

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
March 20, 2019
2:00 P.M.
Laguna Woods City Hall
24264 El Toro Road
Laguna Woods, California 92637**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBER: PRESENT: Horne, Moore, Rainey, Hatch, Conners
 ABSENT: -

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Macon, City Attorney Cosgrove, Deputy City Clerk
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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Horne led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS

4.1 Women's History Month – March 2019

Councilmembers made comments.

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hatch, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve and present the proclamation.

4.2 All of Us Research Program Presentation

Dr. Hoda Anton-Culver, Ph.D., University of California, Irvine, provided a presentation on the All of Us Research Program and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Thorpe, resident, wished the City a happy birthday, expressed his appreciation for the City Council, and complimented the City's website.

Councilmembers briefly responded to Mr. Thorpe's comments.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Hatch thanked City Attorney Cosgrove and Rutan & Tucker, LLP for their service to the City over the past seven years.

Councilmember Moore thanked outgoing Administrative Services Director/City Treasurer Cady for her service to the City.

Moved by Councilmember Horne, seconded by Councilmember Rainey, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve Consent Calendar items 6.1 – 6.9.

6.1 City Council Minutes

Approved the City Council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on February 20, 2019.

6.2 City Treasurer's Report

Received and filed the City Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2019.

6.3 Warrant Register

Approved the warrant register dated March 20, 2019 in the amount of \$332,160.33.

6.4 Employee Positions, Compensation, and Benefits

1. Approved an amended job classification for the following City employee position: Administrative Services Director/City Treasurer.

AND

2. Adopted a resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 19-03 AND ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AND BENEFITS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

6.5 City Attorney Services

1. Waived the provisions set forth in Laguna Woods Municipal Code Section 3.06.080(c) related to competitive bidding.

AND

2. Approved a legal representation letter extending and amending the agreement with

Rutan & Tucker, LLP for legal services as City Attorney and authorized the Mayor to execute the legal representation letter.

6.6 Tree Pruning and Removal Services

Approved an agreement with Great Scott Tree Service, Inc. for tree pruning and removal services and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

6.7 General Plan Annual Report

Received and filed the General Plan Annual Report for the 2018 calendar year.

6.8 City Hall Restroom Repair and Improvement Project

1. Approved final plans and specifications reflecting completion of the “City Hall Restroom Repair and Improvement Project”, as-built.

AND

2. Accepted project completion of the contract agreement with New Millennium Construction Services, Inc. for the “City Hall Restroom Repair and Improvement Project”.

AND

3. Release the contract retention in the amount of \$16,142.37 withheld per California Government Code 35 days following recordation of the Notice of Completion with the County of Orange, provided no Stop Notices are on file with the City preventing the release of the contract retention.

AND

4. Exonerate the project posted bonds 35 days following recordation of the Notice of Completion with the County of Orange.

6.9 City Hall Refurbishment and Safety Project: Phase 1

Rejected all bids received for the “City Hall Refurbishment and Safety Project: Phase 1”.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7.1 Accessory Dwelling Unit Regulations

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Mayor Conners opened the public hearing.

Mark Monin, resident, asked where accessory dwelling units are located.

City Manager Macon stated that there are no accessory dwelling units currently located in Laguna Woods. He noted that the proposed change is for consistency with state law.

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

Moved by Councilmember Rainey, seconded by Councilmember Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve the introduction and first reading of an ordinance – read by title with further reading waived – entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 13.06.010 AND 13.08.010 OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE, AND ADDING SECTION 13.26.230 TO THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATED TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

7.2 Golf Cart and Low-Speed Vehicle Regulations

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Mayor Conners opened the public hearing.

Janice Burstin, resident, asked if golf cart owners would be advised of the proposed changes.

City Manager Macon stated that this ordinance does not change existing laws.

Ms. Burstin expressed her concern for golf carts that ride on streets with other vehicles.

Mayor Conners stated that the City plans to increase signage for golf cart drivers. She noted that golf carts are an alternative mode of transportation for those in the community who can no longer operate a car.

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

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Hatch, seconded by Councilmember Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve the introduction and first reading of an ordinance – read by title with further reading waived – entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 8.18 OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO GOLF CARTS AND LOW-SPEED VEHICLES

7.3 Water Quality Regulations

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Mayor Conners opened the public hearing.

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

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Hatch, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve the introduction and first reading of an ordinance – read by title with further reading waived – entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 19-01 AND AMENDING CHAPTER 4.14 OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO WATER QUALITY

VIII. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

8.1 Fiscal Years 2019-21 Budget and Work Plan & Fiscal Years 2019-30 Capital Improvement Program Development

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

By consensus, the City Council directed staff to prepare the draft Fiscal Years 2019-21 Budget and Work Plan with continued use of the six existing priority focus areas.

Mark Monin, resident, suggested working with the Orange County Fire Authority and the Orange County Sheriff's Department on the design of center medians to ensure that emergency vehicles can be accommodated.

Councilmember Moore requested that staff look at the feasibility of hiring an assistant or other staff person to support the City Manager.

Mayor Pro Tem Hatch requested that staff review the condition of slopes on El Toro Road and provide an assessment of current and potential futures use of City Centre Park.

Councilmember Rainey requested that staff look at potential holiday decorations such as street light banners and/or lights during the winter holiday season.

Councilmember Horne requested that staff look into a potential community survey.

Mayor Connors expressed her interest in a community survey, commented on potential holiday decorations, and suggested that holiday decorations be funded by donations to the Laguna Woods Civic Support Fund rather than City General Fund dollars.

City Manager Macon briefly responded to the Councilmember requests and stated that staff would return with additional information at future City Council meetings.

IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

9.1 Coastal Greenbelt Authority

Mayor Connors provided a report.

9.2 Orange County Fire Authority

Mayor Pro Tem Hatch provided a report.

9.3 Orange County Library Advisory Board

Councilmember Moore provided a report.

9.4 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Councilmember Horne provided a report.

9.5 San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency

Mayor Connors provided a report.

9.6 South Orange County Watershed Management Area

Councilmember Moore provided a report.

9.7 Other Comments and Reports

Councilmember Moore commented on her “A Taste of Nature” garden tour fundraising efforts to support the Laguna Woods Civic Support Fund.

Councilmember Rainey commented on a recent prayer breakfast that he attended and noted that he attended four other meetings on housing, homelessness, and transportation.

Councilmember Horne commented on recent meetings of the Southern California Association of Governments and the Senior Citizen Advisory Council, as well as the following upcoming events: 5th Annual Leadership Forum on Aging in Garden Grove, Senior Rally Day in Sacramento, and Senior Day in Mission Viejo.

X. CLOSED SESSION

Prior to convening in closed session, an opportunity was provided for public comments on items appearing on the closed session agenda. No such public comments were received.

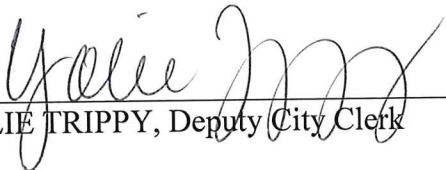
- 10.1 The City Council met in closed session under the authority of California Government Code sections 54946.9(d)(2) and (e)(1) to discuss significant exposure to litigation in one case.

XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

The City Council reconvened in open session at 5:54 p.m. City Attorney Cosgrove stated that there was no reportable action under California Government Code Section 54957.1.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.



YOLIE TRIPPY, Deputy City Clerk

Approved: April 17, 2019



CYNTHIA CONNERS, Mayor