

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 19, 2021  
2:00 P.M.  
Laguna Woods City Hall  
24264 El Toro Road  
Laguna Woods, California 92637**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Horne 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:   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 Clerk Trippy

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

City Attorney Cosgrove participated via teleconference.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Hatch led the pledge of allegiance.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

**4.1 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month – May 2021**

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

Councilmembers made comments.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Tao, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve the proclamation. This vote was conducted by roll call.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

## **VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Horne requested to move Item 8.1 after the consent calendar.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Councilmember Hatch, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve Consent Calendar items 6.1 – 6.5. This vote was conducted by roll call.

### **6.1 City Council Minutes**

Approved the City Council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on April 7, 2021.

### **6.2 City Treasurer's Report**

Received and filed the City Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2021.

### **6.3 Warrant Register**

Approved the warrant register dated May 19, 2021 in the amount of \$599,626.60.

### **6.5 Investment Financial Assets Policy**

Adopted a resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, REVIEWING AND ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF THE INVESTMENT POLICY, AND ADOPTING AN INVESTMENT POLICY

### **6.5 Measure M2 (OC Go) Eligibility**

Adopted a resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, CONCERNING THE STATUS AND UPDATE OF THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT, AND MITIGATION FEE PROGRAM FOR THE MEASURE M (M2) (OC GO) PROGRAM

Mayor Horne requested to move Item 8.1 after the consent calendar.

Mayor Pro Moore asked whether a vote was required to move Item 8.1.

City Attorney Cosgrove advised the City Council to vote on moving Item 8.1.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Councilmember Hatch, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to move Item 8.1 to the next item on the agenda.

## **VIII. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) and General Plan Housing Element Update**

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

City Manager Macon and City Attorney Cosgrove responded to a question from Councilmember Hatch.

Suzanne Smith, resident, expressed her support for increased affordable housing.

Suellen Zima, resident, expressed her support for increased affordable housing, asked several questions about the presentation, stated that there are several sites she would like to be considered for affordable housing, and noted difficulty attending late meetings at City Hall due to Laguna Woods Village's bus schedule.

Mark Monin, resident, commented on RHNA requirements in Los Angeles and Riverside counties, and encouraged the City Council to leave space for a second fire station west of Moulton Parkway.

Cash Achrekar, resident, commented on accountability in housing construction and asked several questions about the presentation.

Cate Van Camp, resident, expressed her appreciation for the presentation.

Cesar Covarrubias, Executive Director, The Kennedy Commission, encouraged the City to include community members and affordable housing advocates in discussions, look at land use a tool to incentive affordable housing, and consider inclusionary housing policies. Mr. Covarrubias also stated that The Kennedy Commission had submitted a letter to the City in advance of this meeting.

City Manager Macon asked Mr. Covarrubias to resend The Kennedy Commission's letter, as staff did not have a record of receiving it. The letter will be included in the public record.

City Manager Macon briefly responded to public comments.

Mr. Covarrubias commented on the City's obligations under State Housing Law and inclusionary housing policies.

Councilmember Connors made comments.

City Manager Macon noted the following individuals submitted written public comments, which are included in the public record:

1. Catherine Van Camp, resident

2. Ramesh Joshi, resident
3. Sue Dearing, resident
4. Suzanne Model, resident
5. Frieda Gorelick, resident
6. Rona Henry, resident
7. Joe Rego, resident
8. The Kennedy Commission letter previously mentioned

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

## **VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **7.1 Building, Planning, Encroachment, and Grading Permit Fees**

City Manager Macon and Terry Madsen, Principal with ClearSource Financial Consulting, made a presentation.

Mayor Horne opened the public hearing.

With no requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Councilmember Conners, 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, ADOPTING NEW AND INCREASED OR  
MODIFIED BUILDING AND PLANNING SERVICES FEES, AND  
ENCROACHMENT AND GRADING PERMIT FEES

This vote was conducted by roll call.

## **VIII. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **8.2 Solid Waste Handling Services Franchise**

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Councilmember Hatch, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to direct the City Manager to conduct a request for proposals process to solicit proposals from firms interested in providing solid waste handling services under a franchise agreement. This vote was conducted by roll call.

Councilmembers discussed staff's recommendation to appoint an Ad Hoc Solid Waste Handling Services Franchise Committee.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Councilmember Hatch, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to appoint Mayor Horne and Councilmember Conners to an Ad Hoc Solid Waste Handling Services Franchise Committee beginning immediately through October 31, 2021 to work with staff to prepare a request for proposals and then review, evaluate, and make recommendations to the City Council regarding proposals submitted by firms interested in providing solid waste handling services under a franchise agreement. This vote was conducted by roll call.

### 8.3 Fiscal Years 2021-23 Budget and Work Plan & Fiscal Years 2021-32 Capital Improvement Program Development

City Manager Macon introduced Gene Inouye, Chief of Police Services, Orange County Sheriff's Department, who followed up on Councilmember Tao's previous request for information regarding the adequacy of existing systems for collecting and communicating hate crimes data. Chief of Police Services Inouye noted that existing systems are sufficient for reporting, collecting, and communicating hate crime data, and responded to related questions.

Mayor Horne suggested that OC Human Relations be invited to make a presentation at an upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Tao concurred with Mayor Horne's suggestion.

City Manager Macon stated that such a presentation could be arranged.

Mayor Horne suggested that a ballistic shield be installed for the City Council dais.

Councilmembers discussed Mayor Horne's suggestion and staff answered related questions.

Mayor Horne requested that staff look into alternative forms of protection in lieu of ballistic shields for the City Council dais.

City Manager Macon stated that he would speak with Chief of Police Services Inouye about alternative forms of protection.

Mayor Horne expressed interest in active shooter drills.

Kathryn Freshley, resident, commented that ballistic shields are unnecessary.

Mayor Horne briefly responded to Ms. Freshley's comments.

Councilmembers discussed Mayor Horne's suggestion.

#### 8.4 City Council Meeting Schedule

City Manager Macon suggested scheduling an adjourned regular City Council meeting for Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Councilmember Tao, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to schedule an adjourned regular City Council meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637. This vote was conducted by roll call.

### **IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

#### 9.1 Coastal Greenbelt Authority

Councilmember Conners provided a report.

#### 9.2 Orange County Fire Authority

Councilmember Hatch provided a report.

#### 9.3 Orange County Library Advisory Board

Mayor Pro Tem Moore stated that the next meeting will be held on May 20, 2021.

#### 9.4 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Mayor Horne provided a report.

#### 9.5 San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency

Councilmember Conners provided a report.

#### 9.6 South Orange County Watershed Management Area

Mayor Pro Tem Moore provided a report and commented on water-related matters.

#### 9.7 Other Comments and Reports – None


### **X. CLOSED SESSION – None**

### **XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – None**

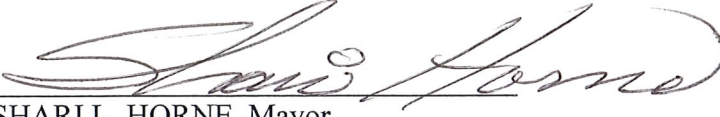
### **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m. The next adjourned regular meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods,

CA 92637. The next regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.

  
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YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: July 13, 2021

  
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SHARI L. HORNE, Mayor