

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA  
HELD THURSDAY-FRIDAY, JANUARY 4-5, 2024**

Mayor Weintraub called the special meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall Conference Room No. 1, 100 Civic Center Way, Calabasas, CA 91302.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None

There were no public comments.

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

The meeting recessed at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Weintraub left the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

**Mayor pro Tem Kraut moved, seconded by Councilmember Shapiro to adjourn the meeting to January 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried 4/1 as follows:**

AYES: Mayor pro Tem Kraut, Councilmember Albrecht, Bozajian and Shapiro

ABSENT: Mayor Weintraub

There were no reportable actions.

The City Council adjourned at 6:45 p.m. to Friday, January 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Weintraub called the special meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 5, 2024, in City Hall Conference Room No. 1, 100 Civic Center Way, Calabasas, CA 91302.

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

Mayor Weintraub and Councilmember Shapiro participated in the meeting via Zoom teleconference using AB 2449 exemption.

**Mayor pro Tem Kraut moved, seconded by Councilmember Albrecht to approve the settlement agreement between TNHC Canyon Oaks LLC and the City of Calabasas. Motion carried 5/0 by roll call as follows:**

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

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. to a regular meeting scheduled on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 7 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA  
HELD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024**

Mayor Weintraub called the Closed Session to order at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1, 100 Civic Center Way, Calabasas, CA.

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

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 Labor Negotiator (Gov. Code § 54957.6)  
City Negotiator: Kindon Meik, City Manager  
Employees: All Unrepresented Employees

There was no public comment.

Mayor Weintraub called the Open Session to order at 7:01 p.m. in Founders Hall, 200 Civic Center Way, Calabasas, CA.

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

Absent: None

Staff: Bartlett, Campbell, Castle, Green, Hernandez, Lanzafame, Meik, Michitsch Russo and Summers

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Councilmember Albrecht moved, seconded by Councilmember Shapiro to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:**

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

Mr. Summers reported that the City Council considered Closed Session Item Nos. 1 and 2 and took no reportable action.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- Recognition of Charlotte Meyer and Richard Sherman for their years of service on the Parks Recreation and Education and Communications and Technology Commissions, respectively

Mayor Weintraub recognized Charlotte Meyer and Richard Sherman for their service on the Parks, Recreation & Education and Communications & Technology Commissions, respectively.

Members of the Council expressed appreciation to Ms. Meyer and Mr. Sherman for their service.

Ms. Meyer and Mr. Sherman thanked the City Council for their recognition and the opportunity to serve the community.

- Sheriff's Crime Report - October 2023

Deputy De Matteo presented the report.

Mayor Weintraub recused from the next item on the agenda and Mayor pro Tem Kraut handled that portion of the meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consideration and approval of appointment of Richard Sherman to the Parks, Recreation and Education Commission

**Councilmember Shapiro moved, seconded by Councilmember Albrecht to appoint Richard Sherman to the Parks, Recreation & Education Commission as the Savvy Seniors Advisory Board representative. MOTION CARRIED 4/1 as follows:**

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

ABSTAINED: Mayor Weintraub

2. Oath of Office to newly appointed Commissioner

Mayor pro Tem Kraut administered the Oath of Office to Richard Sherman.

Mr. Sherman expressed appreciation to the City Council for his appointment.

Mayor Weintraub continued with the meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members of the Council made the following announcements:

Mayor pro Tem Kraut:

- Extended invitations to assist with LA County's 2023 Homeless count taking place on January 23 in the City of Calabasas.
- Extended invitation to Las Virgenes Creek tour on January 27, at 10 am.

Councilmember Albrecht:

- Echoed invitation to Las Virgenes Creek tour on January 27.

Councilmember Bozajian:

- Extended invitation to apply at the City's hiring events for Recreation Attendants and Lifeguards at De Anza Park on January 16, from 5-7 p.m. and January 20 from 1-4 pm.

Councilmember Shapiro:

- Wished everyone a Happy and Healthy 2024.
- Congratulated CHS Boys Soccer and Basketball teams for a great start.
- Extended invitation to Mayor's Youth Council Body Positivity Fair on Saturday, February 3, 9 am to 2 pm at the Civic Center Plaza.
- Read a quote in honor of Martin Luther King, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

Mayor Weintraub:

- Encouraged residents to avoid the area of Mulholland Highway and East Old Topanga Canyon due to road closures near Wild Walnut Park starting on Saturday, January 13 from 6 a.m. to Sunday, January 14 at 6 a.m.
- Extended invitation to a walk on Sunday, January 14, at 10 a.m., starting at the Library to show support to families of hostages on 100 days of captivity.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mark Levinson, Charles Harris, Jen Kaplan, Luz Tapia, Gigi Davau, Stephanie Sanders, Richard Gerscovich, Dana Rolland, Darryl Ballin, Rachel Werner, Launa Stone, Brad Kaaya, Gabriela Vickrey, Carla Elkins and Viccki Tuckman spoke during public comment.

Individuals who provided hate speech were removed from meeting.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

3. Approval of meeting minutes from December 4, December 6, December 8, December 13, December 15 and December 20, 2023

Mayor pro Tem Kraut requested Consent Item No. 3 be pulled and requested corrections to minutes from December 5 (page 5); December 13 (page 2) and December 15 (Item No. 3 motion).

**Mayor pro Tem Kraut moved, seconded by Councilmember Shapiro to approve Consent Item No. 3 with modifications. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:**

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

The meeting recessed at 8:23 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

## CONTINUED NEW BUSINESS

4. Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-1881, certifying an amended Final Environmental Impact Report and approving a statement of overriding considerations, associated with File No. 160003152, analyzing proposed development of a 77-acre vacant property located at 4790 Las Virgenes Road at the eastern terminus of Agoura Road (APNS: 2069-078-009 AND 2069-078-011). The proposed project, situated within a total development footprint of eleven acres, includes: (1) A residential component consisting of 180 multi-family condominium units (including eighteen affordable units) within fifteen three-story buildings occupying approximately 9.5 acres (12.3%) of the property; (2) a commercial component consisting of a 5,867 square-foot retail commercial shopping center situated in two one-story buildings occupying approximately 1.19 acres (1.5%) of the property; (3) a 0.36 acre community green space (park); (4) permanent dedication of a public trail easement through the property connecting to open space lands to the east, and (5) preservation of approximately 66.0 acres (86% of the site) as permanent open space. Ancillary features include the construction of two detention/debris basins, site access and internal roadway system with sidewalks and parkways, retaining walls, landscaping, coming recreation areas, and lighting. Development of this project would require a significant amount of remedial grading to stabilize a landslide hazard area on the southern portion of the site. The project site is currently zoned Planned Development (PD); Residential-Multifamily, 20 units per acre (RMF (20); Open Space Development Restricted (OS-DR); and is within the Scenic Corridor (SC) Overlay Zone

Mr. Summers introduced the report, followed by Attorney Robin Meadow and Mr. Meik.

Mary Ann Rush spoke on Item No. 4.

The City Council expressed appreciation to the all those involved in this process.

**Councilmember Albrecht moved, seconded by Councilmember Shapiro to adopt of Resolution No. 2024-1881, certifying an amended Final Environmental Impact Report and approving a statement of overriding considerations, associated with File No. 160003152, analyzing proposed development of a 77-acre vacant property located at 4790 Las Virgenes Road at the eastern terminus of Agoura Road (APNS: 2069-078-009 AND 2069-078-011. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:**

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

## **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

5. Check Register for the period of October 28-December 31, 2023

**No action taken on this Item.**

## **TASK FORCE REPORTS**

Councilmember Albrecht reported that the Clean Power Alliance is going dark in January. Further, he reported on upcoming meetings of the Sustainability Taskforce with Councilmember Shapiro and he and Economic Development with Mayor Weintraub and he.

Councilmember Shapiro reported on a great first meeting of the Mayor's Youth Council on January 9. Further he reported on a meeting he attended with Mayor Weintraub, LVUSD and the City Manager. In addition, he reported on attendance to past and upcoming SCAG meetings. Lastly, he reported his upcoming attendance to the Valley Economic Alliance Summit on January 11.

Mayor pro Teem Kraut reported his participation on a Calabasas Community Center (CCC) meeting on December 14 and announced that the public grand opening of the CCC will take place on March 16. He also reported on his attendance to the California Cities Transportation, Communications and Public Works meeting on January 4. Lastly, he reported on presentation he made to CPHA on January 9.

Mayor Weintraub reported her participation at a Valley Economic Alliance meeting along with all other member mayors. She also reported that next COG meeting would be held the week of January 15. She further reported on her upcoming attendance to the Valley Economic Alliance Summit on January 11.

## **CITY MANGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Meik acknowledged and extended appreciation to Interim Assistant City Manager, Phil Lanzafame. Mayor Weintraub added that Mr. Lanzafame stepped in on very complicated issues involving the public and thanked him for a seamless process.

## **FUTURE INFORMATION/AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Bozajian requested that the Woolsey Fire Overlay Ordinance be referred to the Planning Commission. Mayor Weintraub seconded the request.

Mr. Meik stated that he will follow up with SCE on Mayor Weintraub's request to find out information on power outage in Saratoga on January 9 and on antiquated equipment which causes such issues.



**ADJOURN**

The City Council adjourned at 9:22 p.m. to a regular meeting scheduled on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

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