

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
September 21, 2022
2:00 P.M.
Laguna Woods City Hall
24264 El Toro Road
Laguna Woods, California 92637**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moore called the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Laguna Woods to order at 2:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

All councilmembers participated in-person at the meeting location.

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

City Attorney Patterson participated via teleconference.

All other staff participated in-person at the meeting location.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Shari Freidenrich, Orange County Treasurer, led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS

4.1 Presentation Regarding Property Tax – Shari Freidenrich, CPA, Orange County Treasurer
(agendized by Mayor Moore)

Mayor Moore introduced the item.

Shari Freidenrich, Orange County Treasurer, made a presentation.

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

4.2 Presentation Regarding Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack (CCTA) Exercise –
Orange County Sheriff’s Department
(agendized by Mayor Moore)

Mayor Moore introduced the item.

Captain Alday, Chief of Police Services, Orange County Sheriff's Department, made a presentation.

Mayor Moore made comments.

Councilmembers discussed the item and Captain Alday answered related questions.

A member of the public asked about what happens when someone makes a 911 call.

Captain Alday briefly responded to the question.

Councilmembers discussed the item and Captain Alday answered related questions.

- 4.3 Presentations Regarding Driving Out Darkness: Orange County Summit on Antisemitism and Hate & Orange County Human Relations Commission's Orange County 2021 Hate Crime Report
(agendized by Mayor Moore)

Mayor Moore made comments and responded to a related question from Councilmember Hatch.

- 4.4 Hunger Action Month – September 2022

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

Councilmembers made comments.

Moved by Councilmember Hatch and seconded by Councilmember Tao to approve the proclamation.

Malia Cary, Second Harvest Food Bank, made comments.

Mayor Moore requested to move Item 4.6 as the next item on the agenda. There were no objections.

- 4.6 Fire Prevention Week – October 9-15, 2022

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

Moved by Councilmember Hatch and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Conners to approve the proclamation.

Division Chief Contreras, Orange County Fire Authority, made comments and responded to a question from Councilmember Hatch.

Councilmembers made comments.

Acting on the motion previously moved by Councilmember Hatch and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Conners, the City Council voted unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve the proclamation.

4.4 Hunger Action Month – September 2022

The City Council returned to Item 4.4 to vote on approval of the proclamation.

Acting on the motion previously moved by Councilmember Hatch and seconded by Councilmember Tao, the City Council voted unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve the proclamation.

Mayor Moore called for a brief recess.

The meeting was called back to order at 3:36 p.m.

4.5 International Day of Peace – September 21, 2022 (agendized by Mayor Moore)

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

Councilmembers made comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Conners left the meeting at 3:39 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Hatch, seconded by Councilmember Tao, and carried on a 4-0 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Conners absent, to approve the proclamation.

Councilmember Horne requested to move Item 9.4 to follow Item 4.7. There were no objections.

Mayor Pro Tem Conners returned to the meeting.

4.7 City Hall/Public Library Project Update

City Manager Macon provided an update and responded to related questions.

Councilmembers made comments.

9.4 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Amber Semrow, Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District, made a presentation and answered related questions.

Councilmember Horne made comments.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Kathryn Freshley, resident, commented on Measure T and related concerns.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Councilmember Hatch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Conners, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve Consent Calendar items 6.1 – 6.10.

6.1 Approved the City Council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on June 15, 2022 and the regular meeting on July 20, 2022.

6.2 City Treasurer's Report

Received and filed the City Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2022.

6.3 Warrant Register

Approved the warrant register dated September 21, 2022 in the amount of \$638,338.30.

6.4 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)

6.5 Fiscal Years 2021-23 Budget Adjustments

Adopted a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, ADJUSTING THE ASSIGNED RESERVE BALANCES FOR THE PAID LEAVE CONTINGENCY RESERVE AND THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY RESERVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23

6.6 Investment of Financial Assets Policy

Adopted a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, REVIEWING AND ADOPTING AN ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE INVESTMENT POLICY, ADOPTING AN INVESTMENT POLICY, AND RENEWING THE CITY COUNCIL'S DELEGATION OF INVESTMENT AUTHORITY TO THE CITY TREASURER PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53607

6.7 Credit Card, Debit Card, and Prepaid Card Payment Processing

1. Eliminated the \$700 per transaction limit for payments that can be accepted by credit card, debit card, and prepaid card.

AND

2. Authorized the City Manager to impose transaction limits for payments that can be accepted by credit card, debit card, and prepaid card based on economic conditions, the needs of the City, or in the interest of the efficient, effective, or economical conduct of City business.

6.8 Arborist and Tree Risk Assessment Services

Approved an extension of the agreement with Monarch Environmental Services for arborist and tree risk assessment services and authorized the City Manager to execute the extension, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

6.9 Conflict of Interest Code

Adopted a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THAT NO CHANGES IN THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 18-27 ARE NECESSARY FOLLOWING THE REVIEW REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 87306.5

6.10 Ad Hoc Anti-Hate Advisory Council Committee
(agendized by Mayor Pro Tem Connors and Councilmember Horne)

Extended the end of the term of the Ad Hoc Anti-Hate Advisory Council Committee from September 30, 2022 to December 29, 2022.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7.1 Sign Regulations

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Michael Pauls, on behalf of LW Shell, expressed his support for the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Moore commented on the sound quality of Mr. Pauls' comments.

City Manager Macon paraphrased Mr. Paul's comments.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Moved by Councilmember Hatch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Conners, 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 – titled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 13.20.030, 13.20.130, AND 13.20.160 OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO SIGN REGULATIONS, AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

VIII. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

8.1 New Orange County Fire Authority Fire Station

City Attorney Patterson and Councilmember Hatch commented on Councilmember Hatch's reasons for recusing himself from this item.

Councilmember Hatch left the meeting at 4:21 p.m.

City Manager Macon and Division Chief Contreras made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Kathryn Freshley, resident, commented in support of the potential new fire station.

Moved by Councilmember Horne, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Conners, and carried unanimously on a 4-0 vote with Councilmember Hatch recused, to approve, in non-binding concept the long-term lease of approximately 0.32 acres of the City Centre Park property (24121 Moulton Parkway, Laguna Woods, CA 92637; Assessor's Parcel Number: 616-021-18) for use as a new Orange County Fire Authority fire station and authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to take actions and incur costs necessary to:

- (a) Comply with applicable state laws regarding the lease of park property for non-park purposes, and other state laws as may be determined to apply;

- (b) Unencumber the property of deed restrictions that would otherwise preclude the construction and operation of a fire station;
- (c) Negotiate – for future consideration by the City Council – agreements with the Orange County Fire Authority for the construction and operation of a fire station including, but not limited to, a long-term land-lease agreement;
- (d) Partner with Orange County Fire Authority to contact surrounding property owners to discuss a potential new fire station and solicit input on factors to be considered during any future design construction and operations;
- (e) Coordinate with the Orange County Fire Authority on matters affecting the design of a fire station including, but not limited to, modifications and easements related to traffic control devices, medians, sidewalks, and other City property, and public access to the remaining portion of City Centre Park; and
- (f) Negotiate and enter into cost recovery agreements with the Orange County Fire Authority to reimburse the City for those costs associated with this project which are mutually agreed upon as the Orange County Fire Authority’s responsibility.

Councilmember Hatch re-entered the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

Councilmember Tao left the meeting.

IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

9.1 Coastal Greenbelt Authority

Mayor Pro Tem Connors provided a report.

9.2 Orange County Fire Authority

Councilmember Hatch provided a report.

9.3 Orange County Library Advisory Board

Mayor Moore stated that there had been no meeting since the last meeting.

Councilmember Tao re-entered the meeting.

9.5 San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency

Mayor Pro Tem Connors provided a report.

9.6 South Orange County Watershed Management Area

Mayor Moore provided a report.


9.7 Other Comments and Reports – None

X. CLOSED SESSION – None

XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.



YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: November 16, 2022



CAROL MOORE, Mayor