

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**AGOURA HILLS CITY COUNCIL**  
Civic Center – Council Chambers  
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California 91301  
**Wednesday, February 12, 2025**  
**6:00 p.m.**

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

Mayor Sylvester announced the Land Acknowledgement.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Older American of the Year, Randee Paller.

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 Deputy City Manager Louis Celaya, Jensen Hughes Consultant Amelia Pludow, Communications Manager Mary Haddad, Management Analyst Amber Victoria, Executive Assistant Michele Hubbs, Community Development Director Denice Thomas, Principal Planner Robby Nesovic, 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**

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

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Sylvester and members of the City Council, assisted by the Community Services Department, thanked the City Volunteers and presented them with tokens of appreciation for volunteering their time to the City.

Councilmember Klein Lopez announced the Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center Joint Powers Authority Board is now under the operation of the City of Calabasas, noting this would be the last time Agoura Hills members Jim Bukowski and Brad Rosenheim would be recognized and thanked them for their years of service on the Board.

Councilmember Klein Lopez presented a plaque to the CERT Disaster Response Team 2024 Member of the Year, Christine Maasdam.

Following the presentations, Mayor Sylvester concluded the Volunteer Recognition Event by thanking all the volunteers for their service to the community and, in memoriam of former Mayor Joan Yacovone, invited former Mayors Fran Pavley, Ed Corridori, and Darlene McBane, Friends of the Library representative Rick Haupt, along with the current City Council (Councilmember Klein Lopez, Councilmember Anderson, Councilmember Anstead, Mayor Pro Tem Wolf, and Mayor Sylvester), to make their personal remarks honoring Joan Yacovone and her many years of service to the community.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL, SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE, & DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Southern California Edison (SCE) Government Relations Manager, Adrian Garcia, and Principal Manager of Government Relations for Los Angeles County, Joshua Torres, introduced themselves to the City Council.

Councilmember Klein Lopez provided a Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Update and provided copies of the Clean Power Alliance (CPA) 2024 Impact Report to place on the table in the City Hall lobby.

Mayor Sylvester reported attending the Calabasas Debris Removal Town Hall meeting regarding the two phases of fire debris removal, provided a summary of the meeting, and emphasized that no household hazardous materials would be disposed of at the landfill.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Following distribution of the Agenda Packet, and prior to the City Council Meeting, written correspondence was received from the following person(s), forwarded to the City Council, and made available for public review:*

*Rachel Spalding, Agoura Hills  
Jess Thomas, Old Agoura*

The following person spoke:

Jodi Regan, Agoura Hills, representing Nature Made Great Race (*submitted flyer*)

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no public comments.

ACTION: Councilmember Anstead moved to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-6, 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 Demand Warrant Register No. 926
2. Approve First Amendment to Agreement for Consultant Services, with ECS Imaging, Inc., to Provide Laserfiche Tech support and Maintenance Services
3. Approve Rejection of Claim for Damages – Jesus Cervantes Estrella c/o Amerberg Law Group
4. Approve Rejection of Claim for Damages – Cruz Estrella Lomeli c/o Amerberg Law Group
5. Adopt **Resolution No. 25-2093**; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, REVOKING BUSINESS LICENSE NUMBER 006982 (NEW ERA PERFORMANCE AND TUNING, LLC), PURSUANT TO SECTION 6819 OF THE AGOURA HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
6. Adopt **Resolution No. 25-2094**; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, TERMINATING THE PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS

## **CONTINUED ITEM - DISCUSSION / ACTION**

7. Discussion Regarding the Community Wildlife Risk Assessment (CWRA) and Consideration of Approval of the Revised CWRA Community Survey Questions  
(Continued from January 22, 2025)

Following presentation of the staff report, and a question-and-answer period of staff, Mayor Sylvester opened the floor for public comments.

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*Jay Crutcher, Agoura Hills, representing the Agoura Hills Fire Safe Council*

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Councilmember Wolf requested a link for residents, to opt into emergency email notifications via Code Red.

Following deliberations, Mayor Sylvester called for a motion and second to approve the staff recommendation to approve the revised Survey Questions for the Community Wildfire Risk Assessment Survey, *"with the addition of the (Code Red) link to the emails for participants."*

ACTION: Councilmember Klein Lopez moved to approve the staff recommendation, as amended. 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**

Director of Community Services Brink reported on the success of the Ladyface Mountain Film Festival, thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers who attended, congratulated founders Joe Litzinger and Ally Erush, and noted one of the five goals of the original Cultural Arts Council *"was to start a documentary film festival in Agoura Hills, and here we are!"*

Mayor Sylvester shared her personal remarks about the film festival, noted with the loss of the Regency Theatre, talks were in place with the Las Virgenes Unified School District regarding the use of the Performing Arts Education Center at (Agoura) High School, and acknowledged Harry Schwarz as *"this was one of his dreams and I hope he's looking down on us and smiling at this time."*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:31 p.m., Mayor Sylvester announced the next Regular City Council Meeting would be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center and adjourned the meeting in memory of Joan Yacovone.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kimberly", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MPPA, MMC  
City Clerk