

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA
HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2020**

Mayor Weintraub called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom Teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Weintraub, Mayor pro Tem Bozajian and Councilmembers Gaines, Maurer and Shapiro
Absent: Councilmember Shapiro was absent during discussion of Item No. 1
Others: City Attorney, Scott H. Howard; Assistant City Attorney Matthew T. Summers; outside Council Jeffrey Thompson and Maureen Tamuri

CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Legal Counsel; Existing Litigation
(Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(1))
The City Council finds, based on advice from legal counsel, that discussion in open session will prejudice the position of the City in the litigation.
Case Name: *Rubin v. City of Calabasas, et al.*; Los Angeles Superior Court
Case No. 20STCV19874

Outside Counsel, Jeffrey Thompson participated on Item No. 1 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:10 p.m.

Councilmember Shapiro did not participate on Item No. 1

2. Conference with Legal Counsel; Initiation of Litigation
(Gov't Code section 54956.9(d)(4))
Number of Potential Cases: 1

Councilmember Shapiro and Ms. Tamuri joined the meeting at 6:13 p.m. Ms. Tamuri was excused at 6:30 p.m.

3. Conference with Legal Counsel; Anticipated Litigation
(Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2) & (d)(3))

A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the City Council / Agency Board on the advice of its legal counsel, based on the below-described existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the City /Agency.

Facts and circumstances that might result in litigation but which the City/Agency believes are not yet known to potential plaintiff or plaintiffs.
(Gov. Code § 54956.9(e)(1))

The meeting was interrupted due to technical difficulties from 6:38-6:43 p.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting recessed at 7:20 p.m. to a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Maricela Hernandez, City Clerk
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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA
HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2020**

Mayor Weintraub called the meeting to order at 7:29 p.m. via Zoom Teleconferencing.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Weintraub, Mayor pro Tem Bozajian, Councilmembers Gaines, Maurer and Shapiro

Absent: None

Staff: Ahlers, Bingham, Hernandez, Jordan, Lockwood, McConville, Rubin, Russo, Summers, Tamuri, Taylor and Yalda

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Captain Chuck Becerra

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Maurer moved, seconded by Councilmember Shapiro to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Mayor Weintraub, Mayor pro Tem Bozajian, Councilmembers Gaines, Maurer and Shapiro

Mr. Summers reported that the City Council met in Closed Session prior to this meeting. There were no reportable actions.

PRESENTATIONS

- Recognition of Captain Chuck Becerra on his permanent appointment to the Lost Hills Sheriff's Station

Mayor Weintraub and Councilmembers congratulated Captain Becerra on his permanent appointment. Captain Becerra extended appreciation for the recognition.

Mayor Weintraub shared a statement regarding the recent protests and racism in the community. Furthermore, she encouraged everyone to stay involved and invited residents to participate in a Conversation with the Community; Race & Change via Zoom teleconferencing on June 29. Lastly, she thanked staff for their hard work and dedication.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS

Members of the Council made the following announcements:

Councilmember Gaines:

- Shared a letter he wrote to the Acorn newspaper and extended an apology for any misinterpreted comments he made at the June 10 Council meeting.

Councilmember Shapiro:

- Thanked Mayor Weintraub for her statement and Councilmember Gaines for clarifying the article published by the Acorn newspaper.
- Congratulated all 2020 graduates.
- Expressed his excitement to be participating in a Conversation with the Community; Race & Change on June 29.
- Wished everyone a happy Fourth of July.

Councilmember Maurer:

- Thanked Mayor Weintraub for her statement and staff for their extraordinary work.
- Expressed appreciation for Councilmember Gaines' apology regarding recent comments.
- Encouraged everyone to participate in a research project by visiting projectimplicit.net.

Mayor pro Tem Bozajian:

- Thanked Mayor Weintraub for her statement.
- Encouraged the community to provide feedback regarding the future of the AHCCC.

Mayor Weintraub:

- Expressed her concerns about the increase of positive test results in the community.
- Reiterated the importance of wearing a mask and maintaining social distance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Davis, Laura Weiss, Randi Feilich, Trish Shasheen and Christine Renau spoke during public comment.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approval of meeting minutes from June 10, 2020

2. Recommendation to award a contract in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to Haynes Building Services for janitorial services for Calabasas City Hall, Library and Senior Center for a period of one year
3. Recommendation to approve a professional services agreement with Fuscoe Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$230,000) for on-call engineering services which includes designing the Old Town Sidewalk Improvement Project
4. Adoption of Resolution No. 2020-1689, rescinding Resolution No. 2019-1639 and approving a Salary Schedule for permanent employees
5. Adoption of Resolution No. 2020-1690, approving a change to the regular meeting days for the Planning Commission from the second and fourth Thursdays of the every month to the first and third Thursdays of every month
6. Adoption of Resolution No. 2020-1692, confirming the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services' Local Emergency Executive Orders issued pursuant to the March 16, 2020, Local Emergency Declaration in response to the Novel Coronavirus Covid-19 Pandemic

Mayor pro Tem Bozajian requested Consent Item No. 5 be pulled. Mayor Weintraub requested Consent Item No. 6 be pulled.

Councilmember Gaines moved, seconded by Councilmember Shapiro to approve Consent Item Nos. 1-4. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Mayor Weintraub, Mayor pro Tem Bozajian, Councilmembers Gaines, Maurer and Shapiro

After discussion, Councilmember Gaines moved, seconded by Mayor pro Tem Bozajian to approve Consent Item No. 5. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Mayor Weintraub, Mayor pro Tem Bozajian, Councilmembers Gaines, Maurer and Shapiro

After discussion, Councilmember Gaines moved, seconded by Councilmember Maurer to approve Consent Item No. 6. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Mayor Weintraub, Mayor pro Tem Bozajian, Councilmembers Gaines, Maurer and Shapiro

PUBLIC HEARING

7. Adoption of Resolution No. 2020-1687, approving the operating and capital improvement budgets for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, providing for the appropriations and expenditures for all sums set forth in said budget; and adoption of Resolution No. 2020-1688, establishing the appropriations limit for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Mayor Weintraub opened the public hearing.

Mr. Ahlers presented the report.

Mayor Weintraub closed the public hearing

Councilmember Gaines moved, seconded by Councilmember Shapiro to approve Item No. 7. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Mayor Weintraub, Mayor pro Tem Bozajian, Councilmembers Gaines, Maurer and Shapiro

NEW BUSINESS

8. Adopt Resolution No. 2020-1691, implementing Public Agency Retirement Systems (PARS) as the Qualifying Retirement System for part-time employees

Mr. Ahlers presented the report.

Councilmember Gaines moved, seconded by Councilmember Shapiro to approve Item No. 8. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Mayor Weintraub, Mayor pro Tem Bozajian, Councilmembers Gaines, Maurer and Shapiro

9. Update on "Calabasas Open" Small Business Grants Program

Mr. McConville presented the report.

The City Council received and filed the report.

The meeting recessed at 9:09 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

10. Discussion and direction from the City Council on City events in lieu of normal annual events

Mr. Rubin presented the report.

Bridget Karl spoke on Item No. 10.

After discussion, direction was provided to staff.

11. Discussion and direction from the City Council on alternatives for Wild Walnut Park

Mr. Rubin presented the report.

Rosa Besser spoke on Item No. 11.

After discussion, direction was provided to staff.

12. Discussion regarding return to in-person Council meetings: Information and Protocols

Mr. Bingham presented the report.

After discussion, direction was provided to staff.

13. Discussion of Senate Bill 1120 and direction to staff

Mr. Summers presented the report.

Ryan Embree spoke on Item No. 13.

After discussion, Mayor pro Tem Bozajian moved, seconded by Councilmember Gaines to authorize Mayor Weintraub to write a letter of opposition concerning SB 1120. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Mayor Weintraub, Mayor pro Tem Bozajian, Councilmembers Gaines, Maurer and Shapiro

14. Discussion and direction regarding proposed Cannabis Business General Tax

Mr. Summers presented the report.

The City Council concurred to bring forward Item No. 14 to a Special Meeting in July.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

15. Check Register for the period of June 2-16, 2020

No action taken on this item.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

Mayor pro Tem Bozajian reported his upcoming participation in the AHCCC Joint Powers Authority Board meeting on June 25. He also reported that the League of CA Cities and the CCCA have cancelled their events through October except the League's Annual Fall conference which is still to be determined. Lastly, the CCCA will be hosting a virtual convention and seminars will be available.

Councilmember Shapiro reported his attendance to SCAG's Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee meeting to discuss the budget, the FAST Act Bill and possible cuts to Parks and Recreation programs. He further reported there was a SCAG Town Hall meeting regarding the implementation of Connect SoCal. Lastly, he encouraged small businesses to apply for PPP as there are still funds available.

Councilmember Gaines announced he would be chairing a Valley Economic Alliance Board meeting on June 25. He also reported his participation in various virtual conferences with businesses throughout the Valley.

Mayor Weintraub reported her participation in a recent COG meeting to discuss the opposition of Senate Bill 1120. She requested Gabriel Graham, the COG's homeless coordinator be invited to an upcoming Council meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Taylor reported that the City launched its new mobile-friendly website on June 15, and he acknowledged Michael Russo and his staff for doing a great job. Additionally, he reported that the Calabasas Tennis & Swim Center will reopen on July 1. Lastly, he reminded that the nomination period for the November General Municipal Election will be held from July 13 to August 7.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Gaines requested a session with the Lost Hills Sheriff's Station to discuss their policies and procedures regarding the use of force. He would also like to discuss the recommendations made by the Environmental Commission regarding the installation of raptor poles in the City.

Mayor pro Tem Bozajian requested an update on the mobile home park lease agreement. In addition, he requested a review of the MOU with Viewpoint.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting of Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

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