

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
December 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 2:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

All 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

Phil O'Dowd, resident, led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS

4.1 City Hall/Public Library Project Update

City Manager Macon provided an update and answered related questions.

Councilmembers made comments.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Phil O'Dowd, resident, shared vehicle-related noise and speed concerns regarding El Toro Road. Mr. O'Dowd provided the City Council with written comments that are included in the public record.

Councilmembers briefly responded to Mr. O'Dowd's comments.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Moore pulled Item 6.5-Recommendation 2 for separate discussion.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Conners, seconded by Councilmember Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve Consent Calendar items 6.1 – 6.5-Recommendation 1.

6.1 City Council Minutes

Approved the City Council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on October 19, 2022.

6.2 City Treasurer's Report

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

6.3 Warrant Register

Approved the warrant register dated December 21, 2022 in the amount of \$884,033.01.

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 & City Hall/Public Library Project

1. 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 ALLOCATION OF EXISTING FEDERAL GRANTS FUND (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS)) APPROPRIATIONS TO THE CITY HALL/PUBLIC LIBRARY PROJECT

6.5 Fiscal Years 2021-23 Budget Adjustments & 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 Conners, seconded by Councilmember Hatch, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to:

2. Approve an increase of the City Manager's authorization to approve change orders for the contract agreement with iBuild Spectrum, Inc. for the construction of the "City Hall/Public Library Project" to 31% of the \$2,270,413.01 base amount.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7.1 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facilities & Improvements Project Proposal

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Mayor Moore 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 Conners, seconded by Mayor Moore, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to:

1. Ratify the City Manager's submittal of a proposal to the County of Orange requesting \$150,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Public Facilities & Improvements grant program (County of Orange RFP No. 012-23010523-NC) to support the "Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Pedestrian Accessibility Improvement Project: Phase 7", which generally consists of driveway and sidewalk improvements on El Toro Road.

AND

2. Adopt a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, RATIFYING THE SUBMITTAL OF A PROPOSAL TO THE COUNTY OF ORANGE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS, PROSPECTIVELY ACCEPTING THE AWARD OF SUCH CDBG FUNDS, MAKING RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS RELATED TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 PUBLIC FACILITIES & IMPROVEMENTS GRANT PROGRAM (COUNTY OF ORANGE RFP NO. 012-23010523-

NC), AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE SUBMITTAL OF A PROPOSAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE AWARD OF FUNDS IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

VIII. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

8.1 Procurement of Recovered Organic Waste Products

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Moved by Councilmember Horne, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Conners, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve an agreement with the Golden Rain Foundation of Laguna Woods for procurement of mulch in connection with California Senate Bill 1383 and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mayor Moore left the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

9.1 Coastal Greenbelt Authority

Mayor Pro Tem Conners provided a report.

Mayor Moore rejoined the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

9.2 Orange County Fire Authority

Councilmember Hatch provided a report.

9.3 Orange County Library Advisory Board

Mayor Moore stated that the next meeting is next month.

9.4 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Councilmember Horne provided a report and shared a PowerPoint presentation from the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District for Laguna Woods.

Mayor Pro Tem Conners left the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Councilmember Horne responded to a question from Mayor Moore.

Mayor Moore moved Item 9.6 to next on the agenda.

9.6 South Orange County Watershed Management Area

Mayor Moore provided a report.

Kathryn Freshley, resident, briefly responded to a question from Mayor Moore regarding the El Toro Water District.

Mayor Pro Tem Conners rejoined the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

9.5 San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency

Mayor Pro Tem Conners provided a report.

9.7 Other Comments and Reports

Councilmember Horne and Mayor Moore briefly discussed the placement of a report regarding Community Bridge Builders.

Councilmember Horne commented on the OC Power Authority.

Councilmember Hatch and Mayor Moore briefly responded to Councilmember Horne's comments.

Kathryn Freshley, resident, made comments regarding Councilmember Horne's comments.

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

Mayor Moore briefly responded to the previous comments.

Mayor Moore called for a brief recess.

The City Council reconvened.

X. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

10.1 City Council Organization – Office of Mayor

Mayor Moore made comments.

Moved by Councilmember Hatch, seconded by Mayor Moore, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to appoint Cynthia Conners to serve as Mayor effective immediately through December 2023.

10.2 City Council Organization – Office of the Mayor Pro Tem

Moved by Mayor Connors, seconded by Councilmember Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to appoint Noel Hatch to serve as Mayor Pro Tem effective immediately through December 2023.

10.3 City Council Public Official Appointments

Mayor Connors made comments.

Moved by Mayor Connors, seconded by Councilmember Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to appoint Councilmember McCary as the director and Mayor Pro Tem Hatch as the alternate on the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority Board of Directors from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024.

Mayor Connors made comments.

Moved by Mayor Connors, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hatch, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to appoint Councilmember McCary as the director, Councilmember Moore as the first alternate, and Councilmember Horne as the second alternate, on the Coastal Greenbelt Authority Board of Directors from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024.

Mayor Connors made comments.

Moved by Mayor Connors, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Hatch to serve as the director on the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 by adopting a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING A DIRECTOR TO SERVE ON THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024

Mayor Connors made comments.

Moved by Mayor Connors, seconded by Councilmember Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to appoint Councilmember Moore to serve as a member and Councilmember McCary to serve as an alternate on the Orange County Library Advisory Board from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024.

Mayor Connors made comments.

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hatch, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to appoint Councilmember Horne to serve as trustee on the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District Board of Trustees effective at Noon

on January 2, 2023 through 11:59 a.m. on January 6, 2025.

Mayor Connors made comments.

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to appoint Mayor Connors to serve as director and Mayor Pro Tem Hatch to serve as an alternate on the San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency Board of Directors from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024.

Mayor Connors made comments.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Hatch, seconded by Mayor Connors, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to appoint Councilmember Moore to serve as a member and Councilmember Horne to serve as an alternate on the South Orange County Watershed Management Area Executive Committee from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024.

10.4 Investment Policy Review Committee Appointments

City Manager Macon introduced the item.

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hatch, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to appoint Councilmembers Horne and McCary to serve on a standing Investment Policy Review Committee from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024, in accordance with Administrative Policy 2.2 (Investment of Financial Assets)

10.5 Laguna Woods Civic Support Fund Appointments

Mayor Pro Tem Hatch made comments and made a motion to table the appointments of the Laguna Woods Civic Support Fund.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Hatch, seconded by Mayor Connors, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to table appointments to the Laguna Woods Civic Support Fund Board of Directors until such time as the City Council has had an opportunity to discuss the future structure and role of the Civic Support Fund, with the understanding that Councilmember Moore will continue in her role as a member of the Civic Support Fund Board of Directors in the interim.

10.6 Appointment of Liaisons to Community Bridge Builders

(agendized by the Ad-Hoc Anti-Hate Advisory Council Committee comprised of Mayor Pro Tem Connors and Councilmember Horne) *[Subsequent to the posting of this agenda, Mayor Pro Tem Connors was appointed to the position of Mayor.]*

Mayor Connors introduced the item.

Rebeca Gilad, Community Bridge Builders, made comments and answered related questions.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

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

1. Appoint Councilmembers Horne and McCary to serve as liaisons to Community Bridge Builders (a community group combating bias and prejudice in Laguna Woods) to foster communication between the City and Community Bridge Builders related to their shared interest in promoting diversity, equity and inclusion in Laguna Woods, from December 21, 2022 through December 31, 2024.

AND

2. Dissolve the Ad Hoc Anti-Hate Advisory Council Committee.

10.7 City Council Meeting Schedule

City Manager Macon introduced the item.

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember McCary, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to:

1. Approve modifications to the City Council meeting schedule for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

AND

2. Approve a City Council meeting schedule for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

XI. CLOSED SESSION – None

XII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Conners wished everyone happy holidays.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.



YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: January 18, 2023

Cynthia S. Connors

CYNTHIA CONNERS, Mayor