

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA  
HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023**

Mayor Shapiro called the Closed Session to order at 5:30 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; Existing Litigation  
Government 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
  
2. Conference with Legal Counsel; Anticipated Litigation  
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. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code § 54957)  
Position Title: City Manager
  
4. Conference with Real Property Negotiator  
Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property Address: 27040 Malibu Hills Rd., Calabasas, CA 91301  
Agency Negotiator: Kindon Meik, City Manager  
Negotiating Party: City of Agoura Hills  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
  
5. 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 7:05 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, Campbell, Green, Hernandez, Lanzafame, McConville, Meik, Melton, Mendoza, Russo and Summers

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

Mayor Shapiro expressed great dismay regarding the atrocious events surrounding the Hamas attack on Israel. Additionally, he stated that Item No. 8 would be postponed to the October 25 City Council meeting. Moreover, Mayor Shapiro requested an item be added to the agenda after the last presentation: Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-1874, approving An Open Letter Condemning the Terrorist Attacks on Israel by Hamas.

**Mayor pro Tem Weintraub moved, seconded by Councilmember Kraut to approve the addition to the agenda of Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-1874, approving An Open Letter Condemning the Terrorist Attacks on Israel by Hamas to the agenda. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:**

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

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub requested that Item No. 9 be moved to a workshop. Mr. Summers suggested that a motion to postpone the item be done at the time such item is called for discussion.

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

Mr. Summers reported that the City Council met in Closed Session to address Item Nos. 1-3 and 5. The City Council provided direction to staff and there were no reportable actions. He stated that Item No. 4 would resume after tonight's meeting.

## ADJOURN IN MEMORY

- Henry Cespedes

Mayor Shapiro expressed condolences to the Cespedes family and presented a certificate of adjournment.

Members of the Council expressed condolences to the Cespedes family.

Richard Sherman and Heather Melton spoke on this item.

Brianna Cespedes expressed gratitude to the City Council for the tribute to her grandfather.

## PRESENTATIONS

- Sheriff's Crime Report – August 2023

Deputy Mason De Matteo presented the report.

Councilmember Bozajian requested detailed information regarding retail theft.

- Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-1871, recognizing October as Bullying Prevention Month in the City of Calabasas

Mayor Shapiro introduced a video from the Mayor's Youth Council regarding Bullying Prevention.

Mayor Shapiro read Resolution No. 2023-1871, recognizing October as Bullying Prevention Month in the City of Calabasas.

Members of the Council expressed gratitude to the Mayor's Youth Council for doing a wonderful job spreading awareness.

**Mayor pro Tem Weintraub moved, seconded by Councilmember Kraut to approve Resolution No. 2023-1871, recognizing October as Bullying Prevention Month in the City of Calabasas. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:**

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

- Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-1874, approving An Open Letter Condemning the Terrorist Attacks on Israel by Hamas

Negin Ghaffari spoke on this item.

**Councilmember Albrecht moved, seconded by Mayor pro Tem Weintraub to approve the Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-1874, approving An Open Letter Condemning the Terrorist Attacks on Israel by Hamas. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:**

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members of the Council made the following announcements:

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub:

- Expressed appreciation to City Clerk Mari Hernandez for organizing a successful Real ID pop up event.
- Expressed her sadness over the Hamas attacks on Israel. Additionally, she extended an invitation to a Community Solidarity Night for Israel on October 12 from 6-7 p.m. at the Civic Center plaza.

Councilmember Albrecht:

- Echoed Mayor pro Tem Weintraub's sentiments.

Councilmember Bozajian:

- Joined Mayor pro Tem Weintraub's sentiments and expressed his disappointment with such barbaric and inhumane violence. Additionally, he reported his upcoming attendance to the Community Solidarity Night for Israel and encouraged others to attend.
- Thanked the City of Hidden Hills for allowing the City to participate in their annual Fiesta celebration.
- Extended an invitation the Pumpkin Festival on October 22 at De Anza park. Additional information available on the City's website.

Councilmember Kraut:

- Also joined all members of the City Council in their sentiments regarding the atrocities happening in Israel, and stated he is proud of his colleagues for speaking up against hate.
- Extended an invitation to the Santa Monica Conservancy regularly scheduled meeting on October 17 via Zoom Teleconferencing and to The Agency's ribbon cutting celebration on October 18.

Mayor Shapiro:

- Thanked his colleagues for their powerful words and for continuing to speak up

against hate.

- Thanked staff for organizing a great Walk to School day. Additionally, he thanked LVUSD and Councilmembers for their participation.
- Recognized Indigenous People's Day on behalf of the Mayor's Youth Council.

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

Cristina Shallenberger and Ryan spoke during public comment.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Approval of September 27, 2023, meeting minutes
2. Recommendation to approve a three-year Professional Services Agreement with Parkwood Landscape Maintenance for landscape maintenance of the common areas of Calabasas Hills and Estates Community Association within Landscape Lighting Act District 22 within the City of Calabasas in an amount not to exceed \$1,513,501
3. Adoption of Resolution 2023-1870, approving the Master Cooperative Agreement and Supplemental Agreement with the California Department of Transportation to fund the Citywide Traffic Signal Safety Improvements Project and adoption of Resolution No. 2023-1873 to appropriate funds for the Project
4. Approval of a five-year Professional Services Agreement with Flock safety to install and maintain additional automatic license plate reader cameras throughout the City
5. Authorization to award Bid No. 23-24-03, Tennis and Swim Center Pool Re-plaster to JP Pools Service & Repairs, and approve Agreement to complete the Tennis and Swim Center Pool Re-plaster Project in the amount of \$162,900 plus 15% contingency
6. Declaration of four City shuttles as surplus property and authorization for sale at auction in an amount of \$10,625.00
7. Recommendation to approve letter to the Honorable Samantha P. Jessner, presiding Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court, requesting to suspend the October 1, 2023, implementation of Pre-arraignment release Protocols (PARP)

Councilmember Bozajian and Mayor pro Tem Weintraub requested Item No. 7 be pulled from Consent.

After discussion, Mayor pro Tem Weintraub moved, seconded by Councilmember Kraut to approve Consent Item Nos. 1-7. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

8. Approval of the reallocation of Community Center (CCC) annual Operating Budget

**Item No. 8 was postponed to the October 25 City Council meeting.**

### **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

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

**After discussion, the City Council's consensus was to schedule a Workshop to review and discuss City Council Protocols in the near future.**

### **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

10. Check Register for the period of September 16-29, 2023

**No action taken on this Item.**

### **TASK FORCE REPORTS**

Councilmember Bozajian reported his upcoming attendance to the AHHCC Joint Powers Authority Board meeting on October 26 and requested that Mr. Meik provide a status update regarding the Community Center repairs.

Mr. Meik stated that there are additional repairs needed at the AHCCC and would provide a cost estimate at the next Council meeting. Ms. Green stated that the roof repairs are being completed and the grant representative is scheduled to do an onsite inspection on October 20 to finalize the reimbursement of the roof project. Additionally, she reported that the painting project is done, and they are now working on the flooring.

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub reported that Councilmember Albrecht and she attended an Economic Development Subcommittee meeting. Additionally, she reported that Councilmember Albrecht and she met with a broker to discuss why

new businesses are not coming to Calabasas. Furthermore, they plan to tour various properties on Agoura Road to make zoning recommendations.

Councilmember Albrecht stated that the meeting with the broker was very informative and looks forward to possibly recommending zoning modifications. Additionally, he reported his attendance to a CPA meeting and a Sustainability Taskforce meeting with Mayor pro Tem Weintraub.

Mayor Shapiro reported his attendance to various SCAG meetings and to the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Demographic Workshop. Additionally, he reported his upcoming attendance to the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern California Economic Summit on December 7. Lastly, he reported his attendance to the MYC meeting on October 9 and to the Getty House for a special event with other elected officials.

### **CITY MANGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Meik expressed appreciation to the Library staff for organizing a wonderful 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and was very pleased to honor Barbara Lockwood as City Librarian. Additionally, he reported that he had a great meeting with Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin and her team discussing items they are working on in Sacramento on behalf of the City.

### **FUTURE INFORMATION/AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Bozajian requested that staff contact utility representatives to get a status report on rates.

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 8:35 p.m.

Mayor Shapiro reconvened the Closed Session to order at 8:45 p.m. in the Council Conference Room, 100 Civic Center Way, Calabasas, CA.

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There were no reportable actions from Closed Session Item No. 4.

**ADJOURN**

The City Council adjourned at 9:45 p.m. in memory of Henry Cespedes to a regular meeting scheduled on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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