

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA  
HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024**

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

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

Absent: None

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Position Title: City Attorneys

Mayor Weintraub called the Open Session to order at 7:03 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: Ahlers, Bezdecny, Campbell, Castle, Cerna, Epitacio, Ford, Green, Haber, Meik, Melton, Mendoza, Summers and Trujillo

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Public Works Director Curtis Castle.

### **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

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

Mr. Summers reported that the City Council met in Closed Session to address Item No. 1. The City Council provided direction to staff and there was no reportable action. He stated that Item Nos. 2-4 would resume after tonight's meeting.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- Grant checks to PFC/PFA

Mayor Weintraub presented grant checks to Samantha Barnett, Wendy Russo, Krista Mulligan, Nicole Perkin, Holly Gibson, Julie Berkus, Patricia Agos and Natalie Klein on behalf of Bay Laurel Elementary, Chaparral Elementary, Lupin Hill Elementary, A.C. Stelle Middle School, AE Wright Middle School and Calabasas High School, respectively.

Julie Berkus and Natalie Klein expressed appreciation on behalf of A.C. Stelle Middle School and Calabasas High School.

- Recognition of Jacy Shillan for her service on the Environmental Commission

Mayor Weintraub recognized Jacy Shillan for her service on the Environmental Commission.

Members of the Council expressed appreciation to Ms. Shillan for her service.

Ms. Shillan thanked the City Council for their recognition and the opportunity to serve the community.

- Sheriff's Crime Report - March 2024

Deputy De Matteo presented the report.

- Fire Department Update

Battalion Chief Velasquez presented the update.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members of the Council made the following announcements:

Mayor pro Tem Kraut:

- Reported that he attended Shirley Meyer's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.
- Extended an invitation to the Las Virgenes Creek Walking Tour on May 11.

Councilmember Albrecht:

- Shared that he had a wonderful time with staff at the Cal Cup Bowling Tournament 2024.
- Extended an invitation to the Las Virgenes Creek Cleanup on June 1 and to the "Be Prepared" Safety Fair at the Calabasas Community Center on June 8.

Councilmember Shapiro:

- Thanked the Calabasas Chamber of Commerce for a great time at the bowling tournament and staff for participating. Additionally, he thanked Calabasas Chamber of Commerce for fantastic Law Day.
- Wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

Councilmember Bozajian:

- Extended an invitation to the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Tasting & Silent Auction at the Civic Center Plaza on June 17.
- Thanked the Rotary of Calabasas for inviting him to their club meeting luncheon.
- Expressed his disappointment regarding the recent demonstrations at universities. Additionally, he conveyed his belief that these protests do not constitute lawful means of free expression.

Mayor Weintraub:

- Shared her visit to UCLA to support the students she felt were being harassed. Noted that antisemitism is rampant and concerning, affecting not only the Jewish community.
- Recognized May as Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage month.
- Extended an invitation to A Groovy Afternoon-Mother's Day Celebration at De Anza Park on May 11.

Councilmember Shapiro stated that students should be encouraged to attend class in an environment without fear, hatred and violence. Stated non- students are protesting to create a situation that brings more stress and fear than positivity. Closing with we all need to speak up and put a stop to hate of any kind.

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

Lisa Clayden spoke during public comment.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Approval of April 24, 2024, meeting minutes
2. Recommendation to reject all bids for landscape maintenance of the common areas for Las Villas Homeowners Association within Landscape Lighting Act District 22
3. Recommendation to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement #777535 with Ventura Transit Systems, Inc. for City shuttle services in the amount of \$1,127,745 for an Amended total contract cost not to exceed \$2,044,665
4. Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-1895, designating positions to be authorized agents on behalf of the City
5. Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2024
6. Authorization to approve Amendment No. 2 for \$100,000 additional funding and the extension of the term date to the existing Professional Services Agreement with Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz, & Assoc. Inc.

Councilmember Shapiro requested Item No. 3 be pulled from Consent.

Councilmember Bozajian requested Item No. 4 be pulled from Consent.

Mr. Castle addressed the City Council regarding Consent Item No. 2.

Mr. Summers and Mr. Meik addressed the City Council regarding Consent Item No. 4.

**Councilmember Shapiro moved, seconded by Mayor pro Tem Kraut 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

**NEW BUSINESS**

7. Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-1898 ~ Resolution of intention to approve an Amendment to contract between the Board of Administration California Public Employees Retirement System and the City of Calabasas

Mr. Ahlers presented the report.

**Mayor pro Tem Kraut moved, seconded by Councilmember Albrecht to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 2024-1898. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:**

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

8. Ordinance No. 2024-403 authorizing an Amendment to the contract between the Board of Administration California Public Employees Retirement System and the City of Calabasas

Mr. Ahlers presented the report.

Mr. Summers addressed the City Council regarding Item No. 8.

**Councilmember Bozajian moved, seconded by Councilmember Shapiro to approve the introduction of Ordinance No. 2024-403. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:**

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

9. Approval of Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center transfer agreement between the cities of Agoura Hills and Calabasas for the Community Center

Mr. Summers presented the report.

**Councilmember Albrecht moved, seconded by Mayor pro Tem Kraut to approve the transfer agreement. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:**

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

Mr. Meik noted that the certificate of acceptance was incorrect.

Mayor pro Tem Kraut amended the motion.

**Councilmember Albrecht moved, seconded by Mayor pro Tem Kraut to approve the Mayor, the City Manager and the Interim City Clerk to execute the final Agoura Hills Calabasas Community Center transfer agreement between the cities of Agoura Hills and Calabasas for the Community Center with any non-substantive changes as may be needed and to take all necessary actions to implement these approvals. MOTION CARRIED 5/0 as follows:**

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

### **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

10. Updated Calendar of Events

Ms. Green presented the report.

**The City Council provided direction to staff.**

### **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

11. Check Register for the period of April 13-26, 2024

**No action taken on this item.**

## **TASK FORCE REPORTS**

Mayor pro Tem Kraut reported that he attended a JPA Board meeting on April 25 and a Headwaters Corner Task Force meeting on May 2. Additionally, he reported that he attended a Budget Task Force meeting.

Councilmember Bozajian requested an Open Space/Annexation Task Force meeting.

Mayor Weintraub congratulated Councilmember Shapiro for being elected as Chair of SCAG's Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee.

Councilmember Shapiro reported that he attended a Budget Task Force meeting and a CPA meeting. He also reported his attendance to the Valley of the Stars Awards Gala and the 2024 Regional Conference and General Assembly. Additionally, he reported that the SCAG Scholarship Committee received 114 applications and noted that MYC member, Navin Parmar, was 1 of 9 students awarded a scholarship.

Councilmember Albrecht reported that he met with the CEO of the Valley of Economic Alliance and expressed his interest in joining. He also reported that attended a CPA meeting. Additionally, he reported that Mayor Weintraub and he met as the Sustainability Task Force.

Mayor Weintraub reported that she attended the Sweet Lady Jane reopening and ribbon cutting ceremony. She also shared that Solé Soups is now open at the Gelson's Village.

## **CITY MANGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Meik reported that the House of Appropriations Committee is accepting Community Project Funding applications. He complimented the Public Works staff for quickly submitting an application for the Green Street Project phases 2 and 3. He also complimented Mr. Ahlers for his diligence on managing the City's investment funds. Additionally, reported that Mr. Trujillo has been elected to serve on the Conejo/Las Virgenes Future Foundation. Moreover, he thanked the Senior Center staff for organizing a luncheon to honor their volunteers and the Landscape Dept. staff for assisting in the luncheon. Lastly, he extended an invitation to the Retail Crime Lunch and Learn hosted by the Calabasas Chamber of Commerce on June 6.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Weintraub requested that staff contact other cities to determine how they are enforcing the use of battery-operated lawn mowers.

Councilmember Shapiro noted that the CPUC would be voting on rate increases on May 9.

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 8:38 p.m.

Mayor Weintraub called 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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Mayor pro Tem Kraut recused himself from participating in Closed Session Item No. 2 and left the meeting.

**City Council provided direction to staff and there were no reportable actions.**



**ADJOURN**

The City Council adjourned at 9:30 p.m. to a regular meeting scheduled on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

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Analuz Mendoza, Interim City Clerk  
*Certified Municipal Clerk*