

**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024**

CLOSED SESSION

The Council met in Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. with all Councilmembers present, to discuss the following items:

1. Conference with Legal Counsel: Potential for Litigation Against the City Pursuant to 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. (Government Code Section 54956.9(e)(1))

Number of Potential Cases: 1.

2. Conference with Legal Counsel; Initiation of Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4))

Number of Potential Cases: 1.

OPENING MATTERS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Weintraub called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Weintraub, and Councilmembers Albrecht, Bozajian and Shapiro (via remote access)

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Kraut

Staff: City Manager Meik; City Attorney Summers; Deputy City Manager McConville; City Clerk Pope; Community Development Director Klein; Public Works Director Castle; Public Safety Coordinator Debbie Larson; and Sheriff's Deputy Mason De Mateo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Weintraub.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Albrecht moved and Councilmember Bozajian seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called and the motion carried 4-0, Mayor Pro Tem Kraut absent.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Fire Department Update

Chief Smith presented the update.

The Council expressed appreciation to Chief Smith and fire preparedness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS

Councilmember Bozajian welcomed the students back to school.

Councilmember Albrecht expressed excitement for the grand opening of Wild Walnut Park; and commended the Mayor on the Mayoral Lunch.

Mayor Weintraub thanked staff for the work on Wild Walnut Park.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC COMMENT

Alan Lazar introduced himself as an LVUSD School Board candidate.

Mark Levinson thanked the Mayor for creating the new format for the Mayor's Lunch and announced upcoming Chamber of Commerce events.

Kelley Miller, Calabasas Film Festival, announced the 11th Annual Calabasas Film Festival, September 18-22, 2024.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

2. Approve the minutes of the June 12, 2024 Regular, June 19, 2024 Special, June 26, 2024 Approve the Minutes of the August 14, 2024 Regular and August 16, 2024 Special City Council Meetings.
3. Receipt of Check Register Report
4. Approve Professional Services Agreements with RMA Group, AESCO, Inc., and Earth Systems Pacific for On-Call and As-Needed Materials Testing and Special Inspection Services for the City's Capital Improvement Program in an Amount not to Exceed \$100,000 for Each Firm, for a Three-Year Term

MOTION

Councilmember Bozajian moved and Councilmember Albrecht seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called and the motion carried 4-0, Mayor Pro Tem Kraut absent.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-1922, Adopting the 2024 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan of the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments

Public Safety Coordinator Larson presented the staff report.

Bob Takemura, MLC and Associates, presented a PowerPoint outlining the planning process; results of the survey; timeline; and remaining activities.

The Council commended the residents for their participation.

MOTION

Councilmember Bozajian moved and Councilmember Albrecht seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-1922 adopting the 2024 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan of the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments. The question was called and the motion carried 4-0, Mayor Pro Tem Kraut absent.

6. Discussion of Business Licenses and Registration Programs for the City of Calabasas

Community Development Director Klein presented the staff report.

Councilmember Albrecht and Mayor Weintraub discussed the Ad Hoc Committee's consideration and support for establishing a registration program.

In response to Council questions, Community Development Director Klein and City Attorney Summers explained the proposed fees; consideration of administrative cost recovery; and online businesses.

The Council discussed the proposed fee; excluding home businesses; including only businesses physically located in the City; concern about required staff time; need for a clear purpose; and obtaining input from local businesses.

MOTION

Councilmember Bozajian moved and Councilmember Albrecht seconded a motion to direct staff to bring back a Business Registration Program for the City of Calabasas. The question was called and the motion carried 4-0, Mayor Pro Tem Kraut absent.

7. Introduction of Ordinance No. 2024-407, Amending and Restating Chapter 9.08 of the Calabasas Municipal Code to Prohibit Certain Aggressive and Unsafe Forms of Solicitations that are a Threat to Public Health, Safety, and General Welfare

City Attorney Summers presented the staff report.

Mayor Weintraub and Councilmember Shapiro reported on the Task Force consideration and support.

The Council discussed the number of violations prior to a misdemeanor; prohibiting solicitation at schools and within 50 feet of minors; exemptions; and registration.

MOTION

Councilmember Shapiro moved and Councilmember Albrecht seconded a motion to introduce and conduct first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-407, amending and restating Chapter 9.08 of the Calabasas Municipal Code to Prohibit Certain Aggressive and Unsafe Forms of Solicitations that are a Threat to Public Health, Safety, and General Welfare, as amended. The question was called and the motion carried 4-0, Mayor Pro Tem Kraut absent.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

FUTURE INFORMATION/AGENDA ITEMS

12. Direction from Council on requested agenda items

A. None

13. New requests for future information/agenda items

None.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

Councilmember Albrecht discussed his service on the Contract Cities Advocacy Committee; attendance at the Fall Education Summit; serving on Valley Economic Alliance; work on the CPA Reach Code.

Councilmember Bozajian discussed his upcoming attendance at the Contract Cities Fall Education Summit.

Mayor Weintraub discussed the successful Mayor's Youth Council Flea Market.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Meik reported on interest in the Firewise Communities; and City's receipt of NATOA Overall Excellence Award.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

None.

ADJOURN

Mayor Weintraub adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Lisa Pope, City Clerk