

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING  
April 29, 2009  
2:00 P.M.**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ring called the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Laguna Woods to order at 2:00 p.m.

**II. FLAG SALUTE**

Councilmember Rhodes led the flag salute.

**III. ROLL CALL**

COUNCILMEMBERS:   PRESENT:   Conners, Hack, Rhodes, Robbins, Ring  
                          ABSENT:   None

STAFF PRESENT:       City Manager Keane; City Attorney McEwen; Assistant City  
                          Manager Reilly; Deputy City Clerk Trippy

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Moved by Councilmember Hack, seconded by Councilmember Rhodes, and carried unanimously to approve Consent Calendar Items 4.1 – 4.3.

4.1    Approved the reading by title of all ordinances and resolutions. Said ordinances and resolutions that appear on the public agenda shall be determined to have been read by title only and further reading waived.

4.2    Proposition 42 City Aid Program (County of Orange)

Approved the Proposition 42 City Aid Program Agreement, and authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form.

4.3    City Hall ADA Parking Lot Reconstruction Project, Phase 2

Awarded a contract to International Pavement Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$26,638, plus authorized change orders not to exceed 20% of the base amount; and authorized the City Manager to execute a contract and approve change orders, subject to approval of the contract as to form by the City Attorney.

## V. CITY COUNCIL

### 5.1 Councilmember Appointments to Regional Boards and Committees (Mayor Ring)

Mayor Ring summarized the agenda report and recommended that the selection process be based on seniority, as follows: Hack, Ring, Robbins, Rhodes, and Conners. He noted that the Orange County Vector Control District's policies stipulate that once a member is appointed to the Board of Directors, he/she cannot be removed. Former Councilmember Bouer was previously appointed to a two-year term. Mayor Ring further recommended that Councilmembers who are presently serving at the executive levels of regional boards and committees be permitted to continue to serve, as the City realizes an advantage from their standing on said organizations.

Moved by Councilmember Hack, seconded by Councilmember Robbins, and carried unanimously to approve Councilmember appointments to regional boards and committees as follows:

- Orange County Fire Authority – Marty Rhodes, Director
- Orange County Fire Authority – Cynthia Conners, Alternate
- Transportation Corridor-San Joaquin Hills – Bert Hack, Director
- Transportation Corridor-San Joaquin Hills – Cynthia Conners, Alternate
- Orange County Library Advisory Committee – Milt Robbins, Member
- Orange County Library Advisory Committee – Bob Ring, Alternate
- Laguna Canyon Foundation – Bob Ring, Director
- Laguna Canyon Foundation – Marty Rhodes, Director
- Coastal Greenbelt Authority – Cynthia Conners, Representative
- Coastal Greenbelt Authority – Marty Rhodes, Alternate
- OCTA Growth Management Area Committee – Milt Robbins, Member
- Joint Powers Insurance Authority – Milt Robbins, Director
- Joint Powers Insurance Authority – Leslie Keane, Alternate
- Southern California Water Committee – Bert Hack, Trustee

### 5.2 Reconsideration of Greening the Woods Recommendations (Mayor Ring)

Mayor Ring stated that he would like the City Council to reconsider three items from the Greening the Woods Report. City Manager Leslie Keane summarized the agenda report and discussed the proposed pilot green building incentive program; revisions that can be made to the City's Zoning Code concerning golf cart parking standards, and the potential availability of Federal stimulus and water bond funding.

Councilmember Hack asked if there were any pending construction applications.

Mayor Ring stated that one application is awaiting Golden Rain Foundation approval.

Councilmember Rhodes asked if there are golf cart paths in the City and if residents are using them legally.

City Manager Keane described the existing path and noted that some illegal crossings and use of sidewalks occur, typically on weekends. Grant funding has been acquired for a golf cart path along Santa Maria, but the City is waiting to resolve arterial highway issues before proceeding.

Councilmember Rhodes recalled years previous discussions of golf cart access along Via Campo Verde and asked if any recent discussions have occurred.

City Manager Keane indicated that there have been no recent conversations with Laguna Woods Village, but rather informal discussions with staff. A path might be considered at that location during future construction projects.

Councilmember Robbins asked if the parking standards had been modified when golf cart parking was added behind area behind the Laguna Woods Village Community Center.

City Manager Keane stated that standards were was not modified because the Community Center had sufficient parking at the time of construction.

City Manager Keane reiterated that developing golf cart parking standards would allow more effective use of limited parking.

Moved by Councilmember Hack, seconded by Councilmember Robbins, and carried unanimously to authorize staff to proceed with the following:

1. Apply for appropriate federal stimulus and water bond funding for city environmental projects; individual projects will be submitted to the City Council for approval prior to implementation/construction
2. Revise the City's Zoning Code to include golf cart parking standards
3. Implement a pilot green building incentive program for new construction

City Manager Keane indicated that it would be helpful to have a Councilmember liaison to the Greening the Woods Committee.

Moved by Mayor Ring, seconded by Councilmember Conners, and carried unanimously to select Mayor Pro Tem Robbins as the liaison to the Greening the Woods Committee.

## **VI. CITY MANAGER**

- 6.1 County of Orange Regional Recycling and Waste Diversion Grant Program  
Assistant City Manager Doug Reilly summarized the agenda report and noted that staff is recommending applying for \$27,000–\$54,000 in grant funds that would expand the source-separated recycling pilot program to include businesses.

City Manager Keane stated that the proposed program would require minimal staff time.

Councilmember Hack noted that one of the requirements of the grant is that the City must provide “multi-jurisdictional” service and asked how staff proposes to qualify for such a requirement.

Assistant City Manager Reilly stated he spoke with the County about that requirement and staff indicated that the location of WARE’s facilities and the location that the bins would be purchased from would cause the City to meet the requirement.

City Manager Keane indicated that, in years past, the County has not received a large number of applications for this program and seem willing to award the money.

Councilmember Rhodes asked if the program would serve residents or only businesses.

Assistant City Manager Reilly stated that the program would be for businesses only.

Councilmember Connors asked if the bins are similar to the size that residents received and asked if there had been any studies to account for the amount of recycling at local businesses such as Stater Brothers or Home Depot.

Assistant City Manager Reilly stated that the bins would be the same size. He further explained that an initial study from 2000 showed that certain businesses were recycling cardboards and wooden pallets to save money, as well as comply with State laws.

Councilmember Hack asked if the City has a program requirement for restaurants related to fats and oils.

Assistant City Manager Reilly indicated that a Used Oil Recycling program exists through state funding which collects used motor oil.

City Manager Keane stated that the City requires restaurants to have appropriate fats, oils, and grease diversion equipment.

Councilmember Hack asked if the City receives money from Home Depot's recycling.

Assistant City Manager Reilly stated that Home Depot receives the monetary benefits of recycling, but the City applies the volume recycled toward it’s waste diversion goals.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Robbins, seconded by Councilmember Connors, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 09-07, outlining the City’s proposed use of County of Orange Recycling and Waste Diversion grant funds, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE ORANGE COUNTY WASTE AND RECYCLING DEPARTMENT FOR A 2008/2009 REGIONAL RECYCLING AND WASTE DIVERSION GRANT

## 6.2 Fiscal Year 2009-10 Budget Process

City Manager Keane provided a presentation on the fiscal year 2009-10 budget schedule. She highlighted the State's economic situation and how it may affect the budget; the fiscal year 2008-09 general fund budget summary; the fiscal year 2008-09 work plan; the fiscal year 2009-10 revenue and expenditure assumptions; the fiscal year 2009-10 general fund budget summary; and the proposed fiscal year 2009-10 work plan.

Councilmember Hack asked staff to look into the possible economic impact, if any, for emergencies like swine flu. He also asked if medical masks could be made available to residents.

City Manager Keane indicated that the City is active in emergency preparedness and that some funding is available for disaster supplies.

Councilmember Rhodes asked if it is possible to increase the City Council travel budget.

City Manager Keane responded that money from the City Council's contingency account can be transferred into the travel account, if so desired.

Councilmember Hack asked Council to consider implementing a \$350 monthly automobile allowance for councilmembers.

Mayor Ring asked if the number of red light citations have increased or decreased.

City Manager Keane stated that the numbers have stabilized in the past year. While the red light agreement may seem to be revenue driven, the contractor does not actually control the revenue since each citation is reviewed by an Orange County Sheriff's deputy.

Mayor Ring asked about proposed recreation programs.

City Manager Keane announced that the number of bus trips have been reduced from six to four. The number of movies, which are very cost effective, will remain the same.

Councilmember Hack asked if a date has been scheduled to begin the Moulton Parkway improvements and if non-potable water is incorporated into the project.

City Manager Keane stated that the intersection improvements contract should be awarded in December, with work to start in 2010. The project will include piping for recycled water, but El Toro Water District is not able to provide recycled water at this time.

Councilmember Connors asked if reflective lights on the fencing at Ridge Route Linear Park were ever considered for heightened visibility.

City Manager Keane stated that staff is looking into installing reflective lights, as a result of a recent accident. Staff will return to the City Council before the start of the second phase of the project to propose other possible enhancements.

Mayor Ring requested an update on NPDES permits and how they will affect the City.

City Manager Keane reported that staff is actively engaged in the permit process. The water quality control boards have proposed numerous requirements, mostly pertaining to new construction. They have also proposed increased inspection requirements and a prohibition on over irrigation (San Diego Board only).

Mayor Ring asked City Manager Keane what staff has learned pertaining to SB 375 and AB 32 – pertaining to green house gas and carbon footprints.

City Manager Keane stated that tighter regulations and extensive environmental review will likely apply to new development or major rehabilitation projects.

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Pat Feeney, resident, applauded the City for its plans to host a town hall meeting on the budget process. She will encourage her neighbors to attend.

City Manager Keane responded that she is hoping to have the event televised, as well.

## **VIII. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Rhodes attended a victims' rights event sponsored by the Orange County Board of Supervisors, Orange County District Attorney, and several other organizations.

## **IX. CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Ring announced that Item 9.2 has been removed from the Agenda.

9.1 The City Council met in closed to confer with legal counsel regarding one matter of litigation: Jhin Kim, Individually and on Behalf of the Estate of Ki Kook Kim, Hanna Chung, Jung Kim v. Alice Foster, Golden Rain Foundation of Laguna Woods, City of Laguna Woods and (Does 1-60) Inclusive (Case No. 00110038), pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

The City Council reconvened at 4:12 p.m. and advised that there was no reportable action.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m. The next meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on May 20, 2009 at the Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, California 92637.

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YOLIE TRIPPY, Deputy City Clerk

Adopted: June 17, 2009

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ROBERT B. RING, Mayor