CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

July 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 2:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBER:

PRESENT:

Conners, Lee, Moore, McCary, Horne

ABSENT:

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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

Kathryn Freshley, resident, led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS – None

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Vicki Johnson, resident, asked the City to consider what it can do regarding immigration raids.

Councilmembers 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.

Vicki Johnson, resident, made comments regarding the Local Agency Investment Fund.

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

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 June 2025.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Vicki Johnson, resident, made comments regarding Item 7.5 and cautioned the City against hiring more employees due to pension liabilities.

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

Kathryn Freshley, resident, asked for clarification regarding Item 7.3.

City Manager Macon briefly responded to Ms. Freshley's question.

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McCary, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve Consent Calendar items 7.1-7.5.

7.1 City Council Minutes

Approved the City Council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on June 18, 2025 and the adjourned regular meeting on June 25, 2025.

7.2 Payment Register

Approved the payment register dated July 16, 2025 in the amount of \$575,523.34.

7.3 Building Official, Permit Counter, and Inspection Services

1. Waived the provisions set forth in Laguna Woods Municipal Code Section 3.06.080(c) related to competitive bidding for an agreement with Interwest Consulting Group for building official, permit counter, and inspection services.

AND

2. Approved an agreement with Interwest Consulting Group for building official, permit counter, and inspection services and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

7.4 Information Technology Services

1. Waived the provisions set forth in Laguna Woods Municipal Code Section 3.06.080(c) related to competitive bidding for an extension and amendment of the agreement with Practical Data Solutions for information technology services.

AND

- 2. Approved an extension and amendment of the agreement with Practical Data Solutions for information technology services and authorized the City Manager to execute the extension and amendment, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.
- 7.5 Employee Positions

Approved a modified job classification for the following City employee positions: Management Analyst Series (Management Analyst and Senior Management Analyst)

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 Sign Program SP-1523 to allow for various signage at 24202 Moulton Parkway, Laguna Woods, California 92637

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Mayor Horne opened the public hearing.

Michael Pauls, representative of the applicant (LW Shell, Inc.), made comments regarding the proposed Sign Program and expressed support for the proposed conditions of approval.

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

Councilmembers discussed the item. Staff and the applicant responded to questions.

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING SIGN PROGRAM SP-1523 TO ALLOW FOR VARIOUS SIGNAGE AT 24202 MOULTON PARKWAY, LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA 92637, AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE SIGN PROGRAM IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15311 OF TITLE 14 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

8.2 False Security System Alarm Fees

City Manager Macon made comments.

Mayor Horne opened the public hearing.

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

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried on unanimously a 5-0 vote, to cancel the public hearing.

IX. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

9.1 2024-2025 Orange County Grand Jury Report, "Long-Term Solutions to Short-Term Rentals"

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmember discussed the item and staff responded to questions.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried on unanimously a 5-0 vote, to approve a response to the 2024-2025 Orange County Grand Jury Report, "Long-Term Solutions to Short-Term Rentals," authorize the Mayor to execute the response, and direct the City Manager to submit the response as required by applicable law.

X. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

10.1 Coastal Greenbelt Authority

Mayor Pro Tem McCary provided a report and responded to a question from Councilmember Conners.

10.2 Orange County Fire Authority

Mayor Horne provided a report, including photographs and a video.

Augie Romo, Captain, Orange County Fire Authority, made comments and responded to a question from Councilmember Moore.

10.3 Orange County Library Advisory Board

Councilmember Moore provided a report.

10.4 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Councilmember Lee stated that the July 2025 meeting was cancelled and that the next meeting will be in August 2025.

10.5 San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency

Councilmember Conners stated that the July 2025 meeting was cancelled.

10.6 South Orange County Watershed Management Area

Councilmember Moore provided a report on a recent tour of the California Water Project that she participated in, including a PowerPoint presentation.

Councilmember Conners briefly commented on Councilmember Moore's report.

Councilmember Moore briefly responded to Councilmember Conners' comments.

10.7 Liaisons to Community Bridge Builders

Mayor Horne provided a report.

10.8 Other Comments and Reports – None

XI. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Horne and City Attorney Patterson made comments.

Prior to convening in closed session, an opportunity was provided for public comments on items appearing on the closed session agenda. No such public comments were received.

- 11.1 The City Council met in closed session under the authority of California Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) to consider the following: Public Employee Performance Evaluation City Manager.
- 11.2 The City Council met in closed session under the authority of California Government Code Section 54957.6 to conference with its labor negotiator.

City designated representative: Alisha Patterson, City Attorney

Unrepresented employee: City Manager

XII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

The City Council reconvened in open session at 3:55 p.m. City Attorney Patterson stated that there was no reportable action.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.

YOLIE TRIPPY, CMO, City Clerk

Approved: August 20, 2025

SHARI L. HORNE, Mayor