

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
November 20, 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, Hatch
 ABSENT: Horne

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 McCary led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS

4.1 Legislative Update – Assemblymember Diane Dixon

Assemblymember Diane Dixon made a presentation

Councilmembers made comments and Assemblymember Dixon and City Manager Macon responded to questions.

4.2 Legislative Update – John Pointer, California Senior Legislature
(agendized by Mayor Pro Tem Horne)

This item was not heard. City Manager Macon indicated that it may appear on a future meeting agenda.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Jeri Miller, resident, commented on concerns regarding the City's landscaping near her home.

George Gregory, member of the public, commented on a variance requested for his mother's residence in Laguna Woods Village.

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

Carolyn Maxwell, resident, inquired if the City is removing coyotes from the City.

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

VI. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

6.1 City Treasurer's Report

Administrative Services Director/City Treasurer Torres made a presentation.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried unanimously on a 4-0 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Horne absent, to receive and file the City Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2024.

6.2 Quarterly Financial Report

Councilmember McCary left the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

Administrative Services Director/City Treasurer Torres made a presentation.

Councilmember McCary returned to the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

City Manager Macon responded to a question from Councilmember Moore.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried unanimously on a 4-0 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Horne absent, to receive and file the Quarterly Financial Report for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2024-25.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember McCary, and carried unanimously on a 4-0 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Horne absent, to approve Consent Calendar items 7.1-7.8.

7.1 City Council Minutes

Approved the City Council meeting minutes for the adjourned regular meeting on October

14, 2024.

7.2 Payment Register

Approved the warrant register dated November 20, 2024, in the amount of \$724,283.85.

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, UNALLOCATING EXISTING FEDERAL GRANTS FUND (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS)) APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE "CITY HALL/PUBLIC LIBRARY PROECT" AND THE "EL TORO ROAD MEDIANS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (WESTBOUND EL TORO ROAD BETWEEN MOULTON PARKWAY TO CALLE SONORA)"

7.4 League of California Cities (Cal Cities) Events

1. Authorized expenditures from the City's existing City Council Department budget for registration (\$675 per person) and hotel self-parking fees (approximately \$29 per day) for any newly elected, first-time councilmember(s) to participate in the League of California Cities' Mayors and Council Members Academy from January 29-31, 2025 at the Delta Hotels Anaheim Garden Grove in Garden Grove, CA.

AND

2. Authorized expenditures from the City's existing City Council Department budget for airfare to and from Johny Wayne Airport and Sacramento International Airport, and taxi or other ground transportation to and from Sacramento International Airport and the Sacramento Convention Center, for Councilmember McCary to participate in the League of California Cities' Community Services Policy Committee meeting on January 24, 2024, in a total amount not to exceed \$600.

7.5 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Pedestrian Accessibility Improvement Project: Phase 8

1. Approved the "Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Pedestrian Accessibility Improvement Project: Phase 8" design plans and specifications as prepared by the project engineer.

AND

2. Approved a notice of exemption for the “Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Pedestrian Accessibility Improvement Project: Phase 8” finding that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and authorized the City Manager to cause the notice of exemption to be filed pursuant to applicable law.

AND

3. 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 2024-25 COMMENCING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, ALLOCATING EXISTING FEDERAL GRANTS FUND (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS)) APPROPRIATIONS TO THE “AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) PEDESTRIAN ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: PHASE 8”

AND

4. Awarded a contract agreement to Carter Enterprises Group, Inc. DBA Pavement Rehab Company for the construction of the “Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Pedestrian Accessibility Improvement Project: Phase 8”, in the amount of \$169,000, plus authorized change orders not to exceed 10% (\$16,900) of the base amount; and authorized the City Manager to execute a contract agreement and approve change orders, subject to approval of the contract agreement as to form by the City Attorney.

7.6 Circulation Improvement Project – Fiscal Year 2024-25

1. Approved the addition of the “Circulation Improvement Project – Fiscal Year 2024-25” to the Fiscal Years 2023-34 Capital Improvement Program.

AND

2. 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 YEARS 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, ALLOCATING EXISTING FEDERAL GRANTS FUND (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS)) APPROPRIATIONS TO THE “CIRCULATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – FISCAL YEAR 2024-25)

AND

3. Approved the “Circulation Improvement Project – Fiscal Year 2024-25” design plans and specifications as prepared by the project engineer.

AND

4. Approved a notice of exemption for the “Circulation Improvement Project – Fiscal Year 2024-25” finding that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and authorized the City Manger to cause the notice of exemption to be filed pursuant to applicable law.

AND

5. Awarded a contract agreement to Bear Electrical Solutions, LLC for the construction of the “Circulation Improvement Project – Fiscal Year 2024-25”, in the amount of \$116,040, plus authorized change orders not to exceed 10% (\$11, 604) of the base amount, and authorized the City Manager to execute a contract agreement and approve change orders, subject to approval of the contract agreement as to form by the City Attorney.

7.7 Paseo De Valencia – Moulton Parkway Confluence Bypass Corridor Project

Approved a cooperative agreement for the Paseo De Valencia – Moulton Parkway Confluence Bypass Corridor Project with the City of Laguna Hills, and authorized the City Manager to execute the cooperative agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

7.8 Ridge Route Drive Drainage Repair Project

Approved a cooperative agreement for the Ridge Route Drive Drainage Repair Project with the City of Laguna Hills, and authorized the City Manager to execute the cooperative agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Mayor Hatch opened the public hearing.

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

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember McCary, 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 AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE ELEMENT, AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT SUCH ACTION IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT PREPARED FOR THE LAGUNA WOODS GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING CODE UPDATE, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER 2022080022

IX. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

9.1 Speed Limits on City Roadways

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff responded to related questions.

A member of the public commented on speeding near Laguna Woods Village Gate 9.

City Manager Macon briefly responded to the public comments.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember McCary, and carried unanimously on a 4-0 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Horne absent, 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 8.06.010 OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT AND ESTABLISH SPEED LIMITS FOR EL TORO ROAD, MOULTON PARKWAY, RIDGE ROUTE DRIVE, AND SANTA MARIA AVENUE, INCLUDING REDUCED SPEED LIMITS ON EL TORO ROAD BETWEEN ALISO CREEK ROAD AND CALLE SONORA, AND RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF ALL OTHER EXISTING SPEED LIMITS, AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

9.2 City Council Meeting Schedule

City Manager Macon introduced the item.

Moved by Councilmember McCary, 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 for December 11, 2024 at 2:00 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

Councilmember McCary provided a report.

10.2 Orange County Fire Authority

Mayor Hatch provided a report and shared a video of an injured firefighter's return home.

Mike Summers, Division Chief, Orange County Fire Authority, provided context for the video.

10.3 Orange County Library Advisory Board

Councilmember Moore provided a report.

Mayor Hatch and Councilmember Conners briefly responded to the report.

Councilmember Moore made comments.

10.4 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

No report.

10.5 San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency

Councilmember Conners provided a report.

Item 10.7 was heard before Item 10.6.

10.7 Liaisons to Community Bridge Builders

Councilmember McCary provided a report.

10.6 South Orange County Watershed Management Area

Councilmember Moore provided a report.

10.8 Other Comments and Reports

- League of California Cities (Cal Cities) Annual Conference and Expo – October 16-18, 2024; and Cal Cities Orange County Division Reception – October 17, 2024

Councilmember McCary provided a report, announced her appointment to serve on the League of California Cities' Community Services Policy Committee, and responded to questions from councilmembers.

Councilmembers briefly commented on the report.

- Other Comments and Reports

Councilmember Moore reported on, and shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding, the October 16-18, 2024 California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) conference. Councilmember Moore also responded to a question from Mayor Hatch.

Councilmember Connors commented on Mayor Hatch's service to the City.

Mayor Hatch made comments reflecting on his time on the City Council.


Councilmember Connors requested that the meeting be adjourned in honor of Mayor Hatch and his years of dedicated service.

XI. CLOSED SESSION – None

XII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – None

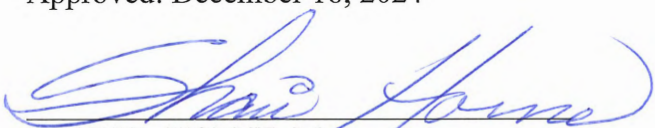
XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in honor of Mayor Hatch's years of dedicated service at 4:16 p.m. The next adjourned regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 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, December 18, 2024, at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.



YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: December 18, 2024



SHARI L. HORNE, Mayor