

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
September 15, 2022  
1:00 P.M.  
Laguna Woods City Hall  
24264 El Toro Road  
Laguna Woods, California 92637**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Moore called the Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Laguna Woods to order at 1:08 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

COUNCILMEMBER:           PRESENT:   Hatch, Horne, Tao, Moore  
                                  ABSENT:   Connors

Councilmember Hatch participated via teleconference.

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

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

All staff participated in-person at the meeting location.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Don Caskey, member of the Laguna Hills City Council, led the pledge of allegiance.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Don Caskey, member of the Laguna Hills City Council, introduced himself and made comments regarding opportunities for collaboration between the cities of Laguna Hills and Laguna Woods, as well as Laguna Hills Heritage Day. Mr. Caskey responded to questions and comments from councilmembers on topics including the Urban Village Project, Laguna Hills Heritage Day, a potential golf cart crossing between Laguna Woods and Laguna Hills, and collaboration.

Mayor Pro Tem Connors joined the meeting in-person at 1:15 p.m. during Mr. Caskey's comments.

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Moore expressed concern regarding sound quality in the Council Chambers.

City Manager Macon briefly responded to Mayor Moore's comments.

Mayor Moore requested that Item 5.1 be removed from the consent calendar.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Conners, seconded by Councilmember Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve Consent Calendar items 5.2 – 5.3. This vote was conducted by roll call.

5.2 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)

5.3 Fiscal Years 2021-23 Budget Adjustments

Adopted a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEARS 2021-23 BUDGET AND WORK PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 COMMENCING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022, AND FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 COMMENCING JULY 1, 2022 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023, RELATED TO ADJUSTMENTS OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA GRANTS FUND APPROPRIATIONS (STATE BUDGET APPROPRIATION - CITY HALL/PUBLIC LIBRARY PROJECT) TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF INTEREST EARNINGS ON THE CITY HALL/PUBLIC LIBRARY PROJECT

Mayor Moore made comments regarding the accuracy of Item 5.1.

City Attorney Patterson responded to Mayor Moore's comments.

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

5.1 City Council Minutes

Approved the City Council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on May 18, 2022.

**VI. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

6.1 Ridge Route Drive Landscape Project

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

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

1. Approve the “Ridge Route Drive Landscape Project” design plans and specifications as prepared by the project architect.

AND

2. Approve a notice of exemption for the “Ridge Route Drive Landscape 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. Adopt a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEARS 2021-23 BUDGET AND WORK PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 COMMENCING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022, AND FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 COMMENCING JULY 1, 2022 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023, RELATED TO ALLOCATION OF EXISTING FEDERAL GRANTS FUND (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS)) APPROPRIATIONS TO THE RIDGE ROUTE DRIVE LANDSCAPE PROJECT

AND

4. Award a contract agreement to Marina Landscape, Inc. for the construction of the “Ridge Route Drive Landscape Project”, in the amount of \$177,670.36, plus authorized change orders not to exceed 15% of the base amount; 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.

6.2 2021-2022 Orange County Grand Jury Report, “How is Orange County Addressing Homelessness?”

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Conners, seconded by Councilmember Horne, and carried on a 4-1 vote with Mayor Moore opposed, to approve a response to the 2021-2022 Orange County Grand Jury Report, “How is Orange County Addressing Homelessness?,” authorize the Mayor to execute the response, and direct the City Manager to submit the response as required by applicable law. This vote was conducted by roll call. [A copy of the approved response, which includes modifications to the proposed response that was included in the agenda packet, is available at or from the City Clerk’s Office.]

6.3 2021-2022 Orange County Grand Jury Report, “Where Have All the CRVs Gone?”

City Manager Macon made a presentation

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 a response to the 2021-2022 Orange County Grand Jury Report, “Where Have All the CRVs Gone?,” authorize the Mayor to execute the response, and direct the City Manager to submit the response as required by applicable law. This vote was conducted by roll call. [A copy of the approved response, which includes modifications to the proposed response that was included in the agenda packet, is available at or from the City Clerk’s Office.]

Councilmember Hatch made brief comments on the Orange County Fire Authority.

## **VII. CLOSED SESSION**

Prior to convening in closed session, an opportunity was provided for public comments on items appearing on the closed session agenda. No such public comments were received.

7.1 The City Council met in closed session under the authority of California Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(1) to discuss significant exposure to litigation in two cases.

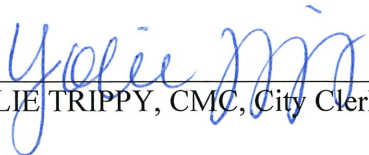
7.2 The City Council met in closed session under the authority of California Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) to consider the following: Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Manager.

## **VIII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

The City Council reconvened in open session at 4:36 p.m. City Attorney Patterson stated that there was no reportable action.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.

  
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YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: January 18, 2023

  
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CYNTHIA CONNERS, Mayor