

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA  
HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023**

Mayor Shapiro called the Closed Session to order at 5:00 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. Threat to Public Services or Facilities  
(Gov. Code § 54957, subd. (a).)  
Consultation with: Agency Counsel
2. Conference with Legal Counsel; Initiation of Litigation  
(Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(4))  
Number of Potential Cases: 1
3. 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]
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

Councilmember Kraut recused himself from participating on Closed Session Item No. 3 and left the meeting.

Mayor Shapiro called the Open Session to order at 7:00 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, Bezdecny, Dyer, Green, Hernandez, Lanzafame, Lockwood, McConville, Meik, Melton, Mendoza, Russo and Summers

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Davis, Sr.

### **APPROVAL OF 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

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- Fire Department update

Battalion Chief Josh Binder presented an update.

- Sheriff's Crime Report – April 2023

Deputy Mason De Matteo presented the report.

### **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Summers reported that the City Council met in Closed Session to address Item Nos. 1-4. The City Council provided direction to staff and there were no reportable actions.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members of the Council made the following announcements:

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub:

- Extended an invitation to the Community Services Programming Needs Assessment virtual meeting on June 26.

Councilmember Albrecht:

- Shared that tickets are now on sale for The Beach Bus. More information available on the City's website.
- Reported that Mayor Shapiro and he attended an appreciation luncheon for

- crossing guards and shuttle bus drivers on June 14.
- Extended an invitation to the Calabasas Senior Center's 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on June 22.

Councilmember Bozajian:

- Extended an invitation to the Lakeside Fun Run, Splash Party and Fireworks Spectacular. More information available on the City's website.

Councilmember Kraut:

- Reiterated Mayor pro Tem Weintraub's invitation to the Community Services Programming Needs Assessment virtual meeting on June 26. Additionally, he extended an invitation the Summer Dive-In Movies at the Tennis and Swim Center on June 23.

Mayor Shapiro:

- Extended an invitation to The Commons 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams on June 25.

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

Gordon Osborne, Laura Weissnar, Marilyn Stolzman, Vanessa Osborne, Julie Wan, Leah Osborne, Cathie Mattson, Jerry Kramer, John Suwara, Ronette Kaplan, Lily Werve, Susan Wee, Betsey Zentner, Carol Davis and Mark Citron spoke during public comment.

The meeting recessed at 8:05 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:16 p.m.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Approval of May 24, 26, and 31, 2023, meeting minutes
2. Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-1856, levying special taxes within the City of Calabasas Community Facilities District No. 98-1, Special Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2018; and Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-1857, levying special taxes within the City of Calabasas Community Facilities District No. 2001-1, Special Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2017
3. Consider Engagement Letter with Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott LLP (RAMS) for the annual audit to the Financial Statements for June 30, 2023

**Councilmember Kraut moved, seconded by Mayor pro Tem Weintraub to approve Consent Item Nos. 1-3. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

4. Regarding Landscape Lighting Act District Nos. 22, 24, 27 and 32 Levy of Assessments, adoption of Resolution 2023-1861, approving a Final Engineer’s Report in Connection with Landscape Lighting Act District Nos. 22, 24, 27 and 32, and Confirming Diagrams and Assessments for such Districts for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Mayor Shapiro opened the public hearing.

Mr. Lanzafame requested that the public hearing be continued to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on June 28, 2023.

**Councilmember Albrecht moved, seconded by Mayor pro Tem Weintraub to approve the continuation of the public hearing to the June 28, 2023 Council meeting. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:**

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

5. Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-1858, approving the operating and capital improvement budgets for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, providing for the appropriations and expenditures for all sums set forth in said budget; adoption of Resolution No. 2023-1859, establishing the appropriations limit for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; adoption of Resolution No. 2023-1860, approving a Salary Schedule for permanent employees and rescinding Resolution No. 2023-1839

Mayor Shapiro opened the public hearing.

Mr. Ahlers presented the report.

David Litt spoke during public comment.

Mayor Shapiro closed the public hearing.

**Councilmember Kraut moved, seconded by Councilmember Albrecht to approve the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2023-1858, 2023-1859 and 2023-1860. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

6. Approve the purchase and placement of additional Safety Speed Message Signs in the City of Calabasas

Mr. Dyer presented the report.

**Mayor pro Tem Weintraub moved, seconded by Councilmember Albrecht to approve the purchase and placement of additional safety speed message signs. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:**

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

7. Recommendation to adopt Resolution No. 2023-1849, approving Calabasas Zero-Emission Bus Rollout Plan

Ms. Bezdecny and Mr. Lanzafame presented the report.

**Councilmember Kraut moved, seconded by Mayor pro Tem Weintraub to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 2023-1849, approving Calabasas Zero-Emission Bus Rollout Plan. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:**

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

8. Introduction of Ordinance No. 2023-402, amending Chapter 2.04 of the Calabasas Municipal Code relating to City Councilmember salaries

Mr. McConville presented the report.

**Councilmember Albrecht moved, seconded by Councilmember Kraut to approve the introduction of Ordinance No. 2023-402. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:**

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

## **TASK FORCE REPORTS**

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub reported that she will be attending several Public Safety Committee meetings and will provide progress updates. She also thanked those who provided public comments.

Councilmember Bozajian reported there will be a Joint Powers Authority meeting regarding the AHCCC at Council Chambers on June 29.

Councilmember Kraut reported that the roof repairs at the AHCCC are moving along. However, the interior repairs will be delayed as the grant funding these projects is subject to the verification of prevailing wages.

Mayor Shapiro reported he visited several schools to award students with recognition certificates on behalf of the City. He also reported he attended various HOA meetings with Deputy De Matteo. Additionally, he reported that Councilmember Albrecht and he attended a Calabasas Rotary Club meeting where he was a guest speaker. Lastly, he reported he attended several SCAG meetings and will be attending a Valley Economic Alliance Board meeting on June 22.

## **CITY MANGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Meik reported that Public Works Deputy Director, Tatiana Holden was appointed by the COG to represent COG cities at the Metro Technical Advisory Committee meetings. He also reported he has been working with Senator Ben Allen on a State budget request to acquire open space. Additionally, he reported that as a follow up to a previous discussion regarding cannabis dispensaries in the City, the Community Development Department was awarded a \$125,000 grant which will fund community outreach and staff time. Moreover, he congratulated the Senior Center's Tech Help Program for their national recognition for the third year. Lastly, he introduced Interim Public Works Director, Philip Lanzafame and stated he would like to schedule meetings for Councilmembers to meet with him.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Kraut requested a goal setting workshop. Mr. Meik confirmed a discussion is scheduled on the June 28 agenda.

Councilmember Albrecht reiterated his request to consider Sideshow laws.

Councilmember Bozajian requested a discussion regarding tax and/or revenue measures to be placed on the ballot at a future election. Mayor pro Tem Weintraub seconded the request and stated that the Economic Development Committee has begun to discuss such measures. Additionally, Councilmember Bozajian reiterated his

request for an update regarding the airport noise issues.

**ADJOURN**

The City Council adjourned at 10:26 p.m. to a regular meeting scheduled on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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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, JUNE 28, 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  
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]
2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code § 54957)  
Position Title: City Manager

Councilmember Kraut recused himself from participating on Closed Session Item No. 1 and left the meeting.

Mayor Shapiro called the Open Session to order at 7:02 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, Dyer, Green, Hernandez, Holden, Lanzafame, McConville, Meik, Melton, Mendoza, Russo and Summers

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Girl Scout Troop 3256.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Shapiro stated that Item No. 8 would be postponed to a future meeting.



**Mayor pro Tem Weintraub moved, seconded by Councilmember Albrecht 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 to address Item Nos. 1-2. The City Council provided direction to staff and there were no reportable actions.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members of the Council made the following announcements:

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub:

- Extended an invitation to the Lakeside Fun Run and Splash Party on July 4. More information available on the City's website.
- Reminded everyone that they can now call City Hall at 818-224-1600 after hours to report non-emergency issues.

Councilmember Albrecht:

- Reported he will be attending the Little Learners Calabasas Klubhouse Preschool graduation on June 30.

Councilmember Bozajian:

- Wished everyone a wonderful summer.

Councilmember Kraut:

- Reminded everyone they can also download the Connect with Calabasas mobile application to report non-emergency issues.

Mayor Shapiro:

- Wished everyone a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mark Levinson, Amalika Ranasinghe, Taba Tabai and Priscilla Lee spoke during public comment.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Approval of second amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding for a Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program and Nutrients Special Study in the Malibu Creek Watershed Management Area
2. Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Calabasas and San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and 19 agencies regarding the administration and cost sharing for implementing the Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program and Watershed Management Plan for the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Management Area in the amount of \$64,755
3. End-of-year budget adjustment FY 2022-2023 and adoption of Appropriation Resolution No. 2023-1862
4. Authorization to approve and add Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Cooksey's Lifeguard and Swim Academy, LLC, which will extend the duration of the contract until November 15, 2023, and increase the not to exceed amount to \$280,000

**Councilmember Kraut moved, seconded by Mayor pro Tem Weintraub to approve Consent Item Nos. 1-4. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:**

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

## **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING**

5. Regarding Landscape Lighting Act District Nos. 22, 24, 27 and 32 Levy of Assessments, adoption of Resolution 2023-1861, approving a Final Engineer's Report in Connection with Landscape Lighting Act District Nos. 22, 24, 27 and 32, and Confirming Diagrams and Assessments for such Districts for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Mayor Shapiro continued the public hearing.

Mr. Lanzafame presented the report.

Mayor Shapiro closed the public hearing.

**Mayor pro Tem Weintraub moved, seconded by Councilmember Kraut to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 2023-1861, approving a Final Engineer's Report in Connection with Landscape Lighting Act District Nos. 22, 24, 27 and 32,**

**and Confirming Diagrams and Assessments for such Districts for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

6. Recommendation to award construction contract for the Citywide Green Street Project Phase I, Specification No. 22-23-04, to GMZ Engineering, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$4,627,435 and to adopt Resolution No. 2023-1854, directing the transfer of \$473,970 from the AB 939 fund to the project account

Ms. Holden and Mr. Lanzafame presented the report.

**After discussion Mayor pro Tem Weintraub moved, seconded by Mayor Shapiro to award construction contract to GMZ Engineering, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$4,627,435 and to adopt Resolution No. 2023-1854, directing the transfer of \$473,970 from the AB 939 fund to the project account. MOTION CARRIED 3/2 as follows:**

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

7. Review and direction from Council on Law Enforcement Services levels provided by the LA County Sheriff's Department

Mr. Meik presented the report.

**The City Council provided direction to staff.**

8. Introduction of Ordinance No. 2023-403, adding Chapter 5.22 – Provision of Security by Commercial Retailers to the Calabasas Municipal Code

**The City Council postponed this item to a future meeting.**

**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

9. Strategic Priorities - 2022-23 Workplan update

Mr. McConville presented an update.

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

## **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

10. Check Register for the period of May 13-June 16, 2023

**No action taken on this item.**

## **TASK FORCE REPORTS**

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub reported that Mayor Shapiro and she met as the Wireless Committee to review the RFP for cell towers to expand coverage areas. Additionally, she reported that Councilmember Albrecht and she met as the Economic Development Taskforce with the Calabasas Chamber of Commerce to discuss ways to support local businesses. Lastly, she reported she attended a COG meeting.

Councilmember Bozajian reported there will be a Joint Powers Authority meeting regarding the AHCCC at Council Chambers on June 29. Additionally, he reported he will be attending the annual Installation Ceremony hosted by the League of California Cities on August 3 and the CAJPIA annual meeting on September 19. Lastly, he reported that the Council Protocols Committee has met several times and the draft is ready for review.

Councilmember Kraut reported he attended the League of California Cities Transportation, Communications and Public Works Policy Committee meeting on June 23 and a Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee meeting on June 26.

Councilmember Albrecht also reported Mayor pro Tem Weintraub and he met as the Economic Development Taskforce with the Calabasas Chamber of Commerce to discuss the possibility of hosting a CicLAvia. He also reported he will be participating in a CPA meeting on July 5.

Mayor Shapiro reported he attended the Attorneys Forum hosted by the Calabasas Chamber of Commerce on June 28 and extended an invitation to the Mayoral Luncheon on August 17. Additionally, he reported he attended a League of California Cities Policy Committee meeting and a Valley Economic Alliance Board meeting. Moreover, he reported his upcoming participation in a two-day Executive/Administration Committee Retreat hosted by SCAG. Lastly, he reported that Councilmember Albrecht and he attended a luncheon hosted by the Calabasas Rotary Club.

## **CITY MANGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Meik shared that the State budget request to acquire open space has been approved by the Assembly and Budget Committee for the Governor's final approval.

Additionally, he reported that Mr. Lanzafame will be researching an Open Streets grant and how it could benefit the City's participation in CicLAvia. Lastly, he expressed appreciation to Mr. Dyer and Ms. Larson for organizing an EOC training and fire simulation.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub requested an update regarding the number of film permits issued, the application process and cost. Councilmember Bozajian seconded the request.

Councilmember Bozajian requested that the Public Safety Commission review proposed Ordinance No. 2023-403 before it returns to Council.

Mayor Shapiro wished everyone a happy and healthy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

### **ADJOURN**

The City Council adjourned at 9:51 p.m. to a regular meeting scheduled on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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