

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AGOURA HILLS CITY COUNCIL
Civic Center – Council Chambers
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California 91301
Wednesday, January 8, 2025
6:00 p.m.

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Sylvester.

Mayor Sylvester made a special announcement: *“Our thoughts are with everybody in the Palisades, and all our neighbors and fellow communities within L.A. County, who are experiencing extreme fire dangers right now, and those who have lost their homes, our thoughts are with you, and we support you in any way we can.”*

Mayor Sylvester announced the Land Acknowledgement.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Clerk Rodrigues.

Present were: Mayor Penny Sylvester, Mayor Pro Tem Jeremy Wolf, Councilmember Kate Anderson, Councilmember Chris Anstead, and Councilmember Deborah Klein Lopez.

Also Present were: City Manager Nathan Hamburger, City Attorney Candice K. Lee, Assistant City Manager Ramiro Adeva, Deputy City Manager Louis Celaya, Executive Assistant Michele Hubbs, Community Development Director Denice Thomas, Principal Planner Robby Nesovic, Building Official Lukas Quach, Senior Civil Engineer Charmaine Yambao, Director of Finance Diego Ibañez, Director of Community Services Amy Brink, and City Clerk Kimberly M. Rodrigues.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session was held.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Sylvester proposed moving the (Intergovernmental Report) Library Quarterly Update and Discussion Item No. 8 to the January 22, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting.

ACTION: Councilmember Klein Lopez moved to approve the Agenda, as amended. Councilmember Anstead seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Sylvester, Mayor Pro Tem Wolf, Councilmember Anderson, Councilmember Anstead, and Councilmember Klein Lopez.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL, SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE, & DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Agoura Hills Library Quarterly Update and the Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Update were deferred to January 22, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Wolf moved to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-8, as presented. Councilmember Anderson seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Sylvester, Mayor Pro Tem Wolf, Councilmember Anderson, Councilmember Anstead, and Councilmember Klein Lopez.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

1. Approve Minutes of the City Council Official Reorganization and Regular Meeting of December 11, 2024
2. Approve Demand Warrant Register No. 924
3. Approve Agreement for Consultant Services, with Integrated Design 360, Inc., to Amend the City of Agoura Hills All-Electric Reach Code Ordinance
4. Approve Appointments by the Mayor to City Council Subcommittees and Ad Hoc Committee
5. Approve Appointments to Outside Agency Boards, Commissions, or Committees
6. Approve Support for Potential Appointment to the South Coast Air Quality Management District Via the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee

7. Approve Planning Commission Appointments
8. Approve Letter of Support for National Community Renaissance of California's Request for Funding under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Multifamily Housing Program

DISCUSSION / ACTION

9. Discussion Regarding the Community Wildlife Risk Assessment (CWRA) and Consideration of Approval of the CWRA Community Survey Questions

Mayor Sylvester called for a motion and second to continue this item to the January 22, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting.

ACTION: Councilmember Anderson moved to approve the recommendation. Councilmember Klein Lopez seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Sylvester, Mayor Pro Tem Wolf, Councilmember Anderson, Councilmember Anstead, and Councilmember Klein Lopez.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

CITY COUNCIL, STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Klein Lopez thanked the Mayor and staff for the (City) communications relating to the wind/fire events, reminded residents that information regarding their "zone" was available on the City's website ("Know Your Zone"), and *"thanked everyone for their extra time and extra efforts in keeping our community safe during this time."*

Councilmember Anderson made a personal remark regarding neighbors helping each other after the high winds toppled their garbage cans, thanked City staff and the first responders, stating: *"how much I appreciate the resiliency and community support that we have here in Agoura Hills."*

Councilmember Anstead congratulated Meril Platzer, as his Planning Commission appointee, and Councilmember Anderson on her election to the City Council, made his personal remarks regarding the fires, extended prayers and thoughts to the people that lost their homes, and requested everyone *"be safe and listen to your government officials when they are trying to help you in this crisis."*

Mayor Pro Tem Wolf thanked staff for the (City) communications, opening the charging station, and clearing the streets, shared his personal remarks regarding the power outages and wind event, and stated that relating to the Palisades Fire: *"this is going to be the most expensive wildfire in American history and it could have happened here, we're lucky, but we need to continue to be prepared."*

Mayor Sylvester inquired if it was safe to put out garbage bins for trash pickup. City Manager Hamburger responded there were no changes to the scheduled pickups.

Mayor Sylvester thanked staff noting: *"you have been amazing today and I know you will continue to be so in the next few days. It has been extremely stressful for everybody and you've all kept up a great disposition and positive energy and we appreciate that, thank you."*

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:12 p.m., Mayor Sylvester announced the next Regular City Council Meeting would be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center and adjourned the meeting.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Rodrigues", is written above the typed name.

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MPPA, MMC
City Clerk