

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 15, 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 Patterson, City Clerk Trippy

All staff participated in-person at the meeting location.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Tao led the pledge of allegiance.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

**4.1 Recent Financial Accomplishments**

Mayor Horne introduced the item and provided information on:

- The City's ranking on the California State Auditor's High-Risk Local Government Agency Audit Program's Interactive Dashboard for Fiscal Year 2019-20; and
- The City's receipt of a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for Fiscal Year 2019-20.

Councilmembers and City Manager Macon made comments.

**4.2 Hunger Action Month – September 2021**

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

Claudia Keller, Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County and OC Hunger Alliance, made comments.

Councilmembers made comments and Ms. Keller answered related questions.

4.3 Fire Prevention Week – October 3-9, 2021

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

Mike Contreras, Division Chief, Orange County Fire Authority, made comments.

Councilmembers made comments and Division Chief Contreras answered related questions.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Councilmember Conners, 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 August 18, 2021.

6.2 City Treasurer's Report

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

6.3 Warrant Register

Approved the warrant register dated September 15, 2021 in the amount of \$666,891.04.

6.4 Investment of Financial Assets Authority

Adopted a resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, RENEWING ITS DELEGATION OF INVESTMENT AUTHORITY TO THE CITY TREASURER PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53607

6.5 800-Megahertz Countywide Coordinated Communications System

Approved a joint agreement between the Orange County Sheriff's Department, the City, and other partner agencies [authorized subscribers to the system who agree to share in the System Operation Costs to administer, maintain, and upgrade the technology by providing recurring rate schedule payments] for the operation, maintenance and financial management of the Orange County 800-Megahertz Countywide Coordinated Communications System and authorized the Mayor to execute the memorandum of understanding, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None**

**VIII. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

8.1 Orange County Veterans Cemetery  
(agendized by Mayor Horne)

Mayor Horne introduced the item.

Bill Cook, Chairman of the Orange County Veterans Memorial Park Foundation, expressed his support for the proposed resolution.

Councilmembers discussed the item.

Mr. Cook responded to Councilmember comments.

At Mayor Horne's request, a moment of silence was observed for the recent servicemember deaths in Afghanistan.

Moved by Councilmember Hatch, seconded by Councilmember Connors, 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, SUPPORTING THE ORANGE COUNTY  
VETERANS CEMETERY IN ANAHEIM HILLS

This vote was conducted by roll call.

8.2 California Assembly Bill 63 (Petrie-Norris) (2021-2022)  
(agendized by Mayor Horne)

Mayor Horne introduced the item.

Shannon Swanson, Assemblymember Petrie-Norris' Office, made comments.

Councilmembers discussed the item and Ms. Swanson answered related questions.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to adopt a position in support of California Assembly Bill 63 (Petrie-Norris) (2021-2022) (Marine resources: Marine Managed Areas Improvement Act: restoration and monitoring activities.). This vote was conducted by roll call.

### 8.3 California Joint Powers Insurance Authority 2021 Annual Board of Directors Meeting

Mayor Horne introduced the item.

Councilmembers discussed the item.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Hatch, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Moore as the voting delegate to vote on behalf of and represent the City at the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority's 2021 Annual Board of Directors Meeting. This vote was conducted by roll call.

### 8.4 Cannabis Businesses and Retail Sales Business Tax (agendized by Mayor Horne)

Mayor Horne introduced the item.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Tao, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to direct the City Manager to draft an ordinance for future consideration by the City Council that would – if placed on a future ballot by the City Council and subsequently approved by registered voters – enact a tax on businesses engaged in the retail sale of cannabis and cannabis products. This direction was given with the understanding that, if approved by registered voters, such a tax would only be levied if the City Council took separate, future action to authorize the establishment and operation of cannabis dispensaries and/or other cannabis businesses. This vote was conducted by roll call.

### 8.5 City Council Meeting Schedule

City Manager Macon introduced the item.

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:

1. Schedule an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council for October 14, 2021 at 1 p.m. at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637

AND

2. Reinstate the regular meeting of the City Council on November 17, 2021 at 2 p.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 stated that there was nothing to report.

Mayor Horne briefly commented on wildlife corridor matters.

### **9.2 Orange County Fire Authority**

Councilmember Hatch provided a report.

Mayor Horne briefly responded to Councilmember Hatch's report.

### **9.3 Orange County Library Advisory Board**

Mayor Pro Tem Moore stated that there was nothing to report and inquired about providing a report on the Southern California Association of Governments' Emerging Technologies Committee.

City Manager Macon responded that such a report could be made under Item 9.7.

### **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 and shared a video from the Transportation Corridor Agencies titled "Live Oak Canyon Conservation Grazing."

Mayor Horne briefly responded to Councilmember Conners' report.

### **9.6 South Orange County Watershed Management Area**

Mayor Pro Tem Moore commented on water matters.

### **9.7 Other Comments and Reports**

Mayor Pro Tem Moore provided a report on the Southern California Association of Governments' Emerging Technologies Committee and shared a video from HyperloopTT titled "Imagine."

Councilmembers briefly commented on the video.

At Mayor Pro Tem Moore's request, City Manager Macon commented on the status of the mobility technology plan to be funded by the Southern California Association of Governments.

Councilmember Conners briefly responded to City Manager Macon's report.

Councilmember Conners stated that the Discovery Science Cube is open and has a special exhibit on organic waste recycling.

Mayor Horne stated that the Discovery Science Cube also has an exhibit on vectors.

Mayor Horne commented on pending state legislation regarding remote meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore commented on the environmental benefits of remote meetings.

**X. CLOSED SESSION – None**


**XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – None**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. The next adjourned regular meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 14, 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, October 20, 2021 at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.

  
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YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: October 20, 2021

  
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SHARI L. HORNE, Mayor