

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA  
HELD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023**

Mayor Shapiro called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 100 Civic Center Way, Calabasas, CA.

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

Absent: None

Staff: Bezdecny, Hernandez, Klein, Meik, Mendoza, Russo, Summers and Yalda

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Ed Albrecht.

Mayor Shapiro expressed his pain for the recent mass shootings and asked for a moment of silence for the lives tragically lost.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Mayor Shapiro stated Item No. 5 would be removed from the agenda.**

**Mayor pro Tem Weintraub moved, seconded by Councilmember Kraut to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consideration and approval of appointments to the Arts Council, Art in Public Places, Communications & Technology, Environmental, Historic Preservation, Library, Parks, Recreation & Education, Traffic & Transportation Commissions, and the Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center

**For terms expiring November 2024**

- a. Arts Council Chair: Negin Ghaffari (Council);
- b. Art in Public Places: Laurel Ford (Council);
- c. Communications & Technology Commission: Carey Melcher (Weintraub)
- d. Environmental Commission: Whitney Schwartz (Shapiro);

- e. Historic Preservation Commission: Michael Heumann (Shapiro);
- f. Parks, Recreation and Education Commission: Julie Elginer (Bozajian); Negin Ghaffari (Weintraub); and Charlotte Meyer (Sr. Center Advisory Board);
- g. Traffic and Transportation Commission: Jason Sperling Reich (Shapiro); and Heath Patton (Weintraub);

**For term expiring November 2023**

- h. Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center: Marty Fadaei (alternate)

**Councilmember Kraut moved, seconded by Mayor pro Tem Weintraub to approve Item No. 1. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:**

Andrea Elliott spoke on Item No. 1.

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

**2. Oath of Office to appointed Commissioners**

Mayor Shapiro administered the Oath of Office to appointed Commissioners.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- By the Los Angeles County Fire Department

Chief Drew Smith presented an update.

Elizabeth Cortez spoke on this presentation.

- Proclamation recognizing January as Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Mayor Shapiro presented Proclamation in recognition of Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members of the Council made the following announcements:

Councilmember Albrecht:

- Extended an invitation to the Calabasas Chamber of Commerce Installation Gala & Casino Night on January 28 at the Country Club. Mayor Shapiro will be

- presiding and Kathleen Sterling would be awarded the Spirit of Calabasas award.
- Encouraged everyone to visit Regency Theatres at the Calabasas Commons.

Councilmember Bozajian:

- Extended an invitation to a virtual workshop regarding the AHCCC on January 30.

Councilmember Kraut:

- Reminded everyone that a drought is still being experienced and encouraged everyone to transition to drought tolerant landscaping.

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub:

- Reflected on the many tragic shootings that have occurred in the last 25 days and asked that everyone show support and take action.
- Expressed her disappointment with LAHSA's Homeless Count on January 24 as there were a lot of issues with the maps they provided and a complex mobile app that was not functioning.
- Extended an invitation to a public safety presentation hosted by the City and the Lost Hills Sheriff's representatives on February 2.

Mayor Shapiro:

- Shared that family friends have been affected by the recent shooting in Monterey Park.
- Congratulated CHS for being recognized by the College Board for female inclusion in AP STEM classes.
- Shared that LVUSD is participating in Kindness for Kate in honor of former School Board Member Katheryn Vahedra.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mark Levinson, Salvador Plasencia, Trang Pham, Marty Fadaei and Marisol Espinoza spoke during public comment.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

3. Approval of January 11, 2023 meeting minutes
4. Ratification of the following Commission/Board appointments:

**Terms expiring November 2024:**

**a. Communications & Technology Commission:** Michael Brockman (Albrecht); Candice Weber (Bozajian); David Goldwater (Kraut); and Richard Sherman (Shapiro);

**b. Environmental Commission:** Luresa Byrne (Albrecht); David Cohan

- (Bozajian); Jacy Shillan (Kraut); and Beth Jagtiani (Weintraub);
- c. **Historic Preservation Commission:** Justin Ford (Bozajian); and Mark Silverman (Kraut);
  - d. **Parks, Recreation and Education Commission:** Anita McQuillan (Albrecht); and Stephanie Williams (Shapiro);
  - e. **Planning Commission:** Greg Byrne (Albrecht); Michael Harrison (Bozajian); Robert Lia (Kraut); Wendy Fassberg (Shapiro); Dennis Washburn (Weintraub); and John Mueller, Alternate (Council);
  - f. **Public Safety Commission:** Sharon Boucher (Albrecht); Jeffrey Piraino (Bozajian); Joe Chilco (Kraut); Brian Cameron (Shapiro); Matt Slatoff (Weintraub) and Norma Citron (CERP);
  - g. **Traffic and Transportation Commission:** Mike Pashai (Albrecht); Richard Cassel (Bozajian); and Peter Valk (Kraut);

**Term expiring November 2023**

- h. **Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center:** Lucy Martin, Jerry Viner and John Suwara (alternate)
6. Recommendation to approve Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Azteca Landscape for landscape of the common areas outside individual homeowner associations and commercial properties within Landscape Maintenance Districts 24, 27 and 32, which will extend the contract duration until March 31, 2023 and increase the not to exceed amount to \$1,050,000
  7. Recommendation to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Yunex, LLC to provide citywide traffic signal maintenance services for a one-year term in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00)
  8. Recommendation to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Ideal General Services, Inc. 2021 Professional Services Agreement to create a Demand-Response Program

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub requested Item No. 8 be pulled from Consent.

Councilmember Kraut reiterated Item No. 5 was removed from the agenda.

Mr. Yalda and Ms. Bezdecny addressed the City Council regarding Consent Item No. 8.

Andrea Elliott spoke on Item. No. 8.

**After discussion, Councilmember Kraut moved, seconded by Councilmember**

**Albrecht to approve Consent Item Nos. 1-4 and 6-8. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS-CONTINUED**

9. Discussion of options available to the City to authorize commercial cannabis activities and land uses

Mr. Klein presented the report.

Timothy Dodd, Joe Chilco and Mark Citron spoke on this Item.

**After extensive discussion, direction was provided to staff.**

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

10. Check Register for the period of December 30, 2022-January 13, 2023

In regard to inquiry from Councilmember Bozajian about late reporting of landscape maintenance districts accounts, Mr. Meik confirmed that such matter is not related to the check register.

**No action taken on this Item.**

**TASK FORCE REPORTS**

Councilmember Kraut reported his attendance to a League of California Cities TCPW Policy Committee meeting on January 12 and attendance to a follow up meeting on January 27.

Councilmember Albrecht expressed he is looking forward to participating on several upcoming events as well as the Headwaters Corner Board of Directors meeting.

Councilmember Bozajian reiterated that the Calabasas Chamber of Commerce is hosting an Installation Gala & Casino Night on January 28 at the Country Club. Additionally, he announced a virtual workshop to discuss the future of the AHCCC and roof repairs on January 30.

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub reported she participated in a COG meeting to discuss priorities for 2023.

Mayor Shapiro reported he attended the Valley Economic Alliance Board meeting and various SCAG meetings. He also reported his upcoming attendance to public safety presentation hosted by the City and the Lost Hills Sheriff's representatives on February 2.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Meik reported that an SCE representative will be scheduled for an upcoming Council meeting. He also reminded everyone about the Calabasas Neighbors in Need program through the Rotary Club. Lastly, he reported his participation in a tabletop discussion with Assistant Fire Chief Drew Smith, Bennett Cummings and others regarding Zonehaven.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub requested a discussion regarding inconsistencies on the COG and what representatives are authorized to vote on. Mayor Shapiro seconded the request. Councilmember Kraut also concurred with the request and requested that the discussion include the League of CA Cities Committees. Lastly, Mayor pro Tem Weintraub requested that SCE and AT&T provide updates regarding recent outages. Councilmember Kraut seconded the request.

Councilmember Bozajian requested that the Public Safety Commission expedite the review of the Sheriff's existing contract and make recommendations for to request additional services. Additionally, he requested that a Sheriff Deputy be present at all City Council meetings for the entire duration. Lastly, he would like for the Budget Taskforce to provide a cost breakdown to contract a lobbyist.

### **ADJOURN**

The City Council adjourned at 9:39 p.m. to a regular meeting scheduled on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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