# MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021

Mayor Bozajian called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom Teleconference.

# **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Bozajian, Mayor pro Tem Maurer and Councilmembers Kraut,

Shapiro and Weintraub

Absent: None

## **CLOSED SESSION**

1. Conference with Legal Counsel; Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2))Facts and circumstances that might result in litigation but which the City believes are not yet known to potential plaintiff or plaintiffs.

(Gov. Code § 54956.9(e)(1)) Number of Potential Cases: 3

# **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m. to a regular meeting scheduled on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Maricela Hernandez, City Clerk Master Municipal Clerk California Professional Municipal Clerk

# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA HELD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021

Mayor Bozajian called the Closed Session to order at 6:01 p.m. via Zoom Teleconferencing.

1. Conference with Legal Counsel; Anticipated Litigation

(Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2))

Facts and circumstances that might result in litigation but which the City believes are not yet known to potential plaintiff or plaintiffs.

(Gov. Code § 54956.9(e)(1))

2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code § 54957)

Position Title: City Manager

3. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov. Code Section 54957.6)

City Negotiator: Kindon Meik, City Manager Employees: All Unrepresented Employees

4. Conference with Legal Counsel; Existing Litigation (Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

Case Names: THNC Canyon Oaks LLC v. City of Calabasas, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 21STCP01819; related to Building Industry Association of Southern California v. City of Calabasas, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 21STCP02726

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

Mayor Bozajian called the Open Session to order at 7:05 p.m. via Zoom Teleconferencing.

# **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Bozajian, Mayor pro Tem Maurer, Councilmembers Kraut, Shapiro

and Weintraub

Absent: None

Staff: Ahlers, Hernandez, McConville, Meik, Michitsch, Mendoza, Russo and

Summers Yalda

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Michael Russo.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

#### CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

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

# **PRESENTATIONS**

 The Mayor's Youth Council Cup To Calabasas High School for winning the voter registration drive in September

Mayor Bozajian presented Calabasas High School with the Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) Cup.

MYC Chair Jacob Rosoff thanked the City Council for the recognition and expressed appreciation to the Civic Engagement subcommittee.

LVUSD Board President Angela Cutbill congratulated Calabasas High School for such great work.

Members of the Council echoed congratulations to MYC members.

 Recognition of Dr. Dan Stepenosky for being named the 2021 Los Angeles County Superintendent of the Year by the Los Angeles County Office of Education

Mayor Bozajian recognized Dr. Dan Stepenosky for being named the 2021 Los Angeles County Superintendent of the Year by the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

Board President Cutbill congratulated Dr. Stepenosky and expressed appreciation for his hard work.

Members of the Council expressed appreciation to Dr. Stepenosky.

Bridget Karl expressed congratulations and appreciation to Dr. Stepenosky.

Dr. Stepenosky thanked the Council for such recognition.

To Bridget Karl for her service on the Calabasas Chamber of Commerce

Mayor Bozajian presented Bridget Karl with a plaque and extended appreciation for her hard work as CEO of the Calabasas Chamber of Commerce.

Mark Levinson expressed appreciation to Ms. Karl.

Members of the Council expressed appreciation to Ms. Karl.

Ms. Karl thanked the Council for such recognition.

• From Assessor Prang on how COVID-19 has affected the structure of their office, market rates, property values, etc.

Assessor Prang presented an update.

LVMWD update on Statewide Drought and Proposed Local Response

Mike McNutt, Public Affairs and Communications Manager presented an update.

The meeting recessed at 8:35 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:47 p.m.

Sheriff's Crime Report - September 2021

Deputy De Matteo presented the report.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members of the Council made the following announcements:

Mayor pro Tem Maurer

- Extended congratulations to Mayor Bozajian during his tenure as Mayor and stated that he will be recognized at the December 8 Council Reorganization meeting.
- The Senior Center will hold its Fifth Annual Toy Drive from November 15-December 20.
- On December 18, a shuttle will go from Calabasas to the Santa Anita Race Track for a lights cape at the Botanic Garden in Arcadia.

#### Councilmember Kraut

- Took a tour of the San Fernando Valley Mental Health Center, the City's provider for unhoused individuals.
- Did a drive along with Gabriel Graham, the COG's Homeless Outreach Coordinator. Was amazed to see Gabriel's skills in action.

#### Councilmember Weintraub

- Wished everyone Happy Veterans Day and expressed appreciation to all the veterans for their service. Encouraged residents to visit the City's Veterans garden.
- A Bay Laurel Elementary Brownie Troop coordinated with Gabriel Graham and put together hygiene kits for the homeless.

# Councilmember Shapiro

- On November 13, CPHA is hosting an Emergency Preparedness event from 8:30-10:30 a.m., at Calabasas Lake.
- Congratulated Harbor Freight Tools for being recognized as one of fastestgrowing private companies in the San Fernando Valley.
- Congratulated Calabasas High School Model UN team for winning several awards during a competition at UCLA.
- Echoed Happy Veterans Day to all brave individuals who have served and continue to serve.
- Echoed congratulations to Mayor Bozajian.
- Wished Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Chanukah.

# ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC COMMENT

Lila Guillory spoke during public comment.

# **CONSENT**

- 1. Approval of minutes of October 27, 2021
- 2. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-393, amending the City of Calabasas Land Use and Development Code by strengthening the definitions of permeable paving and pervious surface. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Ordinances to the City Council at a public hearing held on September 2, 2021
- 3. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-396, amending Chapter 8.16 of the Calabasas Municipal Code regarding organic waste disposal reduction

- 4. Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-1756, reaffirming and extending the existence of a Local State of Emergency due to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic
- 5. Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-1760, authorizing continued remote teleconference meetings of the Calabasas City Council pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)
- 6. Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-1761, approving first Amendment to Employment Contract for City Manager
- 7. Consideration of Resolution No. 2021-1762, approving City Participation in National Opioid Settlement
- 8. Authorization to approve and add amendment No. 1, for additional funding in the amount of \$60,000 to the professional services agreement with the Illini Companies, Inc. DBA Commercial Aquatics, Inc.
- 9. Introduction of Ordinance No. 2021-397, amending Chapter 2.04 of the Calabasas Municipal Code relating to City Councilmember salaries
- 10. City Council consideration of a letter to the California Redistricting Commission voicing concerns of the current visualization maps

Zachary Rosoff spoke on Consent Item No. 3.

Councilmember Shapiro, Councilmember Weintraub, Mayor pro Tem Maurer and Mayor Bozajian requested Consent Item Nos. 7, 3, 9 and 10 respectively be pulled.

Councilmember Weintraub moved, seconded by Councilmember Kraut to approve Consent Item Nos. 1-6 and 8. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

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

AYES: Mayor Bozajian, Mayor pro Tem Maurer, Councilmembers Kraut, Shapiro and Weintraub After discussion, no action was taken on Consent Item No. 9.

After discussion, Councilmember Weintraub moved, seconded by Mayor pro Tem Maurer to approve Consent Item No. 10. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

# **PUBLIC HEARING**

11. Consideration of Resolution No. 2021-1752, request for a new Sign Program, Sign Permit and Minor Scenic Corridor Permit to establish a new sign program, and for the installation of 1 monument sign, 4 building-mounted signs, 3 vinyl window (informational) signs, and 1 vinyl address (informational) sign for the Audi Automobile Dealership located at 24650 Calabasas Rd (APN: 2069-009-027 within the Commercial Limited (CL) zoning district, and the Scenic Corridor (-SC) and Commercial Auto Retailer (CAR) overlay zones

Mayor Bozajian opened the public hearing.

Mr. Michitsch presented the report.

Mayor Bozajian closed the public hearing.

After discussion Councilmember Weintraub moved, seconded by Councilmember Kraut to approve Item No. 11. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

12. City Council consideration of an Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Program

Mr. Mericle presented the report.

Ed Albrecht spoke on Item No. 12.

After discussion Councilmember Weintraub moved, seconded by Councilmember Kraut to approve Item No. 12 and to evaluate additional recommendations. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

# **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

13. Check Register for the period of October 14-27, 2021

No action taken on this item.

#### TASK FORCE REPORTS

Councilmember Kraut reported that the Headwaters Corner Board has met several times with the Tree People, who took from MRT. The bridge has been replaced and the demolition of the burned structure has been completed. The Mason House is in a state of disrepair, as it needs historic preservation. The trailers that had been used for offices have been removed. A new site plan has been presented by the Tree People, which includes a multipurpose classroom building; restrooms that would be accessible for trail users; a building at the north end of the property; a barn behind the Mason House; and two parking spaces. The Tree People have indicated that they have no purpose or desire to use the Mason House. Additional information will be available after their November 15 meeting.

Councilmember Shapiro reported that Councilmember Weintraub and he met with Bay Laurel PFA. In addition, he attended a SCAG CHD and Regional Council meetings, where they discussed housing, mobility and transportation. SCAG will be hosting an in-person Economic Summit on December 2 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Further, he attended a Valley Economic Alliance Board meeting. They will be hosting an inperson housing event at Pierce College on December 3 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Lastly; Councilmember Weintraub and he met with staff regarding Emergency Preparedness.

Mayor Bozajian reported he will be attending a meeting of Mayors hosted by Mayor Garcetti. In addition, he reported that the Chamber of Commerce is currently recruiting for its next CEO. He will make an announcement once a candidate is selected.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Bozajian requested that an item be scheduled for a meeting in January regarding the Constitutional Amendment filed to overturn SB 9 and 10.

Councilmember Weintraub requested staff to keep track on the County's framework for when they decide to allow meetings, events and business operations without masks.

Mayor Bozajian reminded that there are no additional business meetings this year. The next meeting will be the City Council Reorganization.

# **ADJOURN**

The City Council adjourned at 10:30 p.m. to a regular meeting/City Council Reorganization on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

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Maricela Hernandez, City Clerk Master Municipal Clerk California Professional Municipal Clerk