

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 18, 2024  
2:00 P.M.  
Laguna Woods City Hall  
24264 El Toro Road  
Laguna Woods, California 92637**

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**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.

**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**

City Attorney Patterson led the pledge of allegiance.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

4.1   Hunger Action Month – September 2024

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

Councilmembers made comments.

Malia Cary, Government & Public Affairs Manager, Second Harvest Foodbank of Orange County, made comments and responded to a question from Mayor Hatch.

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

4.2   Fire Prevention Week – October 6-12, 2024

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

Mayor Hatch made comments.

Captain Levesque, Orange County Fire Authority, made comments.

Councilmembers made comments and Captain Levesque responded to questions.

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

Councilmembers took photographs with Ms. Cary and Captain Levesque.

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Vicki Johnson, resident, commented on joint powers agreements and lobbying ordinances.

## **VI. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT**

### 6.1 City Treasurer Report

Administrative Services Director/City Treasurer Torres made a presentation.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, 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 August 2024.

Councilmember Moore made comments.

## **VII. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Vicki Johnson, resident, requested that Item 7.4 be pulled from the 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 7.1-7.3.

### 7.1 City Council Minutes

Approved the City Council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on August 21, 2024.

### 7.2 Warrant Register

Approved the warrant register dated September 18, 2024, in the amount of \$1,138,117.90.

### 7.3 Investment of Financial Assets Policy

Adopted a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, REVIEWING AND ADOPTING AN ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE INVESTMENT POLICY, ADOPTING AN INVESTMENT POLICY, AND RENEWING THE CITY COUNCIL'S DELEGATION OF INVESTMENT AUTHORITY TO THE CITY TREASURER PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53607

## **ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **7.4 Conflict of Interest Code**

Vicki Johnson, resident, made comments regarding Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Form 700s completed by councilmembers.

Councilmembers Moore and Conners made comments.

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, DETERMINING THAT NO CHANGES IN THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 18-27 ARE NECESSARY FOLLOWING THE REVIEW REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 87306.5

## **VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None**

## **IX. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Councilmember McCary requested that Item 9.7 be moved to next on the agenda. There were no objections.

### **9.7 Irvine-Laguna Wildlife Corridor (agendized by Councilmember McCary)**

Councilmember McCary introduced Mary Fegraus, Chair, Coastal Greenbelt Authority.

Ms. Fegraus made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item. Ms. Fegraus and City Manager Macon responded to questions.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve the City becoming a signatory to the Irvine-Laguna Wildlife Corridor Partner Chapter and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City.

Councilmembers discussed the item.

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

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Darlene Baccus, resident, expressed opposition to the recommended action.

City Manager Macon briefly responded to Ms. Baccus' comments.

Councilmembers briefly responded to Ms. Baccus' comments.

Kathryn Freshley, resident, commented on the recommended action as it relates to El Toro Water District properties.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff responded to questions.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember McCary, 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 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 13.08.050 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

9.2 Inclusionary Housing Regulations

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmember Conners made comments.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Moore, 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 CHAPTER 13.25 OF TITLE 13 (ZONING) OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO INCLUSIONARY HOUSING REGULATIONS FOR CERTAIN NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND LAWFUL CONVERSION OF EXISTING RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PROJECTS (CONVERSIONS FROM APARTMENTS TO COMMON INTEREST OWNERSHIP), AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

### 9.3 Health and Sanitation Title of Laguna Woods Municipal Code

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Horne, seconded by Councilmember Conners, 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 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

Councilmember Conners made comments.

Councilmember Moore commented on landscaping concerns amongst residents of the Laguna Woods Village Gate 14 area.

### 9.4 Unfunded Retirement Liability

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff responded to questions.

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, 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 APPROPRIATIONS FOR LUMP SUM PAYMENTS TO PAY OFF CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CALPERS) UNFUNDED ACCRUED LIABILITY, AND MAKING RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS

9.5 City Centre Park Capital Improvements

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff responded to questions.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve a conceptual plan for the capital improvements that would be made to the remaining portion of City Centre Park if a new Orange County Fire Authority fire station were constructed on a portion of the City Centre Park property, with the addition of a dog water fountain and more clustered table seating, and authorize the City Manager to update the conceptual plan accordingly and submit the same to the State of California for review and approval.

9.6 City Hall Building Signage

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item.

No action was taken.

**X. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

10.1 Coastal Greenbelt Authority

Councilmember McCary provided a report.

10.2 Orange County Fire Authority

Mayor Hatch shared a video update regarding the Airport Fire.

10.3 Orange County Library Advisory Board

Councilmember Moore provided a report and responded to questions.

10.4 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Mayor Pro Tem Horne provided a report.

Councilmember Moore left the meeting at 4:24 p.m.

10.5 San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency

Councilmember Connors provided a report.

Councilmember Moore returned to the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

10.6 South Orange County Watershed Management Area

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

10.7 Liaisons to Community Bridge Builders

Mayor Pro Tem Horne provided a report and responded to a question from Mayor Hatch.

10.8 Other Comments and Reports

Mayor Hatch provided a report on the League of California Cities (Cal Cities) Quarterly Orange County Division Meeting on August 22, 2024.

Mayor Hatch and City Manager Macon responded to questions from Councilmember Moore regarding the Cal Cities meeting.

Councilmember Connors left the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

**XI. CLOSED SESSION – None**

**XII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – None**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

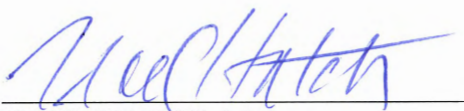
City Manager Macon noted that the next meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2024 at 2 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m. with Councilmember Connors absent. The next adjourned regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 14, 2024, at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637. The next regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road,

Laguna Woods, CA 92637.

  
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YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: October 14, 2024

  
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NOEL HATCH, Mayor