

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
September 17, 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 2:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBER: PRESENT: Lee, Moore, McCary, Horne
 ABSENT: Connors

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

Councilmember Lee led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS

- 4.1 Constitution Day and Citizenship Day – September 17, 2025; Constitution Week – September 17-23, 2025

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation

Councilmembers made comments.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem McCary, seconded by Councilmember Lee, and carried unanimously on a 4-0 vote with Councilmember Connors absent, to approve and present the proclamation.

- 4.2 Hunger Action Month – September 2025

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

Linda Lewis, volunteer, Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County, made comments.

Councilmembers made comments and Ms. Lewis responded to questions.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem McCary, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried unanimously on a 4-0 vote with Councilmember Conners absent, to approve and present the proclamation.

The City Council took a brief recess at 2:14 p.m. to take photographs with Ms. Lewis.

The City Council reconvened at 2:15 p.m.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

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 4-0 vote with Councilmember Conners absent, to receive and file the City Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2025.

6.2 Annual Pension Plan Valuation Report

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff responded to questions.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem McCary, seconded by Councilmember Lee, and carried unanimously on a 4-0 vote with Councilmember Conners absent, to receive and file the annual valuation report for the City's California Public Employees' Retirement System ("CalPERS") pension plans as of June 30, 2024.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem McCary, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried unanimously on a 4-0 vote with Councilmember Conners absent, to approve Consent Calendar items 7.1-7.8.

7.1 City Council Minutes

Approved the City Council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on August 20, 2025.

7.2 Payment Register

Approved the payment register dated September 17, 2025, in the amount of \$632,327.45.

7.3 Investment of Financial Assets Policy

Adopted a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, REVIEWING AND ADOPTING AN ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE INVESTMENT POLICY, ADOPTING AN INVESTMENT POLICY, AND RENEWING THE CITY COUNCIL'S DELEGATION OF INVESTMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY TREASURER PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53607

7.4 Building Plan Review and Certified Access Specialist (CAsp) Services

Approved an agreement with Bureau Veritas North America, Inc. for building plan review and Certified Access Specialist (CAsp) services and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

7.5 Solid Waste Handling Services

Adopted a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FOURTH AMENDMENT OF THE AGREEMENT WITH CR&R INCORPORATED FOR SOLID WASTE HANDLING SERVICES, AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE FOURTH AMENDMENT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

7.6 National Opioids Settlement

1. Authorized the City Manager to execute the settlement agreement with Purdue (and certain of its affiliates) and the Sackler family as part of the National Opioids Settlement, and elect for the City to receive direct payment of settlement funds. For the purpose of this recommendation, "settlement agreement" includes the participation form for the settlement including a release of claims and a separate signature page for California's Proposed State-Subdivision Agreement Regarding Distribution and Use of Settlement Funds, as well as any other documents or certifications that may be necessary to finalize or implement the settlement agreement.

AND

2. Authorized the City Manager to execute individual settlement agreements with eight opioids manufacturers: Alvogen, Inc., Amneal Pharmaceuticals LLC, Apotex Corp., Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA Inc., Indivior Inc., Viatris Inc. (“Mylan”), Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc., and Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA) Inc., as part of the National Opioids Settlement, and elect for the City to receive direct payment of settlement funds. For the purpose of this recommendation, “settlement agreement” includes the participation form for the settlement including a release of claims and a separate signature page for California’s Proposed State-Subdivision Agreement Regarding Distribution and Use of Settlement Funds, as well as any other documents or certifications that may be necessary to finalize or implement the settlement agreement.

7.7 Pavement Management Plan Project (Westbound El Toro Road between Calle Corta and City Limits)

1. Approved the final record plans and specifications reflecting completion of the “Pavement Management Plan Project (Westbound El Toro Road between Calle Corta and City Limits)” as prepared by the project engineer.

AND

2. Accepted project completion of the contract agreement with Hardy & Harper, Inc. for the construction of the “Pavement Management Plan Project (Westbound El Toro Road between Calle Corta and City Limits)” 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 exonerate project posted bonds, for the “Pavement Management Plan Project (Westbound El Toro Road between Calle Corta and City Limits),” 35 days following recordation of the notice of completion with the County of Orange, to the extent allowed by state law.

7.8 Rejection of Claim Against the City

Rejected the following claim against the City:

Sheng vs. City of Laguna Woods,
Claimant: Saili Sheng

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

IX. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

9.1 Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Skateboard Regulations

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Kathryn Freshley, resident, made comments regarding the enforceability of the ordinance.

Mayor Horne, Councilmember Moore, and City Manager Macon briefly responded to Ms. Freshley's comments.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff responded to questions.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem McCary, seconded by Councilmember Lee, and carried unanimously on a 4-0 vote with Councilmember Conners absent, to 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 8.12 OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE, AND SKATEBOARD REGULATIONS (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS AND BICYCLES AND OTHER CONVEYANCES PROPELLED BY HUMAN POWER SUCH AS SKATEBOARDS AND ROLLER SKATES, AS WELL AS ELECTRIC BICYCLES), AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

9.2 Employee Positions, Compensation, and Benefits

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff responded to questions.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem McCary, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried on unanimously a 4-0 vote with Councilmember Conners absent, to:

1. Approve a job classification for the following City employee position: Code Enforcement Officer.

AND

2. Adopt a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 25-27, AND ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AND BENEFITS

FOR CITY EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING THE CITY MANAGER AND
OTHER LOCAL AGENCY EXECUTIVES AS DEFINED IN
CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 3511.1

9.3 City Council Meeting Schedule

City Manager Macon introduced the item.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem McCary, seconded by Councilmember Lee, and carried unanimously on a 4-0 vote with Councilmember Conners absent, to schedule an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council for Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.

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 stated that the most recent meeting was a closed session.

10.3 Orange County Library Advisory Board

Councilmember Moore provided a report.

Item 10.6 was heard next on the agenda.

10.6 South Orange County Watershed Management Area

No report

10.4 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Councilmember Lee provided a report, including a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to a question from Mayor Horne.

10.5 San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency

No report

10.7 Liaisons to Community Bridge Builders

No report

10.8 Other Comments and Reports

Councilmember Lee commented on recent town hall meetings hosted by United Laguna Woods Mutual and Third Laguna Hills Mutual.

Councilmember Lee commented on her participation in a recent San Joaquin Transportation Corridor Agency's Board of Directors meeting.

XI. CLOSED SESSION – None

XII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m. The next adjourned regular meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637. The next regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.



YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: October 15, 2025



SHARI L. HORNE, Mayor