

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
March 19, 2025
2:00 P.M.
Laguna Woods City Hall
24264 El Toro Road
Laguna Woods, California 92637**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Horne 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, Lee, Moore, McCary, Horne
 ABSENT: -

All councilmembers participated in-person at the meeting location.

STAFF PRESENT: 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

Rosemarie led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS

4.1 American Red Cross Month – March 2025

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

Becky Firey, Executive Director, American Red Cross of Orange County, made comments.

David Engwall, Board Chair, American Red Cross of Orange County, made comments.

Rebeca Gilad, resident, made public comments.

Councilmembers made comments.

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

City Manager Macon joined the meeting.

Rebeca Gilad, resident, thanked the City Council for their service to the City.

Sunita Saxena, resident, thanked the City Council for their service to the City.

Wendy thanked Mayor Horne for her service to the City.

Noa Tuliau, Policy Fellow, Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley, shared updates from Supervisor Foley's Office.

Councilmember Moore briefly responded to Mr. Tuliau's comments.

Liz Spencer, resident of Aliso Viejo, commented on the meeting and thanked the City Council for their service to the City.

VI. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

6.1 City Treasurer's Report

Administrative Services Director/City Treasurer Torres made a presentation.

City Manager Macon responded to a question from Councilmember Moore.

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Conners, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to receive and file the City Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2025.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem McCary, seconded by Councilmember Conners, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve Consent Calendar items 7.1-7.6.

7.1 City Council Minutes

Approved the City Council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on February 19, 2025.

7.2 Payment Register

Approved the payment register dated March 19, 2025, in the amount of \$949,313.54.

7.3 Fiscal Years 2023-25 Budget Adjustments

Adopted a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF 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 ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, INCREASING GENERAL FUND AND SENIOR MOBILITY FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SENIOR MOBILITY PROGRAM

7.4 Tree Pruning and Removal Services

Approved an agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. for tree pruning and removal services and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

7.5 General Plan Annual Report

1. Received and filed the General Plan Annual Report prepared to satisfy the requirements of California Government Code Section 65400(a)(2) for the 2024 calendar year.

AND

2. Directed the City Manager to file the General Plan Annual Report for the 2024 calendar year with the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (formerly the Governor's Office of Planning and Research) and California Department of Housing and Community Development no later than April 1, 2025.

7.6 Ridge Route Drive Drainage Repair Project

1. Approved the final record plans and specifications reflecting completion of the "Ridge Route Drive Drainage Repair Project" as prepared by the project engineer.

AND

2. Accepted project completion of the contract agreement with Palp, Inc. DBA Excel Paving Company for the construction of the "Ridge Route Drive Drainage Repair Project" and authorized the City Manager to execute and record, or cause to be executed and recorded, a notice completion with the County of Orange.

AND

3. Authorized the City Manager to release the contract retention payment withheld per

state law, and exonerate project posted bonds, for the “Ridge Route Drive Drainage Repair Project,” 35 days following recordation of the notice of completion with the County of Orange, to the extent allowed by state law.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

City Manager Macon requested that Item 8.1 be heard after Item 9.2. There were no objections.

8.2 Animal Registration

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Mayor Horne opened the public hearing.

With no requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmembers made comments. Staff and Jim Beres, Civilian Services Administrator, City of Laguna Beach, answered related questions.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried on unanimously a 5-0 vote, to approve the introduction and first reading of an ordinance – read by title with further reading waived – titled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 5.02.010 AND CHAPTER 5.04 OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO ANIMAL REGISTRATION, AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

IX. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

9.1 Zoning Title of Laguna Woods Municipal Code

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmembers made comments and staff answered related questions.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried on unanimously a 5-0 vote, to approve the second reading of 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 13.060.010, 13.10.020, 13.10.303, 13.12.020, 13.12.030, 13.13.020, 13.15.050, 13.18.070, AND 13.26.160 AND REPEALING SECTIONS

13.26.050 AND 13.26.100 OF TITLE 13 (ZONING) OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO DEFINITIONS, PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED USES, DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS, CANNABIS STOREFRONT RETAILERS, ANIMAL HOSPITALS AND CLINICS, GUESTHOSUES AND SECOND RESIDENTIAL UNITS, RESIDENTIAL MULTIPLE FAMILY STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS, AND OTHER ZONING-RELATED MATTERS, AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

9.2 Fiscal Years 2025-27 Budget and Work Plan & Fiscal Years 2025-36 Capital Improvement Program

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Kathryn Freshley, resident, expressed her support for in-sourcing building services.

Kate Van Camp, resident, commented on the proposed staffing plans.

Councilmembers made comments. Staff and Terry Madsen, President, ClearSource Financial Consulting, answered related questions.

The City Council expressed consensus support for the authorized employee positions and staffing plans described in Chapter 2.0, including the “in-sourcing” of building and code enforcement functions.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 Building, Planning, Encroachment, and Grading Permit Fees

City Manager Macon and Terry Madsen, President, ClearSource Financial Consulting, made a presentation.

Mayor Home opened the public hearing.

Liz Spencer, resident of Aliso Viejo, inquired about the proposed staffing plans and offered her services to look at creative solutions.

City Manager Macon briefly responded to Ms. Spencer’s testimony.

With no other requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmembers made comments and staff answered related questions.

Councilmember Lee left the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried on unanimously a 4-0 vote with Councilmember Lee absent, to adopt a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING NEW AND INCREASED OR MODIFIED BUILDING AND PLANNING SERVICES FEES, AND ENCROACHMENT AND GRADING PERMIT FEES; AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THIS ACTION IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PURSUANT TO TITLE 14 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

X. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

10.1 Coastal Greenbelt Authority

Mayor Pro Tem McCary deferred her report to next month.

10.2 Orange County Fire Authority

Mayor Horne provided a report and shared photos of the Orange County Fire Authority's recent open house.

10.3 Orange County Library Advisory Board

Councilmember Moore deferred her report to the next meeting.

10.4 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Mayor Horne provided a report on behalf of Councilmember Lee.

10.5 San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency

Councilmember Conners provided a report.

10.6 South Orange County Watershed Management Area

Councilmember Moore deferred her report to the next meeting.

10.7 Liaisons to Community Bridge Builders

Mayor Horne and Mayor Pro Tem McCary provided a report.

10.8 Other Comments and Reports

- League of California Cities (Cal Cities) Quarterly Orange County Division Meeting – March 13, 2025

Mayor Pro Tem McCary provided a report.

Councilmember Moore made comments.

- Other Comments and Reports

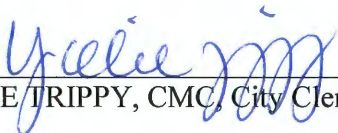
Mayor Horne discussed the recent grand opening of MemorialCare's 55+ facility

XI. CLOSED SESSION – None

XII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – None

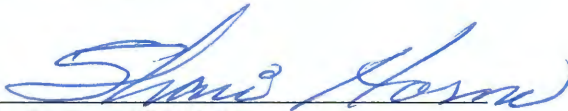
XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.



YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: April 16, 2025



SHARI L. HORNE, Mayor