

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
January 17, 2024
2:00 P.M.
Laguna Woods City Hall
24264 El Toro Road
Laguna Woods, California 92637**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hatch called the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Laguna Woods to order at 2:00 p.m. and made comments regarding his goals as Mayor. He distributed a written document describing his goals, which included in the public record for this meeting

II. ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBER: PRESENT: Conners, McCary, Moore, Horne, Hatch
 ABSENT: -

All councilmembers participated in-person at the meeting location.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Macon, City Attorney Patterson, Administrative Services Director/City Treasurer Torres, City Clerk Trippy

City Attorney Patterson participated in the meeting via Zoom.

All other staff participated in-person at the meeting location.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember McCary led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS

4.1 Presentation Regarding the Irradiation Sterile Insect Technique Project and Other Mosquito and Vector Issues – Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (agendized by Mayor Pro Tem Horne)

At Mayor Hatch’s request, Mayor Pro Tem Horne introduced the item.

Laura Young, District Manager, Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District, made a presentation and answered related questions.

Councilmembers discussed the presentation and Ms. Young answered related questions.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Bill Kaufman, member of the public, commented on the City's cannabis storefront retailer ordinance and a cannabis health center proposal.

Herman Janssen, member of the public, commented on the City's cannabis storefront retailer ordinance and a cannabis health center proposal.

Mayor Hatch advised Mr. Kaufman and Mr. Janssen that they could contact the City Manager for additional information.

James Tung, resident, commented on the Senior Mobility Program, the City Hall/Public Library Project, the status of the Laguna Hills Mall, and communication regarding City activities.

Mayor Hatch stated that he would like a presentation on the status of the Laguna Hills Mall.

Councilmember Connors briefly responded to Mr. Tung's comments.

VI. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

6.1 City Treasurer Report

City Manager Macon introduced the item.

Administrative Services Director/City Treasurer Torres made a presentation.

Kathryn Freshley, resident, expressed her appreciation for the presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Ms. Freshley made additional public comments.

Moved by Councilmember Connors, seconded by Councilmember McCary, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to receive and file the City Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2023.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Horne, seconded by Councilmember Connors, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve Consent Calendar items 7.1 – 7.4.

7.1 City Council Minutes

Approved the City Council meeting minutes for the adjourned regular meeting on December 14, 2023 and the regular meeting on December 20, 2023.

7.2 Warrant Register

Approved the warrant register dated January 17, 2024 in the amount of \$740,294.40.

7.3 Employee Compensation and Benefits

Adopted a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 23-38 AND ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AND BENEFITS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

7.4 City Hall/Public Library Project

Approved final record plans and specifications reflecting completion of the “City Hall/Public Library Project” as prepared by the project architect.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 Sidewalk Vending Regulations

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Mayor Hatch opened the public hearing.

Kathryn Freshley, resident, asked for clarification regarding whether easements are considered public property for the purpose of the proposed ordinance, and expressed concerns regarding enforcement of the proposed ordinance.

City Manager Macon briefly responded to Ms. Freshley’s comments.

Ms. Freshley made additional public comments.

With no others requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember McCary, and carried on a 4-1 vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Horne voting no, to approve the introduction and first reading of an ordinance – read by title with further reading waived – titled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 6.44 TO TITLE 6 (BUSINESSES) OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE TO REGULATE SIDEWALK VENDORS IN COMPLIANCE

WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 51038 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS DIRECTLY RELATED TO OBJECTIVE HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE CONCERNS, AS WELL AS BY ESTABLISHING A PROHIBITION ON STATIONARY SIDEWALK VENDORS IN AREAS THAT ARE ZONED EXCLUSIVELY RESIDENTIAL AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

8.2 Street Racing and Excessive Vehicle Noise Regulations

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmember Conners left the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

Mayor Hatch opened the public hearing.

City Manager Macon noted that William O'Dowd submitted written public comments dated January 16, 2024. Mr. O'Dowd's letter is included in the public record for this meeting.

William O'Dowd, resident, expressed his support for the proposed ordinance.

With no other requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve first reading of an ordinance – read by title with further reading waived – titled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 8.06 OF TITLE 8 (TRAFFIC CONTROL) OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO VEHICLE GOLF CART, LOW-SPEED VEHICLE, AND MOTORCYCLE RACING AND NOISE, AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

IX. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

9.1 Objective Design Standards

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmembers commented on the item.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve second reading and adopt an ordinance – read by title with further reading waived – titled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 11.10.010, 11.10.020, 11.10.030, 11.10.050, 11.10.060, 11.10.100, 11.10, 110, 11.10.120, AND 11.10.130 OF TITLE 11 (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO OBJECTIVE DESIGN STANDARDS FOR CERTAIN NEW DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

X. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

10.1 Coastal Greenbelt Authority

Councilmember McCary provided a report.

Councilmember Conners briefly commented on the report.

10.2 Orange County Fire Authority

Mayor Hatch provided a report.

At Mayor Hatch's request, Councilmember McCary made comments regarding a recent experience with the Orange County Fire Authority.

10.3 Orange County Library Advisory Board

Councilmember Moore provided a report.

City Clerk Trippy responded to a question from Councilmember Moore.

Councilmember Moore commented on a recent volunteer experience.

Councilmember McCary briefly commented.

10.4 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Mayor Pro Tem Horne noted the earlier presentation.

Mayor Hatch expressed appreciation for the earlier presentation.

10.5 San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency

Councilmember Conners provided a report and responded to a question from Mayor Hatch.

10.6 South Orange County Watershed Management Area

Councilmember Moore provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding a Santa Ana-Delhi Channel Cleanup and answered related questions from councilmembers.

10.7 Liaisons to Community Bridge Builders

Councilmember McCary and Mayor Pro Tem Horne provided a report.


10.8 Other Comments and Reports – None

X. CLOSED SESSION – None

XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m. The next adjourned regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.



YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: February 21, 2024



NOEL HATCH, Mayor