

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 20, 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**

Allyn Mattox led the flag salute.

**III. ROLL CALL**

COUNCILMEMBER:           PRESENT:   Conners, Hack, Hatch, Robbins, Ring  
                                  ABSENT:   None

STAFF PRESENT:           City Manager Macon, City Attorney Cosgrove, Community Services Manager Foley, Deputy City Clerk Donohue

**IV. PRESENTATIONS**

4.1 Wildlife Corridor Presentation – Coastal Greenbelt Authority

Melanie Schlotterbeck, on behalf of Laguna Greenbelt, Inc., and Mary Fegraus provided a presentation on the Wildlife Corridor and responded to questions.

**V. CITY COMMENDATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Robbins, seconded by Councilmember Conners, and carried unanimously to approve the Proclamation.

5.1 Proclamation – Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, November 2013

Mayor Ring presented the proclamation to Allyn Mattox.

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

City Attorney Cosgrove requested that the City Council add an item to the agenda pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2) under closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). The need to take action on this item arose with the pending appeal against the City under Case Number G048062, Schwarz v. City of Laguna Woods. He stated that

the City received a settlement offer after the City Council agenda was posted.

Moved by Councilmember Hack, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Robbins, and carried unanimously to add the closed session item as requested by the City Attorney.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Robbins, seconded by Councilmember Conners, and carried unanimously to approve Consent Calendar Items 6.1 – 6.6.

6.1 Approved the City Council meeting minutes from the October 16, 2013 regular meeting and the October 30, 2013 adjourned regular 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 Reports

Received and filed the October 2013 monthly and First Quarter Fiscal Year 2013-14 Quarterly Treasurer's Reports.

6.4 Warrant Register

Approved the November 20, 2013 Warrant Register in the amount of \$716,464.62.

6.5 El Toro Road and Moulton Parkway Measure M2 Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Project Applications

Approved a resolution authorizing applications for Measure M2 Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program funding from the Orange County Transportation Authority, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE EL TORO ROAD REGIONAL TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT AND THE MOULTON PARKWAY REGIONAL TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT TO THE ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING UNDER THE COMPETITIVE MEASURE M2 REGIONAL TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM.

6.6 2013 California Building Standards & Local Amendments

A. Adopted an ordinance adopting 2013 California building standards and local amendments, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA

AMENDING TITLE 10 OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADOPTING BUILDING AND SAFETY ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS, BY REFERENCE THE 2013 EDITIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING, FIRE, RESIDENTIAL, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL AND GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODES, AND RELATED MODEL AND UNIFORM CODES, WITH REFERENCE STANDARDS, APPENDICES AND AMENDMENTS THERETO

- B. Approved a resolution setting forth findings with respect to local conditions within the City that justify modifications and changes to 2013 California building standards, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, SETTING FORTH FINDINGS WITH RESPECT TO LOCAL CONDITIONS WITHIN THE CITY THAT JUSTIFY CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS AND CHANGES TO THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE, THE CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE, THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, THE CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE, AND THE CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE

## **VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **7.1 Off-Street Parking Regulations – Alternative Vehicle Standards**

City Manager Macon summarized the agenda report.

Councilmember Hack asked if the regulations would only apply to public property.

City Manager Macon stated that the regulations are general development standards that would apply to both public and private property.

The public hearing was opened.

There being no requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Moved by Councilmember Connors, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Robbins, and carried unanimously to approve the introduction and first reading of an ordinance modifying off-street parking regulations, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 13.18 OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO OFF-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS

## VIII. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

### 8.1 2014 Community Services Grants

City Manager Macon and Community Services Manager Foley summarized the agenda report.

Councilmember Hack expressed his support for the grants.

Councilmember Hatch asked if there will be a decrease of transportation services provided by Age Well Senior Services.

Community Services Manager Foley stated that, in the past, Age Well Senior Services has had to modify their services to stay within budget. He noted that there is currently no indication as to what extent services will be affected.

Moved by Councilmember Hack, seconded by Councilmember Hatch, and carried unanimously to award a total of \$150,000 in community services grants for the 2014 calendar year in the following amounts and in accordance with each organization's application:

- A. \$75,000 to Age Well Senior Services (\$30,000 for general operations at the Florence Sylvester Memorial Senior Center, \$22,500 for adult day services, and \$22,500 for transportation);
- B. \$20,000 to the Braille Institute;
- C. \$20,000 to South County Outreach;
- D. \$15,000 to the Foundation of Laguna Woods Village;
- E. \$8,000 to the Dayle McIntosh Center;
- F. \$7,000 to the Roxanna Todd Hodges Foundation; AND
- G. \$5,000 to the Trauma Intervention Program.

### 8.2 Ad Hoc Economic/Community Development Committee

Councilmember Conners summarized the agenda report and provided information on the Ad Hoc Committee's recent contractor's and business roundtables.

Mayor Ring stated that both roundtables had good turnouts. He noted that the suggestions from the Ad Hoc Committee are designed to make the City run more efficiently.

Councilmember Conners noted that attendees of the both roundtables showed appreciation for the City listening and taking in their suggestions.

Mayor Pro Tem Robbins expressed his support for accepting credit cards at City Hall. He noted that it will make it easier to conduct business in the City.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Robbins, and carried

unanimously to direct staff to pursue expanding payment options for City services to include credit cards, debit cards, and electronic fund transfers.

Councilmember Hack suggested separating planning and building counter hours for contractors and residents.

City Manager Macon stated that is one of the options that staff will be looking into.

Councilmember Hatch asked how the City compares to surrounding cities with services provided at the planning and building counter.

Mayor Ring stated that in certain regards the City is not as up to date as some other cities. He referenced electronic building permits as an example.

Councilmember Hatch asked if the City is behind from a technological standpoint.

City Manager Macon stated that the City does not have the same extent of electronic systems that other cities have.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Mayor Ring, and carried unanimously to direct the City Manager to identify potential organizational improvements to (1) expedite permit counter issuance and operations; (2) decrease plan check review times; and, (3) increase access to inspectors for inspection follow-up.

### 8.3 Conflict of Interest Code

City Manager Macon summarized the agenda report.

Mayor Ring asked if the Statement of Economic Interests that staff are required to file is similar to the one that the City Council has to file.

City Manager stated that they are the same.

Moved by Councilmember Hack, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Robbins, and carried unanimously to approve a resolution amending the City's conflict of interest code, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA  
WOODS, CALIFORNIA RECINDING RESOLUTION NO. 02-31 AND  
ADOPTING AN AMENDED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

### 8.4 Disaster Recovery Initiative Grant Update

City Manager Macon summarized the agenda report.

Councilmember Hack stated that availability of cooling centers will be extremely

important in the coming years.

City Manager Macon stated that instances of extreme heat and energy shortages are high on the list of concerns for the future.

Councilmember Hatch asked if earthquakes will be part of the safety discussion in the near future.

City Manager Macon stated earthquakes will be included in the updated Safety Element.

Councilmember Hatch asked if any direction on where to go or what to do in cases of an earthquake will be included in the Safety Element.

City Manager Macon stated that the General Plan is a broader policy document. He noted that there is a proposed implementation action for the Safety Element that relates to the provision of public information and evacuation planning.

Councilmember Connors stated that she believes the community needs to be prepared to respond to potential wildfires in the future and needs to start thinking about water supply. She noted that landscaped areas will likely have to give way to xeriscaping.

Councilmember Hatch asked about the Orange County Fire Authority's concerns related to the availability of water.

Chief Bryce stated that water districts have various reservoirs, but that water conservation is an important course of action.

Linda Wilson, member of the Laguna Woods Village Disaster Preparedness Task Force, requested that the City involve the Task Force in disaster-related projects.

## **IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **9.1 Transportation Corridor Agencies (Councilmember Hack)**

Councilmember Hack reported that the Agency is working on cash-less toll roads and encouraged the use of transponders.

Councilmember Hatch asked when the cash-less toll roads will be in effect.

Councilmember Hack responded around April or May 2014.

### **9.2 Orange County Library Board (Mayor Pro Tem Robbins)**

Mayor Pro Tem Robbins reported that he was unable to attend the meeting.

### **9.3 Orange County Fire Authority (Councilmember Hatch)**

Councilmember Hatch reported that the 16<sup>th</sup> member agency approved the amended joint powers agreement with the Orange County Fire Authority. He stated that six cities have yet to act on the agreement. He noted that 15 agencies have authorized their attorney to join in supporting the Orange County Fire Authority's validation action.

9.4 Southern California Water Committee (Councilmember Hack)

Councilmember Hack reported that reservoirs around the state are depleting rapidly.

9.5 Coastal Greenbelt Authority (Councilmember Connors)

Councilmember Connors reported that the Authority will be meeting later in the week.

9.6 Vector Control District Board (Mayor Pro Tem Robbins)

Mayor Pro Tem Robbins reported that the Board will be meeting later in the week. He noted that no dead birds were picked up in the City.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

**XI. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

11.1 Reports on Meetings Attended per Government Code §53232.3.

A. Water Advisory Committee, November 1, 2013: Councilmember Hack

Councilmember Hack reported that the committee discussed water desalination and water availability, including issues related to snow pack.

11.2 Other Meetings, Comments and Announcements

Councilmember Hatch discussed water rationing that was implemented when he was living in the city of Pasadena. He has hopes that Laguna Woods Village will consider implementing the same program if water shortages become a bigger issue.

Councilmember Connors encouraged the use of waterless urinals for water conservation.

Mayor Ring reported on the City Selection Committee meeting. He stated that there were two close elections for the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Local Agency Formation Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Robbins announced his resignation from the City Council effective November 30, 2013.

Mayor Ring stated that the City Council would like to honor Mayor Pro Tem Robbins at the December 18, 2013 City Council meeting. He noted that the community is a better

place because of Mayor Pro Tem Robbins' contributions.

## **XII. CLOSED SESSION**

- 12.1 The City Council meet in closed session to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning Schwarz v. City of Laguna Woods, Case No. G048062, pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

The City Council reconvened in open session at 3:34 p.m. City Attorney Cosgrove reported under Government Code Section 54957.1(a)(3)(A), the City Council accepted the appellants settlement offer of a dismissal with prejudice in exchange for a waiver of costs in Schwarz v. City of Laguna Woods, Case No. G048062.

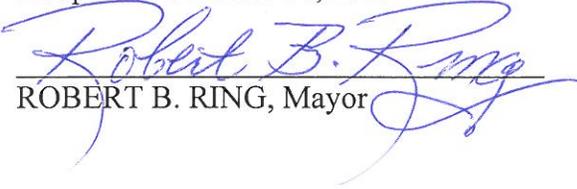
Councilmember Connors was not present in closed session.

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 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: December 18, 2013

  
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ROBERT B. RING, Mayor