

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
April 16, 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 2:03 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 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

Assemblymember Diane Dixon led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Horne moved Item 4.3 as the next item on the agenda. There were no objections.

4.3 72nd Assembly District Woman of the Year – Rebeca Gilad
 (agedized by Mayor Horne)

Assemblymember Diane Dixon presented a commendation to 72nd Assembly District Woman of the Year, Rebeca Gilad.

City Clerk Trippy read the commendation.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve and present the commendation.

Rebeca Gilad made comments.

Councilmembers made comments.

The City Council took a brief recess at 2:20 p.m. to take pictures. The meeting resumed thereafter.

4.1 Community College Awareness Month – April 2025

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

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

Marcia Milchiker, Board Trustee, South Orange County Community College District, made comments.

Councilmembers made comments.

The City Council took a brief recess at 2:37 p.m. to take pictures. The meeting resumed thereafter.

Mayor Horne moved Item 4.4 as the next item on the agenda. There were no objections.

4.4 California Joint Powers Insurance Authority Presentation – Alex Smith, Chief Executive Officer, and Alex Mellor, Risk Services Director

Alex Smith, Chief Executive Officer, and Alex Mellor, Risk Services Director, for the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority, made a presentation and responded to questions.

Councilmembers made comments.

The City Council took a brief recess at 2:50 p.m. to take pictures. The meeting resumed thereafter.

4.2 Donate Life Month – April 2025

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

Councilmembers made comments.

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Vicki Johnson, resident, encouraged the City to research how it can protect residents, visitors, and relatives (some of whom may be students) from arrest for political dissent.

Councilmember Conners briefly responded to Ms. Johnson’s comments.

VI. CITY TREASURER’S REPORT

6.1 City Treasurer Report

Administrative Services Director/City Treasurer Torres made a presentation.

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McCary, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to receive and file the City Treasurer’s Report for the month of March 2025.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem McCary, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve Consent Calendar items 7.1-7.7.

7.1 City Council Minutes

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

7.2 Payment Register

Approved the payment register dated April 16, 2025, in the amount of \$949,313.54.

7.3 Purchase of New Zero Emission Vehicles

- 1. 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

AND

- 2. Waived the provisions set forth in Laguna Woods Municipal Code Section 3.06.080(c) related to competitive bidding for the purchase of four new 2025 Chevrolet Equinox EV vehicles.

AND

3. Authorized the City Manager to execute purchase agreements and other documentation required to purchase four new 2025 Chevrolet Equinox EV vehicles for the City's fleet in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.

7.4 City Attorney Services

1. Waived the provisions set forth in Laguna Woods Municipal Code Section 3.06.080(c) related to competitive bidding for an amendment and extension of the agreement with Rutan & Tucker, LLP for legal services as City Attorney.

AND

2. Approved a legal representation letter amending and extending the agreement with Rutan & Tucker, LLP for legal services as City Attorney and authorized the Mayor to execute the legal representation letter.

7.5 Waste Disposal Agreement

Approved a Second Amendment to the Waste Disposal Agreement with the County of Orange and authorized the Mayor to execute the Second Amendment, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

7.6 Administrative Policies

1. Adopted a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 1.1 PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

AND

2. Repealed the following administrative policies:
 - 1.4 (City Council Advisory Committees);
 - 1.5 (Dog Park Advisory Group);
 - 2.8 (Community Services Grant Program); and
 - 3.3 (Third Party Use of City Council Chambers).

7.7 El Toro Road and Moulton Parkway Water Quality Treatment Project: Phase 2

1. Approved the final record plans and specifications reflecting completion of the "El

Toro Road and Moulton Parkway Water Quality Treatment Project: Phase 2” as prepared by the project engineer.

AND

2. Accepted project completion of the contract agreement with GCI Construction, Inc. for the construction of the “El Toro Road and Moulton Parkway Water Quality Treatment Project: Phase 2” and authorized the City Manager to execute and record, or cause to be executed and recorded, a notice of completion with the County of Orange.

AND

3. Authorized the City Manager to release the contract retention payment withheld per state law, and exonerated project posted bonds, for the “El Toro Road and Moulton Parkway Water Quality Treatment Project: Phase 2,” 35 days following recordation of the notice of completion with the County of Orange, to the extent allowed by state law.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

IX. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

9.1 Animal Registration

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Moved by Councilmember Connors, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McCary, 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 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

9.2 Senior Mobility Program

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Vicki Johnson, resident, commented on mobility programs in other cities and encouraged the City to consider making it possible to book trips using an on-demand app.

City Manager Macon briefly responded to Ms. Johnson’s comments.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff responded to questions.

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McCary, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve an extension and amendment of the agreement with Cabco Yellow, Inc. doing business as California Yellow Cab for Senior Mobility Program transportation services, including, but not limited to, modifications of the amount of transportation costs paid by the City, and authorize the City Manager to execute the extension and amendment, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

9.3 Fiscal Years 2023-24 Capital Improvement Program

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Mayor Horne briefly left the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

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

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Vicki Johnson, resident, asked about long-term financial concerns associated with law enforcement costs.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff responded to questions.

City Manager Macon briefly responded to Ms. Johnson's comments.

9.5 Sober Living Homes and Recovery Housing
(agendized by Councilmember Moore)

Councilmember Moore introduced the item.

Connor Medina, Regional Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities/Orange County Division, made comments.

Councilmembers made comments and Mr. Medina responded to questions.

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

1. Express support for the efforts of the California Sober Living and Recovery Task Force, a statewide, bipartisan group working to bring more oversight and support to recovery housing.

AND

2. Authorize the City Manager to prepare, and the Mayor or City Manger to sign, correspondence on behalf of the City Council supporting and opposing legislative proposals consistent with recommendations made by the California Sober Living and Recovery Task Force including, but not limited:

- Support for California Assembly Bill 424 (Davies; Alcohol and other drug programs: complaints.); and
- Support for California Assembly Bill 425 (Davies; Certification of alcohol and other drug programs.).

AND

3. Direct the City Manager to prepare an ordinance regulating sober living homes for future consideration by the City Council.

X. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

10.1 Coastal Greenbelt Authority

Mayor Pro Tem McCary provided a report.

10.2 Orange County Fire Authority

Mayor Horne provided a report, including two videos.

Division Chief Mike Summers, Orange County Fire Authority, made comments.

10.3 Orange County Library Advisory Board

Councilmember Moore stated that there had been no meeting and commented on library activities.

10.4 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Councilmember Lee provided a report.

10.5 San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency

Councilmember Connors provided a report and noted that The Toll Roads will participate in an Earth Day event in Laguna Woods Village.

Mayor Horne noted that the Orange County Fire Authority will also participate in the Earth Day event in Laguna Woods Village.

10.6 South Orange County Watershed Management Area

Councilmember Moore commented on her upcoming participation in a tour of the Delta, Oroville Dam, and Sites Reservoir.

10.7 Liaisons to Community Bridge Builders

Mayor Horne provided a report.

10.8 Other Comments and Reports

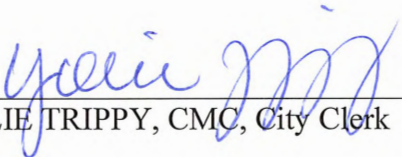
Mayor Pro Tem McCary reported on her participation in the League of California Cities Community Services Policy Committee meeting on March 28, 2025.

XI. CLOSED SESSION – None

XII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – None

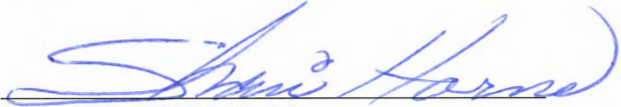
XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.



YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: May 21, 2025



SHARI L. HORNE, Mayor