

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA  
HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023**

Mayor Shapiro called the Closed Session to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room, 100 Civic Center Way, Calabasas, CA.

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

Absent: None

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code, §54956.9(d)(2) and Gov. Code, §54956.9(e)(3):  
One Potential Case.  
Receipt of Claim pursuant to Tort Claims Act or other written communication threatening litigation from Las Virgenes Unified School District. (Copy available in City Clerk's office.)
  
2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) & (e)(1)  
A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the City Council, 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. 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: [1]
  
3. Conference with Real Property Negotiator  
(Gov't Code §54956.8)  
Property Address: 23075 Mulholland Highway, Calabasas, CA 91302  
Agency Negotiator: Kindon Meik, City Manager  
Negotiating Party: TreePeople Land Trust  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment  
Conference with Labor Negotiator (Gov. Code § 54957.6)  
City Negotiator: Kindon Meik, City Manager  
Employees: All Unrepresented Employees

Mayor Shapiro called the Open Session to order at 7:08 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: Ahlers, Hernandez, Meik, Mendoza, Russo, Summers and Yalda

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Girl Scout Troop 70186

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Shapiro stated that the presentation from the Fire Department and Consent Item Nos. 3 and 7 would be postponed.

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

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

### **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**

- To Zachary Davis for his work on the Tech Help Program at the Senior Center

Councilmembers expressed gratitude and congratulated Mr. Davis for his accomplishments.

- To Calabasas High School Girls' Water Polo Team for their recent achievements.

Council recognized the CHS Girls' Water Polo Team and their coach for their achievements.

- Sheriff's Crime Report - January and February 2023

Deputy Mason De Matteo presented the report.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members of the Council made the following announcements:

Councilmember Albrecht:

- Thanked staff for replacing the lights in the Chambers.
- Reported that the Mulholland Highway widening project is moving along despite recent weather constraints.
- Reported that he attended Diversity and Inclusion Day at Viewpoint Middle School.

Councilmember Kraut:

- Reminded everyone that the Cal Cup Bowling Tournament hosted by the Calabasas Chamber of Commerce will be on March 24.
- Extended an invitation to Gates Canyon Park to celebrate with Brandon's Buddies on March 25 and to the Bunny Trail Junior Egg Hunt at De Anza Park on April 1.

Mayor Shapiro:

- Extended an invitation to the grand opening of La La Land Kind Café at the Commons on April 1; to the Calabasas High School Theater Program "Singin' in the Rain" March 21-25; and to the USTA Kids' Day at Tennis and Swim Center March 25.
- Congratulated staff for organizing a great St. Patrick's Day and Arbor Day celebrations.

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mark Levinson spoke during public comment.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Approval of March 8, 2023 meeting minutes
2. Introduction of Ordinance 2023-401, adding Chapter 2.06 to the Calabasas Municipal Code regarding Campaign Disclosure documents and statements Economic Interests
4. Recommendation to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Burns Pacific Construction, Inc. to extend the contract term through February 2025 and to provide emergency cleaning services, debris/dirt removal, reduction, disposal and other clean-up activities associated with hillside erosion, excessive rain or other natural or manmade disasters on as-needed or emergency call-out basis/response in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Dollars (\$261,000)

5. Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-1841, condemning hate crimes and any other form of racism, religious or ethnic bias, discrimination, incitement of violence or targeting a minority
6. Recommendation to award a five-year Professional Services Agreement to Azteca Landscape for landscape maintenance of the common areas outside individual homeowner associations within Landscape Lighting Act Districts 24 and 27 in the City of Calabasas in an amount not to exceed \$1,176,911.90

Mayor Shapiro requested Item No. 5 be pulled from Consent.

Councilmember Kraut requested Item No. 4 be pulled from Consent.

Mr. Yalda addressed the City Council regarding Consent Item. No. 4.

**Councilmember Kraut moved, seconded by Mayor Shapiro to approve Consent Item No. 4 with a modification as follows: \$36,000 for over expenditures currently due, \$36,000 for future emergency expenditures, the annual contract to be from September to September and for staff to issue a new RFP upon completion of existing contract. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:**

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

Mayor Shapiro and Councilmember Bozajian made some remarks regarding Consent Item No. 5.

Daniel Perlmutter and Anthony Sherman spoke on Consent Item No. 5.

**Mayor pro Tem Weintraub moved, seconded by Councilmember Kraut to approve Consent Item Nos. 1-2 and 5-6. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

8. Mid-year budget update for FY 2022-2023; and adoption of Resolution of Appropriations No. 2023-1842

Mr. Ahlers presented the report.

Mayor Shapiro left the meeting during the mid-year budget update.

**After discussion, Councilmember Kraut moved, seconded by Councilmember Bozajian to approve Resolution of Appropriations No. 2023-1842. MOTION CARRIED 4/0 as follows:**

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

### **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

9. Check Register for the period of February 25-March 10, 2023

**No action taken on this item.**

### **TASK FORCE REPORTS**

Councilmember Albrecht reported he attended a CPA meeting. He also reported that Mayor pro Tem Weintraub and he met as the Economic Development Taskforce. Additionally, he reported that Mayor Shapiro and he met as the Sustainability Taskforce to discuss a climate action plan. Lastly, he reported attendance to a Headwaters Corner meeting.

Councilmember Kraut reported he toured the 818 Hotel which will be used as temporary housing through Hope of the Valley. He also reported he attended a LVWMD meeting regarding legislation. Additionally, he reported he attended the League of California Cities Transportation, Communications and Public Works Policy Committee meeting. Lastly, he reported his attendance to the Arbor Day celebration and the Clergy Interfaith Collaborative meeting.

Councilmember Bozajian reported that he attended various events for the League of California Cities and California Contract Cities Association. Additionally, Councilmember Bozajian stated that rates for contractual services with the Sheriff's Department will increase next fiscal year as well as the Liability Trust Fund.

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub reported she participated in a COG meeting. Additionally, she reiterated that Councilmember Albrecht and she met as the Economic Development Taskforce. Lastly, she reported her attendance to the Clergy Interfaith Collaborative meeting.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Bozajian requested a status update regarding the airport noise issues. Additionally, he would like to begin promoting the AHCCC once the roof repairs have been completed and to resume the Las Virgenes Creek Cleanup. He also requested a citywide assessment of all the damages that occurred during the heavy

rains. Councilmember Kraut seconded the requests.

Councilmember Kraut requested the introduction of a legislative policy that would enable a Councilmember to vote on behalf of the City Council. Mayor pro Tem Weintraub seconded the request and stated she had previously made a request for this item.

## **ADJOURN**

The City Council adjourned at 8:23 p.m. to a special meeting scheduled on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA  
HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023**

Mayor Shapiro called the meeting to order at 7:08 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: Ahlers, Campbell, Green, Haber, Hernandez, Klein, Meik, Mendoza, Rackerby and Summers

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Forestry Chief William Romo.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Fire Department update/brush clearing discussion

Assistant Chief Drew Smith and Forestry Chief William Romo presented an update.

Brian Cameron spoke during public comment.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members of the Council made the following announcements:

Mayor Shapiro:

- Expressed his disappointment and hurt surrounding the recent mass shooting in Nashville, Tennessee.
- Extended an invitation to the grand opening of La La Land Kind Café at the Commons on April 1.
- Wished everyone a happy Passover and a happy Easter.

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub:

- Condemned the recent shooting in Nashville and read California's Gun Violence Restraining Order.
- Thanked the City Clerk Mari Hernandez and her Assistant Analuz Mendoza for doing a great job managing the Passport Acceptance Facility, which provides a great service to the community.

Councilmember Albrecht:

- Expressed how overwhelming it is to think of the mass shooting in Nashville.
- Wished everyone a happy and safe Passover, Easter and Spring Break.

Councilmember Bozajian:

- Stated he concurs with his colleague's comments regarding the Nashville mass shooting. He expressed his dissatisfaction with the state legislature for rescinding many gun laws and mandatory prison sentences.

Councilmember Kraut:

- Expressed appreciation to Mayor Shapiro and Mayor pro Tem Weintraub for their comments regarding the recent mass shooting and echoed their sentiments.
- Extended an invitation to the Bunny Trail Junior Egg Hunt at De Anza Park on April 1.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mark Levinson spoke during public comment.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Recommendation to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Pros Consulting, Inc. in an amount of \$76,690 plus 15% contingency for a Program Needs Assessment for the Community Services Department

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

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

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

2. Recommendation to approve equipment enhancements to Brandon's Villages/Gates Canyon Park Playground Project in an amount not to exceed \$160,000



Ms. Green, Mr. Sippel, Mr. Donahue, Ms. Mackay, Mr. Vollmer and Mr. and Mrs. Kaplan presented the report.

John Suwara spoke during public comment.

The meeting recessed at 9:18 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:24 p.m.

Salisa Brothers spoke during public comment.

**Mayor pro Tem Weintraub moved, seconded by Councilmember Bozajian to approve recommended enhancements with amendment to remove the hawk at \$100,000. MOTION CARRIED 4/1 as follows:**

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

NOES: Councilmember Kraut

### **NEW BUSINESS**

3. Annual progress report for 2022 regarding the City of Calabasas General Plan 2021-2029 Housing Element

Ms. Rackerby and Mr. Klein presented the report.

Jamie Francis Wendell spoke during public comment.

**The City Council received and filed the report.**

4. General Fund Budget discussion for FY 2023-2024

Mr. Ahlers presented the report.

**After discussion, the City Council provided direction to staff.**

### **TASK FORCE REPORTS**

Councilmember Bozajian reported that Councilmember Albrecht and he would be attending the LA County Local Advocacy Day on April 6.

Councilmember Albrecht reported that the Headwaters Corner Board of Directors meeting was postponed to a future date in April.

Councilmember Kraut reported Mayor Shapiro and he met as the Budget Taskforce.

Mayor Shapiro reported that he and Councilmember Albrecht met as the Sustainability Taskforce. He also reported his attendance to a CPA meeting and stated rates will be increasing. Additionally, he reported his attendance to a Valley Economic Alliance Board meeting and will be attending the Valley of the Stars Awards Gala on April 13. Lastly, he reported his attendance to various SCAG meetings and will be attending the Regional Conference and General Assembly in May.

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

Mr. Meik congratulated Public Works staff for securing a grant through the Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) for \$152,000. Additionally, he reported that a future agenda item regarding solar panels and backup batteries is moving along as staff met with a vendor that provided a comprehensive proposal not only for solar, but also for energy retrofit upgrades. In addition, staff has brought in an independent financial analyst to review the costs before presenting them to the City Council. Lastly, Southern California Gas confirmed their attendance to the City Council meeting on April 12.

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub reported that Mayor Shapiro and she met with the LVUSD Board to discuss district partnerships.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub requested a status update on the City's 24/7 after hour line.

Councilmember Bozajian requested that adequate publicity be conducted for the April 12 City Council meeting.

Mr. Meik reported that Community Services and Public Works staff meet with the Project Manager overseeing the roofing repairs project at AHCCC who confirmed materials have been shipped and should arrive soon.

### **ADJOURN**

The City Council adjourned at 10:37 p.m. to a special meeting scheduled on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA  
HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023**

Mayor Shapiro called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Shapiro, Councilmembers Albrecht, Bozajian and Kraut

Absent: Mayor pro Tem Weintraub

Councilmember Kraut joined the meeting via Zoom teleconference and Mayor Shapiro read a statement regarding AB 2449.

There were no public comments.

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. 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
  
2. Conference with Legal Counsel; Existing Litigation  
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Number of Potential Cases: [1]

The City Council considered the matters and took no reportable action.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. to their next regular meeting scheduled on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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