

CITY of LAGUNA WOODS CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 16, 2023
2:00 p.m.

Laguna Woods City Hall
24264 El Toro Road
Laguna Woods, California 92637

Cynthia Connors
Mayor

Noel Hatch
Mayor Pro Tem

Shari L. Horne
Councilmember



Annie McCary
Councilmember

Carol Moore
Councilmember

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/s/ Yolie Trippy
YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

8/11/23
Date

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- Click on “Join” toward the top right of the webpage
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- Enter the following meeting password: 690784
- Enter a name and email address as required by Zoom

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I. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

Introductory Note: Members of the public wishing to address the City Council on items appearing on this agenda are advised to indicate their interest in doing so at the time an item is considered by notifying City staff if present in-person, pressing *9 on their telephone if participating by telephone, or clicking on “Raise Hand” if participating by computer via Zoom. Members of the public wishing to address the City Council on items *not* appearing on this agenda may do so during Item V.

1.2 Emergency Circumstances and Just Cause Teleconferencing

Recommendation: Receive and act upon disclosures and requests from members of the City Council related to teleconferencing pursuant to California Assembly Bill 2449 (2021-2022).

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS

4.1 City Hall/Public Library Project Update

Recommendation: Receive and file.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

About the Consent Calendar: All items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the City Council, City staff, or member of the public requests that specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and consideration of action.

6.1 City Council Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the City Council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on July 19, 2023.

6.2 City Treasurer's Report

Recommendation: Receive and file the City Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2023.

6.3 Warrant Register

Recommendation: Approve the warrant register dated August 16, 2023 in the amount of \$614,163.44.

6.4 Code Enforcement Services

Recommendation: Approve an agreement with Willdan Engineering for code enforcement services and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

6.5 Deed of Easement

Recommendation: Approve a deed of easement to the El Toro Water District for certain waterline infrastructure constructed as part of the City Hall/Public Library Project at 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637 (Assessor's Parcel Number: 621-121-29) and authorize the Mayor to execute the deed of easement.

6.6 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Pedestrian Accessibility Improvement Project: Phase 6 and 6(B)

Recommendation:

1. Approve final record plans and specifications reflecting completion of the "Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Pedestrian Accessibility Improvement Project: Phase 6 and 6(B)" as prepared by the project engineer.

AND

2. Accept project completion of the contract agreement with Kalban, Inc. for the “Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Pedestrian Accessibility Improvement Project: Phase 6 and 6(B)”.

AND

3. Release contract retention in the amount of \$12,939.35 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

VIII. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

8.1 Cannabis Retail Sales Business Regulations

Recommendation:

If the City Council wishes to proceed with adopting regulations that would permit cannabis retail sales businesses:

Approve second reading and adopt an ordinance – read by title with further reading waived – titled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 13.06.010, 13.08.010, 13.10.020, 13.12.020, 13.13.020, 13.18.070, AND 13.26.025 OF TITLE 13 (ZONING) OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH A REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR CANNABIS STOREFRONT RETAILERS, SET THE

CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX RATE FOR CANNABIS STOREFRONT RETAILERS, AND CLARIFY THE NATURE OF PROHIBITED CANNABIS BUSINESSES AND EXISTING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO TOBACCO AND TOBACCO CIGARETTE SALES; AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

8.2 Zoning Code Amendments

Recommendation: Approve second reading and adopt an ordinance – read by title with further reading waived – titled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 13.14 AND SECTIONS 13.04.020, 13.08.010, 13.13.020, 13.15.011, 13.15.015, 13.15.016, 13.15.017, 13.15.020, 13.23.030, AND 13.26.070 OF TITLE 13 (ZONING) OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE, AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

8.3 2021-2029 General Plan Housing Element Update

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE 2021-2029 GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT, AND PROVIDING DIRECTION AND MAKING FINDINGS RELATED TO ADOPTION OF THE 2021-2029 GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE STATE LAW

8.4 2022-2023 Orange County Grand Jury Report, “Welcome to the Neighborhood – Are cities responsibly managing the integration of group homes?”

Recommendation: Approve a response to the 2022-2023 Orange County Grand Jury Report, “Welcome to the Neighborhood – Are cities responsibly managing the integration of group homes?,” authorize the Mayor to execute the response, and direct the City Manager to submit the response as required by applicable law.

8.5 El Toro Road Medians Improvement Project (Westbound El Toro Road between Moulton Parkway to Calle Sonora)

Recommendation: Approve a conceptual design, tree palette, and plant palette, for the El Toro Road Medians Improvement Project (Westbound El Toro Road between Moulton Parkway to Calle Sonora), and authorize staff to proceed with preparing final design documents.

8.6 Employee Compensation and Benefits

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 23-20, AND ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AND BENEFITS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

About City Council Reports and Comments: This is the time and place for members of the City Council to provide reports on meetings attended including, but not limited to, meetings of regional boards and entities to which they have been appointed to represent the City and meetings attended at the expense of the City pursuant to California Government Code Section 53232.3. Members of the City Council may also make other comments and announcements.

9.1 Coastal Greenbelt Authority
Councilmember McCary, First Alternate: Councilmember Horne, Second Alternate: Mayor Connors

9.2 Orange County Fire Authority
Mayor Pro Tem Hatch

- 9.3 Orange County Library Advisory Board
Councilmember Moore; Alternate: Councilmember McCary
- 9.4 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District
Councilmember Horne
- 9.5 San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency
Mayor Conners; Alternate: Mayor Pro Tem Hatch
- 9.6 South Orange County Watershed Management Area
Councilmember Moore; Alternate: Councilmember Horne
- 9.7 Liaisons to Community Bridge Builders
Councilmember Horne and Councilmember McCary
- 9.8 Other Comments and Reports

X. CLOSED SESSION

Prior to convening in closed session, the City Council will hear public comments on items appearing on the closed session agenda.

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

XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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