

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
October 29, 2021
9:00 A.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 9:00 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Councilmember Conners participated in-person at the meeting location.

All other councilmembers participated via teleconference.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Macon, City Attorney Patterson, City Clerk Trippy

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

City Attorney Patterson participated via teleconference.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Conners led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Councilmember Conners, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve Consent Calendar Item 5.1. This vote was conducted by roll call.

5.1 Teleconferencing for Meetings

Adopted a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF TELECONFERENCING FOR MEETINGS DURING THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY, PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (2021-2022)

VI. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

6.1 City Hall/Public Library Project

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

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:

1. Approve the “City Hall/Public Library Project” design plans and specifications as prepared by the project architect.

AND

2. Approve a notice of exemption for the “City Hall/Public Library Project” finding that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and authorize the City Manager to cause the notice of exemption to be filed pursuant to applicable law.

AND

3. Award a contract agreement to iBuild Spectrum, Inc. for the construction of the “City Hall/Public Library Project”, in the amount of \$2,270,413.01, plus authorized change orders not to exceed 15% of the base amount, to be funded using existing appropriations in the Federal Grants Fund (American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) (\$1,552,044), State of California Grants Fund (\$500,000), and Capital Projects Fund (\$558,931); and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract agreement and approve change orders, subject to approval of the contract agreement as to form by the City Attorney.

This vote was conducted by roll call.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. The next regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF TELECONFERENCING FOR MEETINGS DURING THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY, PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (2021-2022)

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2020, the County of Orange Health Officer declared a Local Health Emergency and the Chairwoman of the Board of Supervisors, acting as the Chair of Emergency Management Council, proclaimed a Local Emergency finding that the imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of COVID-19 created conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of Orange County; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the Orange County Board of Supervisors adopted resolutions No. 20-011 and 20-012 ratifying the Local Health Emergency and Local Emergency, referenced above; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency in response to COVID-19, pursuant to Section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act (Article 1 [commencing with Section 8550] of Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2); and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization publicly characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency due to the spread and the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the State of California (California Department of Industrial Relation's Division of Occupational Safety and Health's Revised COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards effective June 17, 2021) and County of Orange Health Officer (Orders and Strong Recommendations revised September 28, 2021) continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Governor of the State of California issued Executive Order N-29-20 that, in an effort to confront and contain COVID-19, suspended certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act providing local agencies with greater flexibility to hold meetings via teleconferencing; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, the Governor of the State of California signed Assembly Bill 361 (2020-2022) (“AB 361”) amending the Ralph M. Brown Act providing local agencies with greater flexibility to hold meetings via teleconferencing during a proclaimed state of emergency when: (1) state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing and/or (2) the legislative body of the local agency has determined, by majority vote, that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees (California Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)); and

WHEREAS, AB 361 was chaptered into law as an urgency statute with its effectiveness waived until October 1, 2021, subject to the Governor of the State of California’s Executive Order N-15-21 dated September 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue holding meetings via teleconferencing, AB 361 requires the legislative body of a local agency to periodically make the findings set forth in California Government Code Section 54953(e)(3).

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct.


SECTION 2. The City Council does hereby find the following:

(A) A state of emergency has been proclaimed pursuant to Section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act (Article 1 [commencing with Section 8550] of Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2); and

(B) The City Council has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and

(C) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members of the City Council to meet safely in person; and

(D) State and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.



YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: November 17, 2021



SHARI L. HORNE, Mayor