

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
May 31, 2023
2:00 P.M.
Laguna Woods City Hall
24264 El Toro Road
Laguna Woods, California 92637**

I. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

Mayor Connors called the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Laguna Woods to order at 2:00 p.m.

1.2 Emergency Circumstances and Just Cause Teleconferencing – N/A

II. ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBER: PRESENT: Horne, McCary, Moore, Hatch, Connors
 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

Councilmember McCary led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS

4.1 Drowning Prevention Awareness Period – May-August 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Hatch introduced the item and shared two videos provided by the Orange County Fire Authority regarding drowning prevention.

Councilmembers discussed the item.

Moved by Councilmember Horne, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hatch, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve and present the proclamation.

4.2 City Hall/Public Library Project Update

City Manager Macon provided an update.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Macon responded to a question from Councilmember Moore.

Moved by Councilmember Horne, seconded by Councilmember McCary, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve Consent Calendar items 6.1 – 6.3.

6.1 City Council Minutes

Approved the City Council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on April 19, 2023.

6.2 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Other United States Housing and Urban Development Programs

Approved amendment six to the cooperation agreement with the County of Orange related to participation in the Urban County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and other United States Department of Housing and Urban Development programs, and authorized the Mayor to execute the amendment subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

6.3 Measure M2 (OC Go) Eligibility

Adopted a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, CONCERNING THE STATUS AND UPDATE OF THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT, AND MITIGATION FEE PROGRAM FOR THE MEASURE M (M2) (OC GO) PROGRAM

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

VIII. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

8.1 Senior Mobility Program

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Kathryn Freshley, resident, spoke in support of the recommendation and asked a question regarding transportation to St. Joseph’s Hospital in Orange.

City Manager Macon responded to Ms. Freshley's comments.

Councilmember Horne left the meeting at 2:55 p.m. and returned at 2:58 p.m.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff responded to questions.

Moved by Councilmember Horne, seconded by Councilmember McCary, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve, in concept, a new iteration of the Senior Mobility Program for Fiscal Years 2023-25 that operates on a two-year cycle, eliminates the use of vouchers, allows residents to travel to and from John Wayne Airport, eliminates the annual enrollment fee, and revises resident costs to \$0 (trips to or from Laguna Woods City Hall/Public Library or Irvine Station), \$5 (trips up to 10 miles), \$10 (trips greater than 10 miles), \$15 (trips to or from VA Long Beach), and \$20 (trips to or from John Wayne Airport).

8.2 Employee Compensation and Benefits

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item.

City Manager Macon made comments.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Hatch, seconded by Councilmember Horne, and carried on a 4-0-1 vote with Councilmember Moore abstaining due to being opposed, to adopt a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 22-57, AND ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AND BENEFITS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

8.3 Fiscal Years 2023-25 Budget and Work Plan & Fiscal Years 2023-34 Capital Improvement Program Development

City Manager Macon made a presentation regarding drafts of chapters 1.0 and 2.0 of the Fiscal Years 2023-25 Budget & Work Plan, as well as significant work plan items.

Mayor Connors left the meeting at 3:16 p.m. and returned at 3:20 p.m.

Kathryn Freshley, resident, commented on building permitting operations, the drafts of chapters 1.0 and 2.0, and the City's amount and use of reserves.

Councilmember Moore and City Manager Macon responded to Ms. Freshley's comments.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff responded to questions.

Councilmembers expressed no objection to staff preparing the next regular engineering and traffic survey earlier than required, if possible.

8.4 City Council Meeting Schedule

City Manager Macon made comments.

Councilmember Horne requested that ceremonial items be moved to the end of meetings due to the length of meetings.

Councilmembers briefly responded to Councilmember Horne's comments.

Councilmember Moore left the meeting at 4:08 p.m. and returned at 4:10 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Hatch, seconded by Councilmember Horne, and carried unanimously on a 4-0 vote with Councilmember Moore absent, to schedule an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council for June 28, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.

IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

9.1 Coastal Greenbelt Authority

Councilmember McCary provided a report last month.

9.2 Orange County Fire Authority

Mayor Pro Tem Hatch provided a report and responded to a question from Councilmember Moore. He shared a video from the recent Best & Bravest Awards Dinner regarding a swift water rescue in Laguna Hills.

9.3 Orange County Library Advisory Board

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

Mayor Conners made comments.

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 a question from Mayor Pro Tem Hatch.

9.6 South Orange County Watershed Management Area

Councilmember Moore stated that she would provide a report at a future meeting.

9.7 Liaisons to Community Bridge Builders

Councilmember McCary provided a report.

Mayor Connors made comments.

9.8 Other Comments and Reports

Mayor Connors reported on her recent attendance at the opening of a new passport office in Laguna Hills.

X. CLOSED SESSION – None

XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – None


XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.



YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: July 19, 2023



CYNTHIA S. CONNERS, Mayor