

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**August 21, 2013**  
**2:00 P.M.**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ring called the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Laguna Woods to order at 2:00 p.m.

**II. FLAG SALUTE**

David Russell Ohrn led the flag salute.

**III. ROLL CALL**

COUNCILMEMBER:           PRESENT:   Conners, Hack, Robbins, Ring  
                                  ABSENT:   Hatch

STAFF PRESENT:           Interim City Manager Macon, Assistant City Manager Reilly, City Attorney Cosgrove, City Engineer Hindiyeh, Deputy City Clerk Donohue

**IV. PRESENTATIONS – None**

**V. CITY COMMENDATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS – None**

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Robbins, seconded by Councilmember Hack, 1 absent (Councilmember Hatch), and carried to approve Consent Calendar Items 6.1 – 6.10.

6.1    Approved the City Council meeting minutes from the July 17, 2013 regular meeting, the July 24, 2013 special meeting, and the August 1, 2013 special meeting.

6.2    Approved the reading by title of all ordinances and resolutions. Said ordinances and resolutions that appear on the public agenda shall be determined to have been read by title only and further reading waived.

6.3    Treasurer's Report

Received and filed the July 2013 monthly and Fourth Quarter Fiscal year 2012-13 Quarterly Treasurer's Reports.

6.4 Warrant Register

Approved the August 21, 2013 Warrant Register in the amount of \$646,605.79.

6.5 Community Development Block Grant

Authorized the City Manager and Mayor to execute agreements and all amendments with the County of Orange for the receipt of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

6.6 Moulton Smart Street Project Phase 2 Landscape Design

Approved an increase in the contract amount with David Evans and Associates, Inc. for landscape architectural services for the Moulton Parkway Phase 2 Project from \$207,426 (including previously authorized change orders) to \$303,426, and authorized the City Manager to approve change orders up to 15% of the new base amount.

6.7 Moulton Parkway Segment 3 Phase 1 Fire Department Connection Project

Authorized the City Manager to approve a change order in an amount not to exceed \$13,157.09 for the Moulton Parkway Segment 3 Phase 1 Fire Department Connection Project.

6.8 South Orange County Regional Water Management Plan

Approved a resolution adopting the South Orange County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING THE SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN.

6.9 City Manager Employment Agreement

Approved a City Manager Employment Agreement with Christopher Macon and authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

6.10 Public Safety Director Job Classification

Approved a revised job classification for the existing, full-time position of Public Safety Director.

**VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None**

## VIII. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

### 8.1 El Toro Road Reconstruction Project

Assistant City Manager Reilly summarized the agenda report.

Councilmember Hack asked if the additional 3 feet to accommodate the widened sidewalk will come from the public right of way.

Assistant City Manager Reilly responded affirmatively. He noted that this section of El Toro Road has a sufficient amount of space.

Councilmember Hack asked if the El Toro Water District still has construction occurring in the same area.

Assistant City Manager Reilly responded that most of their work is occurring inside Laguna Woods Village and it should not interfere with the work on El Toro Road.

Councilmember Hack asked if there are any median changes expected on El Toro Road.

Assistant City Manager Reilly responded that the City is working with the El Toro Water District to maximize the use of recycled water wherever possible. He noted that a pipe was installed in the median on Moulton Parkway where City Centre Park is located in hopes of connecting it to the median south on El Toro Road.

Councilmember Hack asked how this construction will affect traffic.

Assistant City Manager Reilly stated that the recycled water project is affecting mostly the Laguna Woods Village and noted that residents can check online for project updates on the El Toro Water District website.

Councilmember Conners asked if the City will be re-landscaping the median.

Assistant City Manager Reilly stated that the City is only taking a foot of the median to provide for the mow strip. He noted that the City is currently looking into a grant to replace the grass and trees with drought tolerant landscaping.

Councilmember Conners asked if the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) ramps on El Toro Road and Moulton Parkway are part of this project.

Assistant City Manager Reilly responded affirmatively. He noted that Caltrans instructed Cities to make modifications on ramps while completing larger projects and that is exactly what the City is doing.

Moved by Councilmember Hack, seconded by Councilmember Conners, 1 absent (Councilmember Hatch) and carried to:

A. Award a contract to Palp, Inc. DBA Excel Paving Company for the El Toro Road Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$495,396, including the widening of the eastbound sidewalk, plus authorized change orders not to exceed 10% of the base amount; and authorized the City Manager to execute a contract and approve change orders, subject to approval of the contract as to form by the City Attorney.

AND

B. Award a contract to MBF Consulting, Inc. for construction management and inspection services for the El Toro Road Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$36,828, plus authorized change orders not to exceed 10% of the base amount; and authorized the City Manager to execute a contract and approve change orders, subject to approval of the contract as to form by the City Attorney.

8.2 “No Right Turn on Red Light” Restriction – Southbound Avenida Sevilla (Laguna Woods Village Gate 5) to Westbound El Toro Road

Assistant City Manager Reilly introduced City Engineer Hindiyeh.

City Engineer Hindiyeh summarized the agenda report.

Mayor Ring stated that this solution is a good one and believes that the Laguna Woods Village Gate 9 intersection would benefit from the same change. He asked if the traffic signals east and west bound on El Toro Road are synchronized.

Assistant City Manager Reilly stated that the signals on Moulton Parkway and El Toro Road are not synchronized because of the Moulton Smart Street construction.

City Engineer Hindiyeh reiterated Assistant City Manager Reilly statements.

Councilmember Conners believes that people who use Laguna Woods Village Gate 5 will be gratified by this change.

Councilmember Hack asked if the bus shelter at Laguna Woods Village Gate 5 is located on public right-of-way.

Assistant City Manager Reilly answered affirmatively.

Councilmember Hack suggested that the City look into moving the bus shelter back 3 or 4 feet onto Laguna Woods Village property.

Assistant City Manager Reilly responded that the City will discuss that possibility with Laguna Woods Village.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Mayor Ring, 1 absent (Councilmember Hatch) and carried to authorize the adjustment of the north side Avenida Sevilla crosswalk

on El Toro Road and the removal of the “no right turn on red light” restriction for southbound Avenida Sevilla traffic turning right to westbound El Toro Road.

8.3 California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA) Board of Directors Alternate Designee

Councilmember Hatch entered the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

City Manager Macon summarized the agenda report.

Moved by Councilmember Hack, seconded by Councilmember Hatch, and carried unanimously to appoint Councilmember Connors as an alternate designee to represent the City on the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority Board of Directors through December 2014.

Councilmember Connors discussed the role of CJPIA in the City.

Mayor Ring stated that CJPIA provides high quality training.

8.4 Bank of America, NT & SA Checking Account Authorization

City Manager Macon summarized the agenda report.

Moved by Councilmember Connors, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Robbins, and carried unanimously to approve a resolution making authorizations related to the administration of the City’s checking account as modified (Striking “Interim City Manager” on page 1 and “Interim” on page 2), entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING BANK OF AMERICA, NT & SA TO HONOR CITY ACCOUNT CHECKS, DRAFTS AND OTHER ORDERS FOR THE PAYMENT OF MONEY BEARING THE SIGNATURES OF CITY OFFICIALS

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

9.1 Transportation Corridor Agencies (Councilmember Hack)

Councilmember Hack reported that the Agency is working on cash-less toll roads.

9.2 Orange County Library Board (Mayor Pro Tem Robbins)

Mayor Pro Tem Robbins reported that there has been no meeting since the last City Council meeting.

9.3 Orange County Fire Authority (Councilmember Hatch)

Councilmember Hatch discussed issues facing the Fire Authority.

9.4 Southern California Water Committee (Councilmember Hack)

No report was given.

9.5 Coastal Greenbelt Authority (Councilmember Conners)

Councilmember Conners reported that there has been no meeting since the last City Council meeting.

9.6 Vector Control District Board (Mayor Pro Tem Robbins)

Mayor Pro Tem Robbins reported on the West Nile Virus activities and encouraged the community to call the District if a dead bird is spotted.

Councilmember Hatch discussed a recent article he read that stated that domestic cats and dogs kill more birds than any species on the planet.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Greg Rath, 45<sup>th</sup> Congressional District candidate, introduced himself and discussed why he is running for the United States Congress.

**XI. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

11.1 Reports on Meetings Attended per Government Code §53232.3.

A. Southern California Water Committee Board of Directors Meeting and Quarterly Meeting & Bay Delta Conservation Plan Workshop, July 26, 2013: Councilmember Hack

Councilmember Hack reported that Lake Mead's water supply is running low. He noted that the Committee is working on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

B. Water Advisory Committee, August 2, 2013: Councilmember Hack.

Councilmember Hack reported that he has been disappointed with the lack of water focus amongst speakers.

11.2 Other Meetings, Comments and Announcements

Councilmember Hatch discussed an article that he read about cities that have completely run out of water.

Councilmember Hack noted that a dust storm comparable to the one in Oklahoma in the

1930's is capable of occurring here in Southern California.

Councilmember Hatch asked if the City's disaster consultant will also take a look at water issues.

City Manager Macon responded affirmatively.

Councilmember Hatch asked if Southern California Edison rate payers will be getting a refund for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) fee.

City Manager Macon responded that it is still being discussed at the State level.

Councilmember Conners discussed the shortage of water in Southern California and noted that communities will have to start looking at xeriscaping.

Councilmember Conners talked about a recent trip she took to Prescott, Arizona. She shared pictures of the memorial for the fallen fire fighters. She stated that some of the families of the fallen seasonal fire fighters did not get the same benefits as the families of the fallen full-time fire fighters. She noted that all fallen fire fighters are treated the same in Orange County.

Councilmember Conners discussed vegetation overgrowth at the Aliso Viejo Golf Course. She noted there is an area of overgrowth that is currently being worked on.

Councilmember Conners discussed a recent tour that she took at the South East Resource Recovery Facility that is operated by the City of Long Beach. She stated that the facility gets their revenue from tipping fees and selling energy that they create.

Councilmember Conners reported on a meeting at the El Toro Water District where the topic of flushed wet wipes was discussed. She encouraged everyone not to flush wet wipes down the toilet and to instead throw them in the trash. Wet wipes are not dissolvable.

Councilmember Conners announced the September 11 Remembrance Ceremony at City Hall on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 9 a.m.

Mayor Ring announced the Great Laguna Woods Goods Exchange will take place at City Hall on Saturday, September 21, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

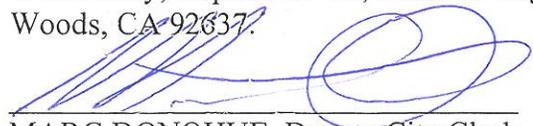
Mayor Ring announced the free showing of the movie *The Magic of Belle Isle* on Sunday, August 25, 2013 at City Hall.

## **XII. CLOSED SESSION – None**

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on

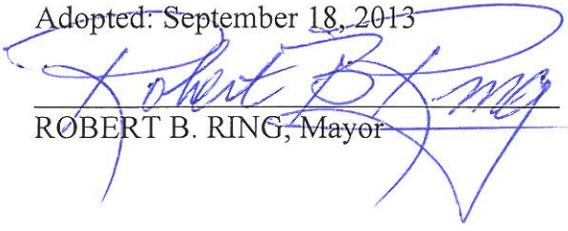
Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at Laguna Woods City Hall 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.



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MARC DONOHUE, Deputy City Clerk

Adopted: September 18, 2013



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ROBERT B. RING, Mayor