

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
May 15, 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 2:01 p.m.

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

All staff participated in-person at the meeting location.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Conners led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS

4.1 Community Bridge Builders – First Anniversary
 (agendaized by Mayor Pro Tem Horne, Councilmember McCary)

City Clerk Trippy read the certificate of commendation.

Councilmembers made comments.

Rebeca Gilad, President of Community Bridge Builders, made comments.

Moved by Councilmember McCary, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve and present the certificate of commendation.

4.2 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month – May 2024

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve and present the proclamation.

Mayor Hatch made comments.

4.3 Older Americans Month – May 2024

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

Councilmembers made comments.

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve and present the proclamation.

4.4 Drowning Prevention Awareness Period- May – August 2024

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

Augustine Romo, Captain, Orange County Fire Authority, made comments.

Councilmembers made comments and Captain Romo answered questions.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Horne, seconded by Councilmember McCary, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve and present the proclamation.

Mayor Hatch called for a brief recess.

Councilmembers took photographs with Ms. Gilad and Captain Romo.

The meeting was called back to order at 2:41 p.m.

4.5 Presentation Regarding the Orange County Power Authority – Joe Mosca, Chief Executive Officer, Orange County Power Authority (agendized by Mayor Pro Tem Horne)

Mayor Hatch introduced the item.

Mayor Pro Tem Horne made comments.

Joe Mosca, Chief Executive Officer, Orange County Power Authority, made a presentation.

Sue Dearing, resident, inquired how the Orange County Power Authority compares to other agencies that sell renewable energy.

Mr. Mosca briefly responded to Ms. Dearing's question.

Vicki Johnson, resident, spoke in opposition to the City potentially joining the Orange County Power Authority.

Mayor Pro Tem Horne asked a question of Ms. Johnson.

Councilmember Moore briefly responded to Mayor Pro Tem Horne's question.

Ms. Johnson responded to Mayor Pro Tem Horne's question and continued her comments.

Mr. Mosca briefly responded to Ms. Johnson's comments.

Mike Raugh, resident, inquired about time limits for public comments.

Mayor Hatch briefly responded to Mr. Raugh's question.

Mr. Mosca responded to questions from Mayor Pro Tem Horne.

Mayor Pro Tem Horne made comments and Mr. Mosca answered questions.

A member of the public asked how the Orange County Power Authority knows that their energy goes to the grid.

Mr. Mosca briefly responded to the comment.

Councilmember Moore made comments.

Walter Nobrega, member of the public, spoke in opposition to the City potentially joining the Orange County Power Authority.

Mike Raugh, resident, spoke in opposition to the City potentially joining the Orange County Power Authority.

Vicki Johnson, resident, expressed concerns regarding the City potentially joining the Orange County Power Authority.

Michelle Johnson, member of the public, spoke in opposition to the City potentially joining the Orange County Power Authority.

Tomas Castro, Climate Action Campaign, spoke in support of the City potentially joining the Orange County Power Authority.

Harvey Liss, member of the public, spoke in opposition to the City potentially joining the Orange County Power Authority.

Councilmember Moore left the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Ayn Craciun, Climate Action Campaign, spoke in support of the City potentially joining the Orange County Power Authority.

Councilmember Moore returned at 3:30 p.m.

Mary Sinclair, resident, spoke in support of the City potentially joining the Orange County Power Authority.

Jonathon Adler, resident, spoke in support of the City potentially joining the Orange County Power Authority.

Councilmembers discussed the item and Mr. Mosca answered questions.

Councilmembers expressed consensus interest in holding a town hall meeting to provide an opportunity for greater public input.

Mayor Hatch called for a brief recess.

The meeting was called back to order at 3:49 p.m.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Bill Walsh, member of the public, inquired about the status of the I-5/El Toro Road Interchange Project and the Laguna Hills Mall development.

City Manager Macon briefly responded to Mr. Walsh's comments.

Mr. Walsh made brief comments.

VI. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

6.1 City Treasurer Report

Administrative Services Director/City Treasurer Torres made a presentation.

Moved by Councilmember Connors, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to receive and file the City Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2024.

6.2 Quarterly Financial Report

Administrative Services Director/City Treasurer Torres made a presentation.

City Manager Macon made comments.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

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

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Horne, seconded by Councilmember Conners, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to receive and file the Quarterly Financial Report for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2023-24.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve Consent Calendar items 7.1-7.6.

7.1 City Council Minutes

Approved the City Council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on April 17, 2024 and the special meeting on April 29, 2024.

7.2 Warrant Register

Approved the warrant register dated May 15, 2024, in the amount of \$690,154.75.

7.3 Fiscal Years 2023-25 Budget Adjustments

Adopted a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEARS 2023-25 BUDGET AND WORK PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 COMMENCING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024, AND FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 COMMENCING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, INCREASING STATE OF CALIFORNIA GRANTS FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR AN AWARD FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SB 1383 LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2022-23

7.4 Law Enforcement Services

Approved an agreement with the County of Orange for law enforcement services and authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

7.5 Ridge Route Drive Drainage Repair Project Design and Support Services

1. Waived the provisions set forth in Laguna Woods Municipal Code Section 3.06.080(c) related to competitive bidding for an extension of an agreement with Geosyntec

Consultants, Inc.

AND

2. Approved an agreement with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. for Ridge Route Drive Drainage Repair Project design and support services and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

7.6 General Municipal Election

1. Adopted a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024 FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATED TO GENERAL LAW CITIES

AND

2. Adopted a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024 WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 10403

AND

3. Adopted a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATE STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 Businesses Registration Regulations

City Manager Macon made a presentation and noted that staff's recommendation includes the following change to the proposed Code Amendments included in the agenda packet:

- Section 6.03.060(3) in Exhibit A to Attachment A is revised to add the following word (addition shown with underlining): "The City Manager may file complaints and reports..."

Mayor Hatch opened the public hearing.

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

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, 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 6.03 TO TITLE 6 (BUSINESSES) OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO BUSINESS REGISTRATION, AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

with Section 6.03.060(3) in Exhibit A to Attachment A revised to add the following word (addition shown with underlining): "The City Manager may file complaints and reports..."

8.2 Accessory Dwelling Unit Regulations

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Mayor Hatch opened the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Horne left the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Kathryn Freshley, resident, expressed concern with the City adopting accessory dwelling unit regulations and the limited extent to which they would apply in Laguna Woods.

Councilmember Conners briefly responded to Ms. Freshley's comments.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried unanimously on a 4-0 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Horne absent, to continue the public hearing to the adjourned regular meeting of the City Council on June 26, 2024 at 2 p.m. at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.

IX. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

9.1 Fiscal Years 2023-25 Budget and Work Plan & Fiscal Years 2023-34 Capital Improvement Plan

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Mike Raugh, resident, commented on his desire for more robust public transportation and shaded places to wait for such transportation.

City Manager Macon briefly responded to Mr. Raugh's comments.

Councilmembers briefly responded to Mr. Raugh's comments and Mr. Raugh answered questions.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried unanimously on a 4-0 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Horne absent, to:

1. Adopt a new Chapter 8.0 (City Capital Projects) for the Fiscal Years 2023-25 Budget & Work Plan reflecting projects completed; changes in the scope, timing, cost and/or funding of projects; and, other amendments.

AND

2. Adopt a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEARS 2023-25 BUDGET AND WORK PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 COMMENCING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024, AND FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 COMMENCING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, INCREASING GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE "CITY HALL REFURBISHMENT AND SAFETY PROJECT: PHASE 4," REALLOCATING EXISTING ROAD MAINTENANCE & REHABILITATION PROGRAM FUND APPROPRIATIONS TO THE "PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN PROJECT (WESTBOUND EL TORO ROAD BETWEEN CALLE CORTA AND CITY LIMITS)," INCREASING STATE OF CALIFORNIA GRANTS FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE "PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN PROJECT (WESTBOUND EL TORO ROAD BETWEEN CALLE CORTA AND CITY LIMITS)" FOR AN AWARD OF CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2021 – NON-STIP PROGRAM FUNDING, DECREASING ROAD

MAINTENANCE & REHABILITATION PROGRAM FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE “PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN PROJECT (WESTBOUND EL TORO ROAD BETWEEN CALLE CORTA AND CITY LIMITS),” UNALLOCATING EXISTING FEDERAL GRANTS FUND (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS)) APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE “TRANSIT SHELTER AND STREET FURNITURE REPLACEMENT PROJECT,” INCREASING THE ALLOCATION OF EXISTING FEDERAL GRANTS FUND (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS)) APPROPRIATIONS TO THE “EL TORO ROAD AND MOULTON PARKWAY WATER QUALITY TREATMENT PROJECT,” AND INCREASING GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE “PASEO DE VALENCIA - MOULTON PARKWAY CONFLUENCE BYPASS CORRIDOR PROJECT”

AND

3. Adopt a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A NEW 11-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023-24 THROUGH 2033-34, IN CONFORMANCE WITH MEASURE M2 (OC GO) REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICABLE CITY POLICIES AND DISCRETION

9.2 Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2027 Project List

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Connors, and carried unanimously on a 4-0 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Horne absent, to adopt a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A LIST OF FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 PROJECTS PROPOSED TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017’S LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS FUNDING PROGRAM (ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION ACCOUNT), AS REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE SECTION 2034(A)(1), AND MAKING RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS

9.3 City Council Meeting Schedule

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Conners, and carried unanimously on a 4-0 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Horne absent, to schedule an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council to be held on June 5, 2024 at 2 p.m. at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.

X. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

10.1 Coastal Greenbelt Authority

No report.

10.2 Orange County Fire Authority

Mayor Hatch provided a report.

10.3 Orange County Library Advisory Board

No report.

10.4 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

City Manager Macon noted that Mayor Pro Tem Horne stated that there had been no meeting since the last meeting.

10.5 San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency

Councilmember Conners provided a report.

10.6 South Orange County Watershed Management Area

No report.

10.7 Liaisons to Community Bridge Builders

No report.

10.8 Other Comments and Reports

Mayor Hatch, Councilmember McCary, and Councilmember Moore reported on the Orange County Sheriff's Advisory Council Annual Medal of Valor Awards Luncheon.

Captain Cruz Alday, Chief of Police Services, Orange County Sheriff's Department,

commented on the Orange County Sheriff's Advisory Council Annual Medal of Valor Awards Luncheon.

City Manager Macon commented on the Orange County Sheriff's Advisory Council Annual Medal of Valor Awards Luncheon.

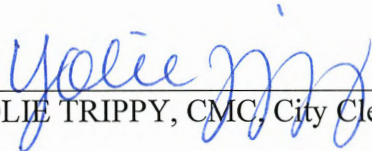
Chief of Police Services Alday commented on the second anniversary of the shooting at Geneva Presbyterian Church.

X. CLOSED SESSION – None

XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – None


XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next adjourned regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.



YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: June 26, 2024



NOEL HATCH, Mayor