

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA
HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

Mayor Weintraub called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 100 Civic Center Way, Calabasas, CA.

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

Absent: None

Staff: Bezdecny, Castle, Dyer, Hernandez, Holden, McConville, Meik, Summers and Trujillo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Michael Dyer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor pro Tem Kraut 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

PRESENTATIONS

- Sheriff's Crime Report – November and December 2023

Deputy De Matteo presented the report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS

Members of the Council made the following announcements:

Councilmember Albrecht:

- Extended an invitation to the Annual USTA Pro Circuit at the T&SC March 16-24
- Reported that Wild Walnut park is currently closed for equipment installation.

Councilmember Shapiro:

- Thanked staff, Lost Hills Sheriffs and everyone who participated in the Public Safety Symposium on February 12.

- Shared his dismay for the recent Kansas City and Atlanta mass shootings and extended thoughts and prayers.
- Congratulated CHS Boys Soccer and the Girls Water Polo teams for their amazing accomplishments. He also congratulated Zachary Davis and Zachary Piesner for being named as CHS National Merit semifinalists.
- Extended an invitation to the Environmental Commission Forum at the T&SC on February 29.
- Wished everyone a wonderful Valentine's Day.

Mayor Weintraub:

- Extended invitation to the Voter Information Night hosted by the Mayor's Youth Council at Founders Hall on February 20.
- Echoed Councilmember Shapiro's sentiments regarding the mass shootings and extended her thoughts and prayers to all of the victims.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Levinson spoke during public comment.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approval of January 24 and 31, 2024, meeting minutes
2. Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-1882, proclaiming March 16, 2024, as "Arbor Day" in the City of Calabasas
3. Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-1883, approving the Memorandum of Understanding for Agreement Number 4600015405 between City of Calabasas and Los Angeles Flood Control District in the amount of \$1.3 million to fund the Las Virgenes Creek Restoration Project Phase II and adoption of Resolution No. 2024-1884 to appropriate funds for the project
4. Authorization to approve Amendment No. 1 for additional funding and the extension of the term date to the existing Professional Agreement with Michael Backer International, Inc.
5. Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-1886, authorizing submittal of applications for all CalRycle grants for which the City is eligible
6. Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-1887, ratifying Local Emergency Proclamation
Councilmember Shapiro confirmed that Arbor Day is on March 16.

In response to Councilmember Shapiro's inquiry regarding Consent Item No. 2, Mr. Meik confirmed that Arbor Day would be held on the same day as the opening of the

Community Center.

Councilmember Shapiro moved, seconded by Councilmember Albrecht to approve Consent Item Nos. 1-6. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

7. Review and approval of projects for the 50th Program Year (2024-2025) – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding; and Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-1885, approving the CDBG 50th Program Year (2024-2025)

Mayor Weintraub opened the public hearing.

Mr. McConville and Mr. Neal presented the report.

Mayor Weintraub closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Shapiro moved, seconded by Mayor pro Tem Kraut to adopt Resolution No. 2024-1885, approving the CDBG 50th Program Year (2024-2025). MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:

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

NEW BUSINESS

8. HOA Security gates with secondary access in the City of Calabasas

Mr. Dyer presented the report.

The City Council received the report.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

9. Review, discuss and provide direction on recommended amendments to the City Council Protocols. Discuss and provide direction on the Weekly Mayor’s Letter

Mr. Meik presented the report.

The meeting recessed at 9:08 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

After extensive discussion, Council consensus was to continue Item No. 9 until such time the Commission Procedures/Council Protocols Taskforce meets again to review and update pending sections of Council Protocols.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

10. Check Register for the period of January 13-February 2, 2024

No action taken on this item.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

Mayor pro Teem Kraut reported that he attended a Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy meeting and encouraged everyone to watch a documentary on panthers by Carlton Ward, Jr.

Councilmember Shapiro reported that he attended a Valley Economic Alliance Board meeting and will be attending their Annual Valley of the Stars Awards Gala on April 25. Additionally, he reported that he attended various VICA and SCAG meetings as well as an MYC meeting. Further he reported that Mayor pro Tem Kraut and he would meet on February 16 as the Budget Taskforce. Lastly, he reported his upcoming meeting with Mayor Weintraub as the Recreation/Youth/Senior Services Taskforce.

Councilmember Albrecht reported that Mayor Weintraub and he met as the Economic Development Taskforce. He also reported his participation in a CPA meeting.

Mayor Weintraub reported that she attended a meeting with representatives from LA County Supervisor Horvath’s office to discuss AT&T’s plan to terminate hardwire land lines. She encouraged everyone to participate in an upcoming CPUC Virtual meeting. She also requested staff to draft a letter to send to CPUC for Council consideration at an upcoming meeting.

CITY MANGER’S REPORT

Mr. Meik reported he attended a meeting for City Managers hosted by the CPA to discuss upcoming grant opportunities and the League of California Cities City Managers Annual Conference. Lastly, he reported that the City will be moving forward with an RFP to conduct an open space inventory funded by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

FUTURE INFORMATION/AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Bozajian suggested that the City hold off on the Business Roundtable Tax as the Supreme Court may issue a ruling in early March, which would possibly take the measure off the ballot. Mr. Summers confirmed Councilmember Bozajian’s request

for the Open Space/Annexations Taskforce to start working on a draft regarding Measure O for Council consideration.

ADJOURN

The City Council adjourned at 9:39 p.m. to a regular meeting scheduled on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Maricela Hernandez
Master Municipal Clerk
California Professional Municipal Clerk