

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
August 21, 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 2:02 p.m. and made introductory comments.

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, Assistant to the City
 Manager Haston, City Clerk Trippy

All staff participated in-person at the meeting location.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jonathan Adler, resident, led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS

4.1 Continuing Support of Fair, Free, and Open Elections
(agendized by Councilmember Moore)

Councilmember Moore introduced the item.

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

Jonathan Adler, resident, made comments.

Kathryn Freshley, resident, made comments.

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

Rona Henry, resident, made comments.

Cheryl Frink, resident, made comments.

Pat Micone, resident, made comments.

Jonathan Adler, resident, made comments.

City Manager Macon noted that the following individuals submitted written public comments in advance of the meeting (written public comments were provided to the City Council and are available from the City Clerk's Office):

1. Susan Dearing, resident, in opposition to the proposed proclamation
2. Pat Micone, resident, re-submitted the United Sovereign Americans resolution

Councilmembers discussed the item.

Moved by Councilmember Moore and seconded by Mayor Hatch to approve the proclamation. The motion died with the passing of a second motion that superseded it.

Moved by Councilmember McCary, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Horne, and carried on a 4-1 vote with Councilmember Moore voting no, to table the proclamation permanently.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The following representatives of United Sovereign Americans expressed concern regarding voting data from the 2022 general election and requested the City Council pass a resolution for a legally valid 2024 election:

1. Linda P., member of the public
2. Michele, member of the public
3. Lisa, member of the public
4. Linda M., member of the public
5. George, member of the public

Jonathan Adler, resident, made comments regarding the United Sovereign Americans group and election matters.

Cheryl Frink, resident, made comments regarding election matters.

Robert Henry, resident, made comments encouraging the City Council to only vote on matters within its jurisdiction.

VI. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

6.1 City Treasurer Report

Administrative Services Director/City Treasurer Torres made a presentation.

Councilmember Moore left the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember McCary, and carried on a 4-0 vote with Councilmember Moore absent, to receive and file the City Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2024.

Councilmember Moore returned to the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

6.2 Quarterly Financial Report

Administrative Services Director/City Treasurer Torres made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item.

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

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Councilmember Moore, 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 July 17, 2024.

7.2 Warrant Register

Approved the warrant register dated August 21, 2024, in the amount of \$986,814.40.

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, ADJUSTING THE ASSIGNED RESERVE BALANCES FOR THE PAID LEAVE CONTINGENCY RESERVE AND THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY RESERVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

7.4 Landscape Maintenance Services

Approved an agreement with BrightView Landscape Services, Inc. for landscape maintenance services and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

7.5 Deed of Easement

Accepted a quitclaim deed dated July 19, 2024 from Golden Rain Foundation conveying to the City the interest in real property described thereon and authorized the Mayor to execute a certificate of acceptance, subject to approval as for form by the City Attorney. The real property subject to this action is a portion of a sewer easement at the City-owned property commonly known as City Centre Park (24121 Moulton Parkway, Laguna Woods, CA 92637; Assessor's Parcel Number: 616-012-18).

7.6 City Hall Safety and Refurbishment Project: Phase 4

Rejected all bids received for the "City Hall Safety and Refurbishment Project: Phase 4" (bid opening July 18, 2024).

Mayor Hatch moved items 9.5 and 9.6 next on the agenda. There were no objections.

IX. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

9.5 Orange County Power Authority

Mayor Hatch introduced the item.

City Manager Macon noted that the following individuals submitted written public comments in advance of the meeting in support of further considering the Orange County Power Authority (written public comments were provided to the City Council and are available from the City Clerk's Office):

1. Wendy McQuillan, resident
2. Judy Curry, resident
3. Carol McVay, resident
4. Susan Dearing, resident
5. Mohammad H. Alief, resident
6. Judy Northrop, resident
7. Lynn Jarrett, resident

Bill Walsh, resident, made comments in support of further considering the Orange County Power Authority.

Ann Beltran, resident, spoke in support of further considering the Orange County Power Authority.

Gloria Moldow, resident, spoke in support of further considering the Orange County

Power Authority.

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

Susan Model, resident, made comments and encouraged the City to do additional research before making a decision.

Jonathan Adler, resident, spoke in support of further considering the Orange County Power Authority

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

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

Mary Sinclair, resident, made comments and encouraged the City to do additional research before making a decision.

Kathryn Freshley, resident, spoke in opposition to the City potentially joining the Orange County Power Authority.

Lynn Jarrett, resident, complimented the City Council for considering the matter

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Moved by Councilmember Connors, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried on a 4-1 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Horne voting no, to table this item for some future City Council to decide when the time is right to look at it again.

Mayor Hatch called for a brief recess.

The meeting was called back to order at 4:24 p.m.

9.6 City Hall Building Signage
(agendized by Councilmember Moore)

City Manager Macon noted that the following individuals submitted written public comments in advance of the meeting in opposition to the proposed signage (written public comments were provided to the City Council and are available from the City Clerk's Office):

1. Jennifer Erlic, identifies as a resident
2. Eleanor Grisby, identifies as a resident

Councilmember Moore introduced the item.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Jonathon Adler, resident, made comments.

Kathryn Freshley, resident, spoke in support of the proposed signage.

Pat Micone, resident, spoke in support of the proposed signage and suggested adding “In God We Trust” to the Council Chambers.

Mike Raugh, resident, made comments.

Jonathan Adler, resident, made comments.

An unidentified member of the public made comments.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Horne, and carried on a 4-1 vote, with Councilmember Moore voting no, to direct the City Manager to have metal lettering reading “City Offices” installed above the arch outside City Hall’s main entrance.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

An unidentified member of the public made comments.

Moved by Mayor Hatch, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to direct staff to prepare renderings of potential City Hall building signage incorporating “City Offices” and “E Pluribus Unum.”

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 Laguna Woods General Plan and Zoning Code Update, State Clearinghouse Number 2022080022

City Manager Macon made a presentation and noted a change in the first recommended resolution as follows:

Revise the third sentence in the third paragraph on page 1-2 of the Final Program Environmental Impact Report revised to read: “The NOA was mailed to the last known name and address of agencies, organizations, and individuals who previously requested such notice in writing as well as to all homeowners’ associations for dwelling units in Laguna Woods within 1,000 feet of the Project location.”

Mayor Hatch opened the public hearing.

Rona Henry, resident, made comments and asked a question regarding the proposed rezoning of the City Hall property.

City Manager Macon briefly responded to Ms. Henry's question.

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:

1. Adopt a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, MAKING FINDINGS RELATED TO AND CERTIFYING THE FINAL PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (INCLUDING ADOPTION OF A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS PER CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 14, SECTION 15093, AND ADOPTION OF A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM PER CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 14, SECTION 15091) FOR THE LAGUNA WOODS GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING CODE UPDATE, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER 2022080022

with the third sentence in the third paragraph on page 1-2 of the Final Program Environmental Impact Report revised to read: "The NOA was mailed to the last known name and address of agencies, organizations, and individuals who previously requested such notice in writing as well as to all homeowners' associations for dwelling units in Laguna Woods within 1,000 feet of the Project location."

2. Adopt a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL PLAN CIRCULATION, LAND USE, AND NOISE ELEMENTS, AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT SUCH ACTIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT PREPARED FOR THE LAGUNA WOODS GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING CODE UPDATE, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER 2022080022

3. 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, AMENDING SECTION 13.04.020 OF CHAPTER 13.04 (ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONING DISTRICTS) OF TITLE 13 (ZONING) OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING SECTION 13.080.050 TO CHAPTER 13.08 (RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS) OF TITLE 13 (ZONING) OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW RESIDENTIAL OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICTS, AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT SUCH ACTIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT PREPARED FOR THE LAGUNA WOODS GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING CODE UPDATE, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER 2022080022

8.2 Inclusionary Housing Regulations

City Manager Macon and Thomas Gonzales, Vice President of Economic & Planning Systems, Inc., made a presentation.

Mayor Hatch opened the public hearing.

City Manager Macon noted that The Kennedy Commission submitted written public comments in advance of the meeting in opposition to the proposed ordinance (written public comments were provided to the City Council and are available from the City Clerk's Office).

Ann Beltran, resident, spoke in support of inclusionary housing.

Ilene Munzinger, resident, spoke in support of inclusionary housing.

Jonathan Adler, resident, asked a question regarding potential future changes in state law that would affect inclusionary housing.

City Manager Macon briefly responded to Mr. Adler's question.

Mike Raugh, resident, made comments and asked a question regarding the integration of inclusionary housing units.

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

Vicki Johnson, resident, asked a question regarding potential housing sites.

City Manager Macon briefly responded to Ms. Johnson's question.

Rona Henry, resident, made comments and asked a question regarding the size of housing developments that would be subject to the proposed ordinance.

City Manager Macon briefly responded to Ms. Henry's question.

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

Councilmembers discussed the item. Staff and Mr. Gonzales 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, AMENDING CHAPTERS 4.10 AND 4.18 AND REPEALING CHAPTERS 4.02 AND 4.08 OF TITLE 4 (HEALTH AND SANITATION) OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO SOLID WASTE, WATER CONSERVATION, GEOTHERMAL HEAT EXCHANGE WELLS, WATER WELLS, CATHODIC PROTECTION WELLS, MONITORING WELLS, AMBULANCE SERVICES, AND TATTOOING ESTABLISHMENTS, AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

8.3 Health and Sanitation Title of Laguna Woods Municipal Code

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmember Moore left the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Hatch opened the public hearing.

Mike Raugh, resident, asked a question about geothermal heat exchange wells.

Councilmember Moore returned to the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

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

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

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Horne, seconded by Councilmember Conners, and carried on unanimously 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, AMENDING CHAPTERS 4.10 AND 4.18 AND REPEALING CHAPTERS 4.02 AND 4.08 OF TITLE (HEALTH AND SANITATION) OF THE LAGUNA WOODS

MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO SOLID WASTE, WATER CONSERVATION, GEOTHERMAL HEAT EXCHANGE WELLS, WATER WELLS, CATHODIC PROTECTION WELLS, MONITORING WELLS, AMBULANCE SERVICES, AND TATTOOING ESTABLISHMENTS, AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTLA QUALITY ACT

IX. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

9.1 League of California Cities 2024 General Assembly Delegates

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Horne, seconded by Mayor Hatch, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to appoint Councilmember McCary as the delegate at the League of California Cities' 2024 General Assembly.

9.2 Fire Risk Reduction Community

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Vicki Johnson, resident, asked a question about the County of Orange's draft Climate Action Plan.

City Manager Macon briefly responded to Ms. Johnson's question.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Conners, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to direct the City Manager to (a) take the actions required to qualify the City for inclusion on the California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's 2026 Fire Risk Reduction Community List, and (b) advise the City Council of any increases in approved budget appropriations necessary to complete such actions.

9.3 Employee Compensation and Benefits

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to adopt a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 24-01, AND

ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AND BENEFITS
FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

9.4 City Council Meeting Schedule

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item.

Moved by Councilmember Connors, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to:

1. Cancel the regular meeting of the City Council on October 16, 2024 at 2 p.m. at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637 due to scheduling conflicts.

AND

2. Schedule an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council for October 14, 2024 at 2 p.m. to be held at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.

X. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

10.1 Coastal Greenbelt Authority

Councilmember McCary stated that there had been no meeting since the last meeting.

10.2 Orange County Fire Authority

Mayor Hatch provided a report.

10.3 Orange County Library Advisory Board

Councilmember Moore stated that she will provide a report at the next meeting.

10.4 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Mayor Pro Tem Horne provided a report.

10.5 San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency

Councilmember Connors provided a report and responded to comments from Mayor Hatch.

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

- California Joint Powers Insurance Authority Annual Board of Directors Meeting- July 24, 2024

Councilmember McCary provided a report.


Mayor Hatch thanked Chief of Police Alday and Orange County Fire Authority Division Chief Summers for their attendance.

XI. CLOSED SESSION – None

XII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – None

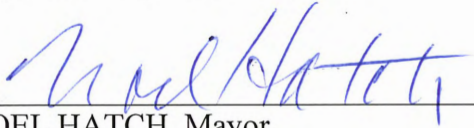
XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.



YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: September 18, 2024



NOEL HATCH, Mayor