

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA
HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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

2. Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel; Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2))

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. Receipt of Claim pursuant to Tort Claims Act or other written communication threatening litigation (copy available for public inspection in Clerk's office). Claimant: Mary Sue Maurer. (Gov. Code § 54956.9(e)(3).)

Councilmember Albrecht left the Closed Session meeting during Item No. 2.

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

Case Names: TNHC 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

Mayor Shapiro called the Open Session to order at 7:06 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 100 Civic Center Way, Calabasas, CA.

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

Absent: Councilmember Albrecht

Staff: Green, Haber, Hernandez, McConville, Meik, Mendoza, Russo, Summers and Tijerino

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop 127.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub moved, seconded by Councilmember Kraut to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED 4/0 as follows:

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Albrecht

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.

PRESENTATIONS

- Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Shapiro read Proclamation in recognition of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and presented it to Kevin Cordasco of The Kevin Cordasco Foundation: Something Yellow. Additionally, Mayor Shapiro noted that the City lit up the Civic Center in yellow in honor of the foundation.

The City Council expressed appreciation to The Kevin Cordasco Foundation: Something Yellow for their dedication and hard work.

Roza Besser spoke on this presentation.

Kevin and Melody Cordasco thanked the City Council and extended an invitation to The Kevin Cordasco Foundation: Something Yellow 10th Anniversary Gala at the Hilton Hotel (Warner Center) on September 14, 2023.

- Sheriff's Crime Report – July 2023

Deputy Mason De Matteo presented the report.

The City Council expressed their gratitude to Deputy De Matteo and everyone at that Lost Hills Sheriff's Station for everything that they do to keep residents safe.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS

Members of the Council made the following announcements:

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub:

- Extended an invitation to the Annual Community Fire Season Briefing via Zoom Teleconferencing on September 14, 2023.

Councilmember Kraut:

- Shared that the Santa Monica Conservancy is offering tours of the Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing. For more information visit santamonicaconservancy.org.

Mayor Shapiro acknowledged several students in the audience from CSUN's journalism program.

Mayor Shapiro:

- Shared that the City lowered flags to half-staff in recognition of the 22nd anniversary of the 9/11 attack and expressed his thoughts and prayers to all of those affected.
- Reported that the City Council and City Manager attended the Malibu/Lost Hills Interfaith Prayer and Pastry at the Agoura Hills Recreation and Event Center on September 12.
- Congratulated Madeline Strauss, Noah Weintraub, Noah Shapiro and Navin Parmar for their recent appointments.
- Extended an invitation to a Mayor's Youth Council meet and greet with Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin followed by a voter registration drive at La La Land Café on September 24.
- Wished everyone a wonderful Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Fries, Mark Levinson, Roza Besser and Frances Alet spoke during public comment.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approval of August 23, 2023, meeting minutes
2. Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-1866, rescinding Resolution No. 2023-1832, and approving position titles and hourly wage range schedule for hourly employees
3. Authorization to award a two-year Professional Services Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to American Global Security for citywide security, emergency response and homeless outreach and engagement services

Councilmember Bozajian moved, seconded by Mayor pro Tem Weintraub to approve Consent Items 1-3. MOTION CARRIED 4/0 as follows:

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Albrecht

NEW BUSINESS

- 4. Programming Needs Assessment outreach results

Ms. Green and Mr. Svetz of Pros Consulting presented the report.

Roza Besser spoke during public comment.

After discussion, the City Council received and filed the report.

The meeting recessed at 8:44 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

- 5. Review, discuss and adopt recommended amendments to the City Council Protocols. Review and discuss other recommendations by the Council's Procedures and Protocols Taskforce

Mr. Meik presented the report and recommended that Council Protocols come back to the October 11 meeting after staff has had a chance to meet with individual Councilmembers. The City Council concurred with the recommendation.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- 6. Check Register for the period of August 12-September 1, 2023

No action taken on this Item.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub reported that Mayor Shapiro and she attended a CERP Brunch hosted by Public Safety, an Economic Development meeting and a MYC meeting. Additionally, she thanked City Clerk Mari Hernandez for doing a tremendous job organizing MYC meetings and events.

Councilmember Bozajian reported that he attended and presented at the California Contract Cities Association Fall Education Seminar in San Diego. Additionally, he reported his upcoming attendance to the League of California Cities

Annual Conference and Expo September 20-22 in Sacramento.

Councilmember Kraut reported he attended a Headwaters Corner Committee meeting and a Santa Monica Conservancy meeting.

Mayor Shapiro stated that in addition to the meetings reported by Mayor pro Tem Weintraub, he also attended various SCAG meetings. Additionally, he reported he will be presenting at an upcoming COG meeting. Lastly, he reported that CERP members will be attending the City Council meeting on September 27.

CITY MANGER'S REPORT

Mr. Meik reported that City and Agoura Hills staffs met with the contractor to discuss the progress of the AHCCC. Additionally, he reported that Bids for the Wild Walnut Park improvements have been received and will be brought to Council on September 27. Moreover, he reported that the initial Public Works Director interviews have begun and will continue through next week. Lastly, he expressed gratitude to Interim Public Works Director, Phil Lanzafame for his time and expertise.

FUTURE INFORMATION/AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub requested a report regarding options for the City to asses increasing enforcement of the Calabasas Municipal Code including options for the City to level prosecution of violations of the law. Mayor Shapiro seconded request.

ADJOURN

The City Council adjourned at 9:18 p.m. to a special meeting scheduled on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

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