

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
June 14, 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 Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Laguna Woods to order at 2:01 p.m.

1.2 Emergency Circumstances and Just Cause Teleconferencing

Mayor Pro Tem Hatch stated that he is participating remotely due to having COVID-19 and that no one is present in the room with him.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Pro Tem Hatch participated via teleconference. All other councilmembers participated in-person at the meeting locations.

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

All staff participated in-person at the meeting location.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Larry Delira, Laguna Woods Rainbow Club, led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS

4.1 Elder Abuse Awareness Month – June 2023

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

Councilmembers made comments.

Moved by Councilmember Horne, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve the proclamation. This vote was conducted by roll call.

4.2 Gun Violence Awareness Month – June 2023

Captain Cruz Alday, Chief of Police Services, made comments.

Councilmembers made comments.

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

Sarah Weaver, member of the public, made comments.

Moved by Councilmember Horne, seconded by Councilmember McCary, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve the proclamation. This vote was conducted by roll call.

4.3 Pride Month – June 2023

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

Councilmembers made comments.

There was a motion by Councilmember Horne and a second by Councilmember Moore to approve the proclamation.

Councilmember Moore suggested changing the language in the fourth recital of the proclamation from “reflect on the ways that we can all come together” to “reflect on the ways that we all come together.”

In response to a question from Mayor Conners, members of the audience signaled support for Councilmember Moore’s suggested change.

Councilmember Horne and Councilmember Moore agreed to amend their motion and second to reflect Councilmember Moore’s suggested change.

Larry Delira, Laguna Woods Rainbow Club, made comments.

Moved by Councilmember Horne, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve the proclamation with the amended language. This vote was conducted by roll call.

Mayor Conners called for a brief recess.

The meeting was called back to order at 2:36 p.m.

4.4 City Hall/Public Library Project Update

City Manager Macon provided an update and answered related questions.

Councilmembers made comments.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Councilmember Horne, seconded by Councilmember McCary and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve Consent Calendar items 6.1 – 6.4. This vote was conducted by roll call.

Councilmember Moore made comments regarding the landscape on Santa Maria Avenue.

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

An unidentified member of the public thanked the City Council for plantings along Laguna Woods Village Gate 9 toward the market, and the landscaping along Moulton Parkway.

6.1 Animal Control and Shelter Services

1. Waived the conflict of interest arising from Rutan & Tucker, LLP providing city attorney services for both the cities of Laguna Beach and Laguna Woods, as pertains to the approval of an agreement between both cities for animal control and shelter services, and direct the City Manager to provide written notice of such waiver to the City Attorney.

AND

2. Approved an agreement with the City of Laguna Beach for animal control and shelter services and authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

6.2 Building Plan Review and Certified Access Specialist (CASp) Services

Approved an extension of the agreement with Bureau Veritas North America for building plan review and Certified Access Specialist (CASp) services and authorized the City Manager to execute the extension, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

6.3 Landscape Maintenance Services

1. Waived the provisions set forth in Laguna Woods Municipal Code Section 3.06.080(c) related to competitive bidding.

AND

2. Approved an extension and amendment of the agreement with BrightView Landscape Services for landscape maintenance services and authorized the City Manager to execute the extension and amendment, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

6.4 Senior Mobility Program

1. Adopted a new agency service plan for the Senior Mobility Program, describing its goal, core purpose, objectives, trip eligibility, operations, fare structure, funding, and various program requirements in a format required by the Orange County Transportation Authority's Senior Mobility Program guidelines.

AND

2. Waived the Senior Mobility Program's annual enrollment fee of \$10 per person for Fiscal Years 2023-25.

VII. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

7.1 Interstate 5/El Toro Road Interchange Project

City Manager Macon introduced the item.

Niall Barrett, Program Manager, and Fernando Chavarria, Community Relations Officer, Orange County Transportation Authority, made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item and Mr. Barrett and Mr. Chavarria responded to questions.

Kathryn Freshley, resident, expressed concern regarding some of the land that would need to be acquired to complete the project.

An unidentified member of the public asked if the area near Farmer Boys would still be an on-ramp.

An unidentified member of the public expressed concern with the current construction in the same area as the project.

Mr. Barrett briefly responded to comments received from the public.

Councilmembers discussed the item and Mr. Barrett and Mr. Chavarria responded to questions.


City Manager Macon made comments.

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

City Manager Macon commented on the budget, work plan, and capital improvement program development process and significant work plan items.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 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