled at this time. Staff will update the Council periodically.

The Emergency Water Main Relocation & Repair

- The contractor marked the site and set up a DigAlert request on May 4th.
- Bennett Landscape was notified to plan for their trenching work based on DigAlert findings.
- Projected construction to begin in the next week or so, depending on DigAlert, trenching completion.

Fiscal Impact:

All items are budgeted via capital funds and/or the general fund. The annual Courts Club community allocation is \$5,000.

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

Attachments:

None



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Item: 15.A.

Meeting Date: 5/11/2026

To: City Council
From: Christian Horvath, Assistant to the City Manager / City Clerk
Thru: Karina Bañales, City Manager
Subject: Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)
Title: City Attorney

Background:

None.

Discussion:

None.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

None.

Attachments:

None