

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
June 29, 2011
2:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hack called the Adjourned 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: Ring, Conners, Hack
 ABSENT: Rhodes, Robbins

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

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Councilmember Ring, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Conners, and carried unanimously to approve Consent Calendar Items 4.1 – 4.7.

4.1 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.

4.2 Fiscal Year 2011-12 All Funds Budget

Approved six resolutions implementing the City's Fiscal Year 2011-12 budget, entitled:

A. **Resolution No. 11-11** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2011 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2012

B. **Resolution No. 11-12** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 09-04 AND ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

C. **Resolution No. 11-13** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY

OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A SEVEN-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN CONFORMANCE WITH MEASURE M REQUIREMENTS

D. **Resolution No. 11-14** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS

E. **Resolution No. 11-15** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL OVERHEAD RATE OF 42%

F. **Resolution No. 11-16** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-12

4.3 Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF)

Allocated any and all Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funds received from the State of California in FY 2011-12 for salary, benefits, supervision and related equipment and training for one-half of the cost for the Orange County Sheriff's Department deputy assigned to traffic enforcement in Laguna Woods.

4.4 Local Law Enforcement Services

Approved an agreement with the County of Orange for Fiscal Year 2011-12 law enforcement services in the City of Laguna Woods, and authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

4.5 Taxi Voucher Program

Approved an agreement with Cabco Yellow, Inc. (dba: California Yellow Cab) for subsidized taxi voucher service, and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement and option extensions, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

4.6 Water Quality Consulting Services

Approved an agreement with Charles Abbott and Associates for water quality planning and inspection service, and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement and option extensions, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

4.7 Streetlight Maintenance

Approved an agreement with Peak Lighting and Electric, Inc. for street light maintenance service and public facility electric services, and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement and option extensions, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

V. CITY MANAGER

5.1 Red Light Cameras

City Manager Keane summarized the agenda report and announced that Bob Hickman, Regional Manager for Redflex, was present to answer questions.

Councilmember Ring asked Mr. Hickman to discuss the current status of litigation unique to Orange County.

Mr. Hickman responded that Orange County is the only county where city attorneys are required to appear in court and where defense attorneys are able to “shop” for a more favorable commissioner. He discussed recent court decisions and legislation, including SB 29 which would add a sentence to the affidavit accompanying the citation stating that vehicle owners do not have to identify the driver.

Councilmember Ring stated that he has always supported the program for reasons of public safety, but that he would be in favor of ending the program in December 2011 if the legal situation does not improve.

Mayor Pro Tem Connors stated that she does not consider the \$53,000 the City would spend to support this program as a loss, but rather an investment in safety at the intersections. She asked Mr. Hickman if statistics showing an increase in rear-end collisions is available.

Mr. Hickman responded that it would depend on to whom you talk. The red light cameras are designed to stop t-bone collisions. Rear-end collisions may increase; however, based on Redflex’s study, texting and other activities are often the cause.

City Manager Keane stated that the City has been tracking rear-end collisions and that there has been no increase at the intersections.

Mayor Hack discussed the congestion at the Moulton and El Toro intersection and how the red light camera program helps with enforcement. He also stated his support for the extension and the importance of insurance companies advocating for the program.

Mayor Pro Tem Connors stated that she is in favor of the extension and discussed two letters of opposition that the City received, which focused on the cost of the program and an alleged invasion of privacy. She stated her belief that if someone is breaking the law, they no longer have a right to privacy.

Mayor Hack stated that this is a law enforcement issue.

Moved by Councilmember Ring, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Connors, and carried unanimously to approve an amendment to the contract with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. to extend the term for six months to December 31, 2011 and lower the monthly payment for services to \$4,000 per approach per month; and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract amendment, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Mayor Hack reiterated that insurance companies should weigh in on the issue.

Mr. Hickman responded that insurance companies did weigh in a few months ago. He stated that he would forward a copy of that report to the City Council.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

VII. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Connors announced that she is scheduled to deliver a short address at an event sponsored by the American Legion on July 4, 2011 at 11 a.m. in Village Clubhouse 1.

Mayor Hack wished everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

8.1 The City Council met in closed session to confer with legal counsel regarding one matter of pending litigation: City of Laguna Woods vs. Raintree Realty LLC. Case No. 05 CC 09350 pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

8.2 The City Council met in closed session to confer with legal counsel regarding one matter of pending litigation: Rosalind Chasman and Elva Brinegar vs. City of Laguna Woods, et al.; Case No. 30-2011-00449800-CU-WM-CXC pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

The City Council reconvened in open session at 2:53 p.m. City Attorney Cosgrove advised that there was no reportable action.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.

YOLIE TRIPPY, Deputy City Clerk

Adopted: July 20, 2011

BERT HACK, Mayor