

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
February 21, 2024
2:00 P.M.
Laguna Woods City Hall
24264 El Toro Road
Laguna Woods, California 92637**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hatch called the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Laguna Woods to order at 2:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

All councilmembers participated in-person at the meeting location.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Macon, City Attorney Patterson, Administrative
 Services Director/City Treasurer Torres, City Clerk Trippy

All staff participated in-person at the meeting location.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Horne led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS

- 4.1 Presentation Regarding Driver Safety – Captain Cruz Alday, Chief of Police Services, Orange County Sheriff’s Department (agendized by Councilmember Conners)

Captain Cruz Alday, Chief of Police Services, Orange County Sheriff’s Department, made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the presentation and Captain Alday answered related questions.

A member of the public requested more enforcement of tinted windows on vehicles.

Juanita Skillman, resident, commented on issues concerning Laguna Woods Village,

including unregistered motor vehicles and golf cart registration.

A member of the public inquired about the traffic statistics included in the presentation and expressed concerns regarding sidewalk safety.

Councilmembers briefly responded to the unidentified speaker's public comments.

4.2 Presentation Regarding City of Hope Orange County – Rachel Mashburn, Director of Pharmacy, City of Hope Orange County

No presentation. This item will be agendaized for a future meeting.

4.3 Presentation Regarding Southern California Edison's Income-Graduated Fixed Charge Proposal Submitted for Consideration as part of the California Public Utilities Commission's Proceedings to Implement California Assembly Bill 205 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 61, Statutes of 2022) – Kelley Lee, Government Relations Manager, Southern California Edison

Kelley Lee, Government Relations Manager, Southern California Edison, made a presentation and answered related questions.

Mayor Hatch commented on public comments that he provided at a California Public Utilities Commission meeting on February 15, 2024.

Thomas Fleming, member of the public, expressed concerns regarding the presence of law enforcement in the Council Chambers and suggested having dogs instead.

Georgiana Willis, resident, commented on economic challenges related to electric vehicles.

Loren Lutzenhiser, resident, expressed concerns regarding the fixed charge proposal.

Barbara Kefer, resident, inquired how the fixed charge proposal would affect her as a part-time resident and asked for an explanation of electrification.

Ms. Lee briefly responded to Ms. Kefer's comments.

Councilmember Moore briefly responded to Ms. Kefer's comments.

Ann Beltran, resident, expressed concerns regarding the fixed charge proposal and encouraged the City to provide support for residents who wish to install heat pumps and insulation.

Kathryn Freshley, resident, commented on Southern California Edison's infrastructure costs.

Robert Cunningham, resident, expressed concerns regarding the fixed charge proposal.

Councilmembers discussed the presentation and Ms. Lee answered related questions.

City Manager Macon noted that copies of Southern California Edison's PowerPoint presentation are available.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Bill Kaufman, member of the public, made comments in response to Mr. Fleming's public comments during Item 4.3 and on efforts to establish a cannabis health center.

Herman Janssen, member of the public, commented on efforts to establish a cannabis health center and asked that the City Council modify its distance requirements from sensitive uses.

Mayor Pro Tem Horne left the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

VI. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

6.1 City Treasurer Report

Administrative Services Director/City Treasurer Torres made a presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem Horne returned to the meeting at 3:39 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to receive and file the City Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2024.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Macon requested that Item 7.3 be pulled from the consent calendar.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve Consent Calendar items 7.1, 7.2, and 7.4.

7.1 City Council Minutes

Approved the City Council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on January 17, 2024.

7.2 Warrant Register

Approved the warrant register dated February 21, 2024, in the amount of \$1,049,397.07.

7.4 Harassment, Discrimination, and Retaliation Policy

Adopted a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 4.7 PERTAINING TO HARASSMENT, DISCRMINATION, AND RETALIATION

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

7.3 Drugs and Alcohol in the Workplace Policy

City Manager Macon proposed the following revision:

Revise the following sentence in Section 4.12.04

(additions shown with underlining, deletions shown with ~~strike-through~~):

Employees are not required to ~~diselasure~~ disclose to City staff the names or purposes for which a legal drug is taken ~~to City staff~~.

Revised it would read:

Employees are not required to disclose to City staff the names or purposes for which a legal drug is taken.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to adopt a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 4.12 PERTAINING TO DRUGS AND ALCOHOL IN THE WORKPLACE

with the City Manager's proposed revision.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

IX. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

9.1 El Toro Road and Moulton Parkway Water Quality Treatment Project

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmembers commented on the item and staff answered related questions.

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

1. Approve the “El Toro Road and Moulton Parkway Water Quality Treatment Project: Phase 1” design plans and specifications as prepared by the project engineer.

AND

2. Approve a notice of exemption for the “El Toro Road and Moulton Parkway Water Quality Treatment Project: Phase 1” finding that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and authorize the City Manager to cause the notice of exemption to be filed pursuant to applicable law.

AND

3. Adopt a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FO THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEARS 2023-25 BUDGET AND WORK PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 COMMENCING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024, AND FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 COMMENCING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, RELATED TO ALLOCATION OF EXISTING FEDERAL GRANTS FUND (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS)) APPROPRIATIONS TO THE EL TORO ROAD AND MOULTON PARKWAY WATER QUALITY TREATMENT PROJECT

AND

4. Award a contract agreement to Leonida Builders, Inc. for the construction of the “El Toro Road and Moulton Parkway water Quality Treatment Project: Phase 1”, in the amount of \$311,547.00, plus authorized change orders not to exceed 10% of the base amount; and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract agreement and approve change orders, subject to approval of the contract agreement as to form by the City Attorney.

City Manager Macon responded to a question from Councilmember Moore.

9.2 Fiscal Years 2023-25 Budget Adjustments

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to adopt a resolution titled:

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FEDERAL GRANTS FUND (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS)) APPROPRIATIONS TO THE CITY – MAINTAINED CATCH BASIS FULL CAPTURE SYSTEMS RETROFIT PROJECT, CITY HALL/PUBLIC LIBRARY PROJECT, AND RIDGE ROUTE DRIVE LANDSCAPE PROJECT

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to adopt a resolution titled:

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Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

X. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

10.1 Coastal Greenbelt Authority

Councilmember McCary stated that the Coastal Greenbelt Authority will meet next month.

10.2 Orange County Fire Authority

Mayor Hatch provided a report.

Councilmembers briefly responded to Mayor Hatch's report.

10.3 Orange County Library Advisory Board

Councilmember Moore provided a report.

10.4 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Mayor Pro Tem Horne provided a report.

10.5 San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency

Councilmember Connors provided a report and answered a question from Mayor Hatch.

10.6 South Orange County Watershed Management Area

Councilmember Moore stated that the South Orange County Watershed Management Area had not met.

Councilmember Moore provided a report on a recent Orange County Water Association meeting and responded to comments from Mayor Hatch.

10.7 Liaisons to Community Bridge Builders

Mayor Pro Tem Horne provided a report.

10.8 Other Comments and Reports

Mayor Hatch commented on the Orange County Fire Authority's upcoming Open House.

City Manager Macon provided additional information on the Orange County Fire Authority's upcoming Open House.

X. CLOSED SESSION – None

XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – None


XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.



YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: March 20, 2024



NOEL HATCH, Mayor