

MINUTES
BUDGET WORKSHOP
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AGOURA HILLS CITY COUNCIL
Civic Center – Council Chambers
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California 91301
Wednesday, June 11, 2025
4:00 p.m.

The City Council Budget Workshop was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Sylvester.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Recreation Manager Nick Newkirk.

Present were: Mayor Penny Sylvester, Mayor Pro Tem Jeremy Wolf, Councilmember Kate Anstead, 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, Director of Community Development Denice Thomas, Principal Planner Robby Nesovic, Building Official Lukas Quach, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Charmaine Yambao, Deputy Director of Public Works Director Kelly Fisher, Director of Finance Diego Ibañez, Finance Manager Brenda Cho, Accountant Leah Palmer, Director of Community Services Amy Brink, Recreation Manager Nick Newkirk, Management Analyst Stephanie Pozos, and City Clerk Kimberly M. Rodrigues.

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, and Councilmembers Anderson, Anstead, and Klein Lopez.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. Discussion of Proposed Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2025-26 and 2026-27

The following person(s) spoke:

Carolyn Trocino, Agoura Hills, representing the Old Agoura Homeowners

Cyrena Nouzille, Agoura Hills, representing the Old Agoura Homeowners
Danielle Borja, representing the Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce

Upon discussion of the Proposed Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2025-26 and 2026-27, the City Council provided feedback to staff.

There was Council consensus (*Mayor Sylvester, Mayor Pro Tem Wolf, Councilmembers Anderson, Anstead and Klein Lopez*) to include \$5,000 in the General Fund budget to support the events sponsored by the Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce and \$3,000 in the Special Events budget for the Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest and Folk Festival.

The City Council requested amendments to the Community Outreach Grants Program, as follows:

- Increase the grant for Cougar Conservancy from \$750 to \$1,395.15
- Increase the grant for Malibu Search and Rescue from \$1,000 to \$2,000
- Increase the grant for Many Mansions from \$2,000 to \$2,500

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

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

By unanimous consensus, the City Council (*Mayor Sylvester, Mayor Pro Tem Wolf, Councilmembers Anderson, Anstead and Klein Lopez*) approved the proposed budget for final preparation including the transfers to the General Fund and Special Events budgets, along with the Community Outreach Grants Program amendments.

CITY COUNCIL, STAFF COMMENTS

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:42 p.m., Mayor Sylvester adjourned the meeting.

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

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MPPA, MMC
City Clerk