

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
February 8, 2021
2:00 P.M.
Laguna Woods City Hall
24264 El Toro Road
Laguna Woods, California 92637**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

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

All Councilmembers participated via teleconference as permitted by Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 (dated March 17, 2020).

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Macon, City Attorney Cosgrove

City Manager Macon participated in-person at the meeting location.

City Attorney Cosgrove participated via teleconference.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Conners led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS – None

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Manager Macon read email correspondence that was sent by Jonathan Hawes, titled "Public comment for next city council meeting", dated February 2, 2020 8:52 a.m. regarding the El Monte Promise Foundation scholarship fund. That correspondence is noted and included in the public record.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR – None

VII. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

7.1 State of Local Emergency (COVID-19)

City Manager Macon made a presentation. He stated that facts and figures had changed since the City Council last continued the existing local emergency proclamation, which speak to the proclamation's ongoing need, including:

- The local emergency proclamation references morbidity and mortality statistics from the World Health Organization (WHO). Those figures have increased from 70,476,836 persons infected with COVID-19, worldwide, as of December 15, 2020, to 102,139,771 cumulative cases, worldwide, as of the World Health Organization's February 2, 2021 COVID-19 Weekly Epidemiological Update. Likewise, the number of deaths, worldwide, has increased from 1,599,922 to 2,211,762 over the same period of time.
- In Orange County, according to information provided by the Orange County Health Care Agency, the total number of COVID-19 cases has increased from 111,168 as of December 16, 2020 to 238,264 as of February 7, 2021. Approximately 24% of cases have been adults age 55 and older. Despite accounting for approximately 24% of cases, adults age 55 and older account for approximately 90% of the 3,358 total COVID-19 deaths in Orange County. In Laguna Woods – where the median age as of the 2010 Census was nearly 78 – there have been 353 COVID-19 cases and 28 deaths.
- The State of California's Regional Stay at Home Order ended on January 25, 2021. At that point Orange County returned to the State of California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy's most restrictive Purple Tier, which indicates widespread risk.
- On March 22, 2020, former President Trump approved a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of California. That Major Disaster Declaration remains in effect.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to adopt a resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, CONTINUING THE EFFECT OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ON MARCH 19, 2020 AND THEN RATIFIED AND CONTINUED IN EFFECT BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 24, 2020, MAY 11, 2020, JUNE 30, 2020, AUGUST 27, 2020, OCTOBER 21, 2020, AND DECEMBER 16, 2020, ON THE BASIS OF ONGOING NEED FOR 60 DAYS (THROUGH APRIL 9, 2021) UNLESS TERMINATED PRIOR TO THAT DATE BY THE CITY COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 8630

This vote was conducted by roll call.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION – None

IX. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – None

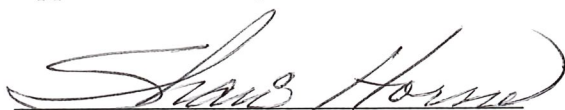
X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.



YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: February 17, 2021



SHARI L. HORNE, Mayor