

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 18, 2023  
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 Conners 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:   Horne, McCary, Moore, Hatch, Conners  
                                  ABSENT:   -

All councilmembers participated in-person at the meeting location.

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

City Manager Macon participated via teleconference.

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

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Donald R. Forden led the pledge of allegiance.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

4.1 Donald R. Forden – Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris’ 2022 Laguna Woods Veteran of the Year  
(agendized by Mayor Conners)

Mayor Conners introduced the item.

City Clerk Trippy read the commendation.

Councilmembers and Mr. Forden made comments. Mr. Forden responded to comments and questions from councilmembers.

Moved by Councilmember Horne, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried

unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve and present the commendation.

Councilmembers posed for pictures with Mr. Forden.

#### 4.2 City Hall/Public Library Project Update

City Manager Macon provided an update.

City Manager Macon responded to a question from Councilmember Moore.

### **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Sarah Mendoza, representing Congresswoman Young Kim, introduced herself, encouraged contacting the Congresswoman's office for federal needs, and provided social media information. Ms. Mendoza also responded to questions from councilmembers.

### **VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Moved by Councilmember Horne, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve Consent Calendar items 6.1 – 6.6.

#### 6.1 City Council Minutes

Approved the City Council meeting minutes for the special meeting on September 15, 2022, the regular meeting on November 16, 2022, the special meeting on December 12, 2022, and the regular meeting on December 21, 2022.

#### 6.2 City Treasurer's Report

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

#### 6.3 Warrant Register

Approved the warrant register dated January 18, 2023 in the amount of \$967,602.94.

#### 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 Newport Bay Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load Programs

Approved a cooperative agreement with the County of Orange, the Orange County Flood District, the City of Costa Mesa, the City of Irvine, the City of Laguna Hills, the City of Lake Forest, the City of Newport Beach, the City of Orange, the City of Santa Ana, the City of Tustin, Irvine Ranch Water District, and the Irvine Company to fund total maximum daily load programs and related activities in the Newport Bay Watershed (Agreement No. MA-080-23010376) and authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

6.6 Pavement Management Plan Project (Northbound Moulton Parkway between Calle Cortez and Via Campo Verde)

1. Approved final record plans and specifications reflecting completion of the “Pavement Management Plan Project (Northbound Moulton Parkway between Calle Cortez and Via Campo Verde)” as prepared by the project engineer.

AND

2. Approved project completion of the contract agreement with Hardy & Harper, Inc. for the “Pavement Management Plan Project (Northbound Moulton Parkway between Calle Cortez and Via Campo Verde)”.

AND

3. Released contract retention in the amount of \$12,178.23 withheld per California Government Code 35 days following recordation of the Notice of Completion with the County of Orange, provided no Stop Notices are on file with the City preventing the release of the contract retention.

AND

4. Exonerate project posted bonds 35 days following recordation of the Notice of Completion with the County of Orange.

**VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None**

**VIII. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

8.1 Laguna Woods Civic Support Fund  
(agendized by Mayor Pro Tem Hatch)

Mayor Pro Tem Hatch introduced the item.

Councilmembers discussed the item.

Kathryn Freshley, resident, commented on her support for posted agendas and minutes.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Moved by Councilmember McCary, seconded by Councilmember Horne, and carried on a 4-1 vote, with Councilmember Moore voting no, to:

1. Recognizing the Laguna Woods Civic Support Fund's success, maturity as an organization, and ability to function independent of the City, direct the Mayor to provide written notice of the City's termination of its formal involvement as contemplated in Section 5.5 of the Laguna Woods Civic Support Fund's Bylaws.

AND

2. Approve a contribution of \$5,000 to the newly independent Laguna Woods Civic Support Fund to support future activities.

AND

3. Appoint Councilmember Moore to serve as a liaison to the Laguna Woods Civic Support Fund to foster communication between the City and Laguna Woods Civic Support Fund related to their shared interest in supporting the City and Laguna Woods Branch of OC Public Libraries, from January 18, 2023 through December 31, 2024.

8.2 Cannabis Retail Sales Business Regulations  
(agendized by Councilmember Horne)

Mayor Connors briefly commented on the item.

Councilmember Horne introduced the item.

Councilmembers discussed the item.

Councilmembers commented on the sound quality in the Council Chambers and the importance of speaking into the microphones.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff made related comments.

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

1. Direct the City Manager to draft an ordinance for future consideration by the City Council that would – if adopted by the City Council at a future meeting – authorize the operation of storefront retailer (dispensary) business engaged in retail sales of cannabis and/or cannabis products.

AND

2. Direct the City Manager to draft a resolution for future consideration by the City Council that would – if approved by the City Council at a future meeting – set the rate of the cannabis business tax authorized by Measure T (Ordinance No. 22-01) for storefront retailer (dispensary) businesses at the higher of the following: (a) 10% of gross receipts received or generated for each monthly reporting period, or (b) \$35 per square foot of floor area (annual tax rate) prorated monthly to one-twelfth of the annual tax rate amount.

## **IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

### 9.1 Coastal Greenbelt Authority

Councilmember McCary provided a report.

### 9.2 Orange County Fire Authority

Mayor Pro Tem Hatch provided a report.

### 9.3 Orange County Library Advisory Board

Councilmember Moore stated that there is an upcoming meeting.

### 9.4 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Councilmember Horne provided a report.

### 9.5 San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency

Mayor Connors provided a report and responded to questions from Councilmember Moore and Mayor Pro Tem Hatch.

### 9.6 South Orange County Watershed Management Area

Councilmember Moore provided a report and commented on a water-related meeting that she attended prior to the City Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Hatch made comments.

Councilmember Moore responded to Mayor Pro Tem Hatch's comments

### 9.7 Liaisons to Community Bridge Builders

Councilmembers McCary and Horne provided a report.

Councilmembers commented on the sound quality in the Council Chambers.

9.8 Other Comments and Reports


Councilmember Moore reported on an OC Human Relations meeting that she attended on January 17, 2023.

**X. CLOSED SESSION – None**

**XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – None**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.

  
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YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: February 15, 2023

  
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CYNTHIA S. CONNERS, Mayor