

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AGOURA HILLS CITY COUNCIL
Civic Center – Council Chambers
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California 91301
Wednesday, August 13, 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 Assistant City Manager Adeva.

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, Communication Manager Mary Haddad, Executive Assistant Michele Hubbs, Administrative Analyst John Treichler, WM Consultant Kim Nilsson, Community Development Director Denice Thomas, Principal Planner Robby Nesovic, Associate Planner Eric Wang, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Charmaine Yambao, Engineering Aide Joshua Keck, Director of Finance Diego Ibañez, Director of Community Services Amy Brink, Recreation Manager Nick Newkirk, Recreation Manager Xochitl Ruwhiu, Recreation Supervisor Kim Hollands, and City Clerk Kimberly M. Rodrigues.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Lee reported on the Closed Session item pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d)). Direction was given to staff; no reportable action was taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Councilmember Anstead moved to approve the Agenda, as presented. Councilmember Klein Lopez 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.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL, SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE, & DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Recreation Manager Nick Newkirk provided an update on (the 21st annual) Reyes Adobe Days (RAD) and announced the event would be held October 3-5, 2025, at Reyes Adobe Park and the Grand Marshals will be Phil Reeves and (canine) Deputy Darcy, thanked the RAD Executive Committee and event sponsors, including the title sponsor Sekhon Dental, and highlighted the wide range of activities and food trucks planned for the event.

RAD Chair Randee Paller also spoke, unveiling the RAD theme, "Western Ways at the Adobe", and announced several upcoming events, including the RAD Fiesta, Night at the Adobe, RAD Parade, Saturday and Sunday's RAD "Day in the Park," as well as the RAD Run and RAD Ride, and encouraged the community to participate in the Cultural Art Council's origami butterfly art project, which will be displayed throughout the City, thanked all the volunteers, and warmly invited the community to attend the festivities.

Stephanie Molen, Government Relations Manager, representing Southern California Edison (SCE), introduced herself to the City Council.

Councilmember Klein Lopez provided a Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Update.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following person spoke:

Mark Hyman, Agoura Hills

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments.

Councilmember Anstead requested Item No. 4 be pulled for discussion.

ACTION: Councilmember Anderson moved to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-3 and 5-9, as presented. Councilmember Klein Lopez 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.

1. Approve Demand Warrant Register No. 937
2. Rejection of Claim for Damages – Linda Spiegel
3. Approve Award of Agreement for Contractor Services, with Compass Rose GIS, LLC, for Consultant and On- Call GIS Services
4. **Item pulled for discussion.**
5. Approve Co-Term Agreement, with Flock Group Inc., for 26 License Plate Reader Cameras
6. Approve Third Amendment to Agreement for Contractor Services, with West Coast Arborists, Inc., Related to Tree Trimming Services
7. Approve Three-Year Agreements for Contractor Services, with Brodersen Associates, for: 1) City-Initiated (Non-Reimbursable) Projects, and 2) Non-City-Initiated (Reimbursable) Projects for Landscape Consultant Services
8. Approve Agreement for Contractor Services, with Many Mansions, to Assist with the Creation and Implementation of the City's Affordable Housing Monitoring Program
9. Approve a Two-Year Agreement for Contractor Services, with Turbo Data Systems, Inc., for Administrative Citation Processing and Collection Services

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

4. Approve Electric Fleet Transition Program Participation Agreement, with the Clean Power Alliance, to Develop a Tailored Plan that Supports the City's Transition to a Zero-Emission Fleet

Following a discussion regarding a potential conflict of interest for Councilmember Klein Lopez in voting on Item No. 4 due to her role as a CPA Board Member, City Attorney Lee clarified that there was no conflict as Councilmember Klein Lopez serves on the CPA in an appointed capacity representing the City.

ACTION: Councilmember Klein Lopez moved to approve Consent Calendar Item No. 4, as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Wolf 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

10. Discussion of Options for Solid Waste Hauler Contract

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

Denis Weber, Agoura Hills

The following person(s) spoke:

Justin Honsinger, Simi Valley, representing WM
Steve Lee, Newbury Park, WM District Manager
Bill Tucker, representing Whizin Market Square

Following deliberations, Mayor Sylvester called for a motion and second to approve the staff recommendation to pursue Option 1, to negotiate/extend a new agreement with the current solid waste hauler, WM.

ACTION: Councilmember Anstead moved to approve the staff recommendation. 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.

11. Discussion Regarding Economic Development/Update

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

The following person(s) spoke:

Danielle Borja, representing the Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce
Bill Tucker, representing Whizin Market Square

Following deliberations, Mayor Sylvester called for a motion and second to approve the staff recommendation to “discuss a short timeline for turnaround and an appeals process.”

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Wolf moved to approve the staff recommendation. Councilmember Klein Lopez 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.

12. Discussion to Consider Approving Funding of \$25,000 to Liberty Canyon Linkage Proposed Project and Authorize the City Manager to Execute Grant Pre-Application to Wildlife Conservation Board

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

There were no public comments.

Following deliberations, Mayor Sylvester called for a motion and second to approve the staff recommendation to approve a \$25,000 contribution from the City's Open Space Fund to support the acquisition of the approximately 56.2-acre Liberty Canyon Linkage property by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), and authorize the City Manager to continue with next steps on the pre-application process and report back on next steps as the acquisition progresses.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Wolf moved to approve the staff recommendation. Councilmember Klein Lopez 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.

13. Discussion to Consider Approving a Letter to the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Regarding the Proposed Zone Zero Regulations

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

The following person spoke:

Jay Crutcher

Following deliberations, Mayor Sylvester called for a motion and second to approve the staff recommendation to "*approve sending the letter*" (to the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Regarding the Proposed Zone 0 Regulations).

ACTION: Councilmember Anstead moved to approve the staff recommendation. Councilmember Klein Lopez 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.

CITY COUNCIL, STAFF COMMENTS

Director of Community Services Brink announced the Brandon Ragan Project band would perform at the last of the Concert in the Park series at Chumash Park, shared The Foundation would be hosting a carnival on Labor Day weekend at Whizin Market Square, and encouraged the community to sign up for the Creek Cleanup that would be held on September 13, 2025.

Mayor Sylvester announced the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Wallis Annenberg and introduced a short video from Beth Pratt, Director of the National Wildlife Federation, honoring Wallis Annenberg's pivotal role in making the wildlife crossing a reality. Director of Community Services Brink then shared heartfelt memories of "Walli," one of her uncle's best friends, describing her as "*a philanthropist, humanitarian, huge art supporter, sports fanatic, animal lover, environmentalist*" who loved "*a good party, family gatherings, and homemade food*" and reflected on Walli's deep "*passion for community, people, and connection,*" noting she would be profoundly missed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:08 p.m., Mayor Sylvester announced the next Regular City Council Meeting would be held at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center and adjourned the meeting in memory of "Walli."



Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MPPA, MMC
City Clerk