

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**July 18, 2012**  
**2:00 P.M.**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. FLAG SALUTE**

Councilmember Ring led the flag salute.

**III. ROLL CALL**

COUNCILMEMBERS:   PRESENT:   Hack, Rhodes, Robbins, Ring, Connors  
                          ABSENT:   None

STAFF PRESENT:       City Manager Keane; Assistant City Manager Reilly; Community Services Manager Foley; Deputy City Clerk Trippy; City Attorney Cosgrove

**IV. PRESENTATIONS – None**

**V. CITY COMMENDATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

Moved by Councilmember Hack, seconded by Councilmember Rhodes, and carried unanimously to approve City Commendations and Proclamations:

5.1   Proclamation – National Clown Week, August 1 – 7, 2012

Mayor Connors presented the Certificate of Commendation to Laguna Woods Clown Alley President Dorothy Thayer, a.k.a Daisy-A-Day. She thanked the group for their dedicated service to the community.

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

6.1   City Council Minutes

Approved the minutes from the June 6 and 27, adjourned meetings and June 20, 2012 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 Report

Received and filed the June 2012 monthly Treasurer's Report.

6.4 Warrant Register

Approved the July 18, 2012 Warrant Register in the amount of \$720,393.21.

6.5 City Architect

Authorized the City Manager to execute a one-year agreement with the provision for two one-year optional extensions with WLC Architects, Inc. for as needed architectural services, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

6.6 Information Technology Services

Authorized the City Manager to execute a three year agreement with the provision for two one-year optional extensions with Synoptek, Inc. for City information technology services, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

6.7 Streetlight Energy Efficiency Improvements

Authorized the City Manager to contract with Southern California Edison to install energy efficient LED lights in streetlights in the public right-of-way along Moulton Parkway, El Toro Road and Santa Maria Avenue.

**VII. PUBLIC HEARING – None**

**VIII. CITY COUNCIL – None**

**IX. CITY MANAGER**

9.1 City Hall Accessibility Improvements

City Manager Keane summarized the agenda report and noted that the City Hall Improvement Fund could be used to offset the budget shortfall for the project.

Councilmember Hack asked City Attorney Cosgrove if the City has sufficient funds and if there is any anticipated additional litigation expense.

City Attorney affirmed that the remaining bill will not exceed the balance of the Funds as noted by City Manager Keane.

Mayor Connors acknowledged that the staff report includes a list of background checks;

however, she asked if an agency exists where the City could contact others who have worked directly with the contractor.

City Manager Keane replied that staff has talked with other government agencies that have worked directly with the contractor; and that the City's engineering firm has completed a thorough reference check.

Councilmember Hack noted that the City experienced problems with the City Centre Park project and that he did not want to go through something like that again.

City Manager Keane stated that the references for the contractor for the City Centre Park project responded positively as well. Staff consulted a number of other resources for this proposed award.

Councilmember Hack asked for clarification that the proposed project would include separating City Hall utilities from the rest of the shopping center.

City Manager Keane stated that this project as well as the construction of the trash enclosure should resolve all of the issues.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Ring, seconded by Councilmember Robbins, and carried unanimously to:

A. Authorized the allocation of \$75,000 from the City Hall Improvement Fund to supplement the project budget for City Hall exterior improvements.

AND

B. Award a contract to Astra Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$256,130 for the construction of the City Hall/Library Accessibility Improvements and modifications to parking lot lighting and irrigation; and authorized the City Manager to execute the contract and approve change orders not to exceed 6%, subject to approval of the contract as to form by the City Attorney.

## **X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **10.1 Transportation Corridor Agencies (Mayor Hack)**

Councilmember Hack reported that there was no meeting.

### **10.2 Orange County Library Board (Councilmember Robbins)**

Councilmember Robbins reported that there was no meeting.

### **10.3 Orange County Fire Authority (Councilmember Rhodes)**

Councilmember Rhodes reported that there was no meeting. He discussed a letter provided by President Local 36-31 Dave Rose in regards to his testimony before the Grand Jury on OCFA salaries.

City Attorney Cosgrove asked Councilmember Rhodes for clarification if he is reporting

on testimony given to the grand jury.

Councilmember Rhodes noted that the letter responds to Grand Jury allegations in their written report and merely states that Mr. Rose was not asked about the labor contract during the Grand Jury inquiry. He announced that he has a copy of the letter and would make it available to anyone who wishes to read it.

10.4 Southern California Water Committee (Mayor Hack)

Councilmember Hack reported that the Committee met in executive session and is getting ready for the quarterly meeting later this month. He discussed the problems of water shortage and the delay of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan water bond until 2014 due to the state of the economy. He noted the affects of the drought in the Midwest and its impact on the corn crop.

10.5 Coastal Greenbelt Authority (Mayor Pro Tem Connors)

Mayor Connors reported that there was no meeting.

10.6 Laguna Canyon Foundation (Councilmember Rhodes)

Councilmember Rhodes reported that the Foundation Board passed a FY 2012-13 budget designed to increase educational, recreational, and restoration programs. The budget also included implementation for satellite support groups to increase the use of the Laguna Coast Wilderness Park.

10.7 Vector Control District Board (Councilmember Robbins)

Councilmember Robbins reported that there were no reports of dead birds in the City, but two dead birds tested negative in Laguna Hills. One dead bird, each in Santa Ana and Buena Park, tested positive for the West Nile Virus. He further reported that a number of mosquito traps were placed throughout the City, mosquitoes captured in which all tested negative for West Nile Virus.

**XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

**XII. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

12.1 Reports on Meetings Attended per Government Code SS53232.3

A. Water Advisory Committee of Orange County – July 13, 2012 – Councilmember Hack

Councilmember Hack reported that the featured speaker was an economist who discussed ways of developing effective costs to address the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and the nominal impact agriculture has toward the state's economy.

12.2 Other Meetings, Comments and Announcements

Councilmember Hack reported on a meeting he attended at the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) where the topic of discussion was the possibility of rolling black-outs that might occur because of the closure of the San Onofre Nuclear

Generating Station (SONGS), should the temperatures rise and demand for energy increase.

**XIII. CLOSED SESSION** – None

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday August 15, 2012 at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.

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YOLIE TRIPPY, Deputy City Clerk

Adopted: August 15, 2012

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CYNTHIA S. CONNERS, Mayor