

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

Mayor Shapiro called the meeting to order at 7:04 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, Campbell, Green, Hernandez, Holden, Lanzafame, McConville, Meik, Melton, Mendoza, Russo and Summers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Girl Scout Troop 3216.

Mr. Meik reported that as a result of Los Angeles World Airport representatives refusing to attend tonight's Council meeting, staff removed airport noise issues from the agenda. Mr. Meik stated that in order for the item to be added to the agenda a 4/5 vote is required from the Council.

Mayor Shapiro asked whether there was a request to add such item to the agenda.

Councilmember Bozajian moved, seconded by Councilmember Kraut to approve the addition of Council discussion and direction on airplane noise issues to the agenda after Consent. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 by Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS

- Fire Department update

Fire Chief Drew Smith presented an update.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Shapiro asked for a moment of silence in honor of the Pepperdine students who were killed by a reckless driver; the victims of the Massachusetts mass shooting and the 218 hostages being held by Hamas.

Members of the Council made the following announcements:

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub:

- Expressed her sadness over the attacks on Israel and all of the hostages being held by Hamas. Additionally, she encouraged everyone to reach out to members of the Assembly and spread awareness over the ramped antisemitism happening at UC schools. Lastly, she reiterated her dismay for the Pepperdine students who lost their lives on PCH and requested that staff connect with City of Malibu and the Lost Hills Sheriff's Department to discuss ways to make PCH a safer road.

Councilmember Albrecht:

- Echoed Mayor pro Tem Weintraub's sentiments and stated he too offers his support to the City of Malibu.
- Reported that his granddaughter and he had a wonderful time at the Pumpkin Festival.
- Extended an invitation to the Belmont's Bewitching Bash on October 26 and to the Holiday Fest Toy Drive Kick Off on November 18.

Councilmember Bozajian:

- Thanked his colleagues for their comments and joined Mayor pro Tem Weintraub's sentiments regarding the bigotry happening at UC schools.
- Thanked Erica Green and staff for a wonderful Pumpkin Festival and wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

Councilmember Kraut:

- Also joined his colleagues in their sentiments regarding the current events. He stated there is no room for hate and will continue to set a good example and speak out.
- Reminded everyone to drive cautiously and be mindful of children on Halloween.

Mayor Shapiro:

- Thanked his colleagues for their support and gave a special thanks to Mayor pro Tem Weintraub for showing solidarity and support for Israel.
- Thanked Councilmember Albrecht and Jordan Matalon for attending The Kevin Cordasco Foundation: Something Yellow celebration.

- Wished everyone a Happy Halloween.
- Reminded everyone that registration is still open for the Ham Radio Class on October 29 at De Anza Park.
- Extended an invitation to the Veterans Day Celebration on November 7 at the Calabasas Veterans Garden.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Levinson, John Suwara, Joanne Suwara, Anita McQuillan, Denise Miller, Jacy Shillan, Michael Harrison, Frances Alet, Greg Byrne, Luresa Byrne, Jonathan Greenblatt, Joe Chilco, David Litt, Melina Byrne, and Priscilla Lee spoke during public comment.

A number of individuals who provided hate speech were removed from meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approval of October 11, 2023, meeting minutes
2. Quarterly Investment Report for Quarter ending September 30, 2023
3. Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-1875, authorizing the City Manager to execute Memorandums of Understanding for budgeted projects and modify those with non-substantive amendments with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority

Councilmember Albrecht requested Item No. 1 be pulled from Consent and made a correction on his Taskforce report on the October 11 meeting minutes.

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub moved, seconded by Councilmember Albrecht 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

The meeting recessed at 8:13 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Discussion and direction on airplane noise issues

Jonathan Davidorf, Timi Romolini and Jory Wolf spoke during public comment.

An additional member of the public was removed from the meeting for the use of a voice simulator.

After extensive discussion, the City Council provided direction to staff and requested that Discussion and direction on airplane noise issues come back to a future meeting.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

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

Ms. Green presented the report.

Councilmember Kraut moved, seconded by Councilmember Albrecht to approve the reallocation of Community Center (CCC) annual Operating Budget. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:

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

6. Authorization to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with NoHo Constructors, increasing the not to exceed amount to \$470,000 to provide construction services for the Calabasas Community Center

Ms. Green presented the report.

Councilmember Albrecht moved, seconded by Mayor pro Tem Weintraub to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with NoHo Constructors, increasing the not to exceed amount to \$470,000 to provide construction services for the Calabasas Community Center. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:

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

7. Authorization to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with COA Associates, increasing the not to exceed amount of \$220,000 to provide new upgraded audio/video equipment to the Calabasas Community Center including a new security system featuring a state-of-the-art camera system

Ms. Green presented the report.

Councilmember Kraut moved, seconded by Councilmember Albrecht to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with COA Associates, increasing the not to exceed amount of \$220,000 to provide new upgraded audio/video equipment to the Calabasas Community Center including a new security system featuring a state-of-the-art camera system. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:

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

NEW BUSINESS-CONTINUED

8. Approval of the design and placement of street light banners in Old Town Calabasas

Ms. Holden presented the report.

Richard Sherman and Joe Chilco spoke during public comment.

After discussion, the City Council provided direction to staff.

9. Consider Resolution No. 2023-1876, adopting Policies for the City's Landscape and Lighting Management Districts; Consider Resolution No. 2023-1877, approving the transfer of funds from Landscape Maintenance District No. 22 (Ad Valorem) to Zone 7 of Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. 22 (Assessment)

Mr. Meik and Mr. Bergmann from IGService presented the report.

Laura Weissnar, David Litt and Joe Chilco spoke during public comment.

Mr. Lanzafame addressed the City Council on this Item.

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub moved, seconded by Councilmember Kraut to approve Resolution No. 2023-1876, adopting Policies for the City's Landscape and Lighting Management Districts; and Resolution No. 2023-1877, approving the transfer of funds from Landscape Maintenance District No. 22 (Ad Valorem) to Zone 7 of Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. 22 (Assessment). MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:

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

10. Review and provide direction on the prioritization of future agenda items. Provide direction on future agenda items to be referred to Council Committees or City Commissions

The City Council's consensus was to postpone the future agenda items prioritization to the November 8 meeting.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

11. Check Register for the period of September 30-October 13, 2023

No action taken on this Item.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

Councilmember Bozajian reported that Councilmember Kraut and he toured the AHCCC and repairs are moving along. Additionally, he reported that he will be attending his first meeting as a State Board member for the League of California Cities in November and encouraged Councilmembers to submit any items for discussion.

Councilmember Kraut reported that Councilmember Bozajian and he met with the Open Space Committee on October 17. Additionally, he reported his participation in a Santa Monica Conservancy meeting and a Homelessness Taskforce meeting. Moreover, he reported he attended the Agency's ribbon cutting ceremony and reiterated that he toured the AHCCC along with Councilmember Bozajian.

Councilmember Albrecht reported that they are in the final steps of reaching a lease agreement with Headwaters Corner. Additionally, he reported that CPA has allocated \$4.8 million to install publicly available EV chargers throughout the County of Los Angeles.

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub reported that she has been meeting with residents to discuss individual issues and has been working with staff to address such issues.

Mayor Shapiro reported that Mayor pro Tem Weintraub, staff and he participated in a Wireless Taskforce meeting. Additionally, he reported his upcoming attendance to the 14th Annual Southern California Economic Summit on December 7 and to the upcoming U.S. Conference of Mayors in Long Beach. Moreover, he reported he will be attending a Valley Economic Alliance Board meeting and a VICA meeting.

CITY MANGER'S REPORT

Mr. Meik announced the appointment of the new Public Works Director Curtis Castle and expressed his appreciation to Interim Public Works Director Phil Lanzafame for his assistance. Additionally, he reported that the Pumpkin Festival was success and thanked Community Services and staff for their hard work. Lastly, he reported that the Deputy City Manager and he met with American Global Security, Inc. who are scheduled to begin services on November 1.

FUTURE INFORMATION/AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Bozajian requested a memorandum from the City Attorney and a future discussion regarding the hate speech calls. Mayor Shapiro seconded the request.

Mayor pro Tem Weintraub reiterated her request to connect with City of Malibu and the Lost Hills Sheriff's Department to make PCH a safer road.

Councilmember Kraut requested a discussion to review and amend the definition of "open space" throughout the Development Code, and to possibly implement an objective Development Code standard. Councilmember Bozajian seconded the request.

Mayor Shapiro shared that November is Family Court Awareness month.

ADJOURN

The City Council adjourned at 9:45 p.m. to a regular meeting scheduled on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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