

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
February 18, 2026
2:00 P.M.
Laguna Woods City Hall
24264 El Toro Road
Laguna Woods, California 92637**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

All councilmembers participated in-person at the meeting location.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Macon, City Attorney Patterson, City Clerk Trippy

All staff participated in-person at the meeting location.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ryan Bishop, Division Chief, Orange County Fire Authority, led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS

4.1 African American History Month – February 2026

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

Vicki Johnson, resident, expressed support for the proclamation.

Mike Raugh, resident, expressed support for the proclamation.

Councilmembers made comments.

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

Mayor McCary called for a brief recess.

The meeting was called back to order at 2:14 p.m.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Vicki Johnson, resident, commented on the Orange County Power Authority and provided additional written public comments.

Mike Raugh, resident, commented on the Orange County Power Authority.

City Clerk Trippy read written public comments submitted by Robyn Rose, resident, regarding coyote activity and the City's response to the same.

Mayor McCary called for a brief recess.

The meeting was called back to order at 2:31 p.m.

VI. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

6.1 City Treasurer Report

City Manager Macon made a presentation and responded to questions from Councilmember Moore.

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 2026.

6.2 Quarterly Financial Report.

City Manager Macon made a presentation and responded to a question from Mayor McCary.

Mike Raugh, resident, asked about General Fund transfers out.

City Manager Macon briefly responded to Mr. Raugh's comments.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to receive and file the Quarterly Financial Report for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2025-26.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Councilmember Horne, seconded by Councilmember Conners, 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 January 21, 2026 and the special meeting on February 4, 2026.

7.2 Payment Register

Approved the payment register dated February 18, 2026 in the amount of \$1,135,425.31.

7.3 Statewide Trash Provisions (Orders)

Waived the provisions set forth in Laguna Woods Municipal Code Section 3.06.080(c) related to competitive bidding and authorized the City Manager to enter into agreements with consultants to provide professional services related to the City's legal obligations to comply with the State Water Resources Control Board's Statewide Trash Provisions, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney and the availability of sufficient budgeted funds, through June 30, 2026.

7.4 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Pedestrian Accessibility Improvement Project: Phase 9B

1. Approved the final record plans and specifications reflecting completion of the "Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Pedestrian Accessibility Improvement Project: Phase 9B" as prepared by the project engineer.

AND

2. Accepted project completion of the contract agreement with Hardy & Harper, Inc. for the construction of the "Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Pedestrian Accessibility Improvement Project: Phase 9B" 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 "Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Pedestrian Accessibility Improvement Project: Phase 9B," 35 days following recordation of the notice of completion with the County of Orange, to the extent allowed by state law.

7.5 Waste Infrastructure System Enterprise Agreement

Approved the Waste Infrastructure System Enterprise Agreement (which establishes solid waste disposal rates and services related to the County of Orange's landfills and solid waste infrastructure) with the County of Orange and authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 8.1 Conditional Use Permit CUP-2025-0005, a request by We Architects Group for approval of a conditional use permit amending Conditional Use Permit CUP00-02 to allow for the establishment of a medical clinic use and alternative provisions to off-street parking regulations resulting in a reduction in available off-street parking stalls at 24301 Paseo De Valencia, Laguna Woods, CA 92637

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Mayor McCary opened the public hearing.

Kathryn Freshley, resident, asked for clarification regarding emergency services.

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

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

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff responded to questions.

An unidentified representative of the property owner briefly responded to a question from Councilmember Moore.

Moved by Councilmember Connors, seconded by Councilmember Moore, 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, APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CUP-2025-0005 TO AMEND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CUP00-02 TO ALLOW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MEDICAL CLINIC USE AND ALTERNATIVE PROVISIONS TO OFF-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS RESULTING IN A REDUCTION IN AVAILABLE OFF-STREET PARKING STALLS AT 24301 PASEO DE VALENCIA, LAGUNA WOODS, CA 92637, AND DETERMINING THAT THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15301 OF TITLE 14 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

- 8.2 Wildlife Feeding Regulations

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Mayor McCary opened the public hearing.

Mike Raugh, resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed use of surveillance cameras.

City Manager Macon and Councilmember Moore briefly responded to Mr. Raugh's comments.

Vicki Johnson, resident, spoke in support of limitations on any use of surveillance cameras.

Kathryn Freshley, resident, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

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

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff responded to questions.

City Manager Macon proposed revised language for Section 5.20.070(d) of the proposed code amendments, to help address concerns regarding surveillance cameras.

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Connors, and carried unanimously on 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 5.20.070 OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE PROHIBITION OF FEEDING OR TAKING ANY OTHER ACTION WHICH IS REASONABLY LIKELY TO PROVIDE SUSTENANCE FOR COYOTES, RODENTS, VERMIN, OR OTHER WILDLIFE, AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

with Section 5.20.070(d) of the proposed code amendments revised to read:

“(d) *Use of technology.* The City Manager may use surveillance cameras and similar technology to identify violations of this section, provided such technology is not directly linked to any law enforcement database. The use of technology shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws. No surveillance camera shall be affixed to or installed on any private property on a permanent basis or without authorization of the property owner of record for the parcel where it is to be placed. Recorded footage from surveillance cameras shall be retained for periods of no more than seven calendar days, unless otherwise required by applicable federal or state law or necessary for actual or pending enforcement action.”

IX. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

9.1 City Council Salary and Expense Reimbursement

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Horne, and carried on a 4-1 vote, with Councilmember Moore voting no, to:

1. Approve the 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 2.02 OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE INCREASING THE SALARY THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AND THE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL IS ELIGIBLE TO BE REIMBURSED FOR, AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

AND

2. Adopt a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEARS 2025-27 BUDGET AND WORK PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 COMMENCING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026, AND FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 COMMENCING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027, INCREASING GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE INCREASED SALARIES MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE

9.2 Employee Positions, Compensation, and Benefits

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to

1. Approve a modified job classification for the following City employee position:
Assistant to the City Manager.

AND

2. Adopt a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 25-31, AND ESTABLISHING AND MODIFYING 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

X. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

10.1 Coastal Greenbelt Authority

Mayor McCary stated that the next meeting will take place in March.

10.2 Orange County Fire Authority

Councilmember Horne provided a report, including display of a flyer.

Mayor McCary briefly commented on the update.

Ryan Bishop, Division Chief, Orange County Fire Authority, introduced himself.

10.3 Orange County Library Advisory Board

Councilmember Moore provided a report, including a PowerPoint presentation.

Councilmember Horne left the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and returned shortly thereafter.

10.4 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Mayor Pro Tem Lee stated that the next meeting will take place tomorrow.

10.5 San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency

Councilmember Connors provided a report.

Mayor Pro Tem Lee left the meeting at 4:05 p.m. and returned shortly thereafter.

10.6 South Orange County Watershed Management Area

Councilmember Moore provided a report.

10.7 Liaisons to Community Bridge Builders

No report

10.8 Other Comments and Reports

Mayor McCary provided a report on the League of California Cities (Cal Cities) Community Services Policy Committee that took place on January 22, 2026.

Councilmember Moore commented on her participation in the recent Point in Time Count.

Mayor McCary briefly responded to Councilmember Moore's comments.

City Manager Macon briefly responded to a question from Councilmember Moore.

Councilmember Connors commented on the upcoming Japanese Day of Remembrance.

XI. CLOSED SESSION – None

XII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – None

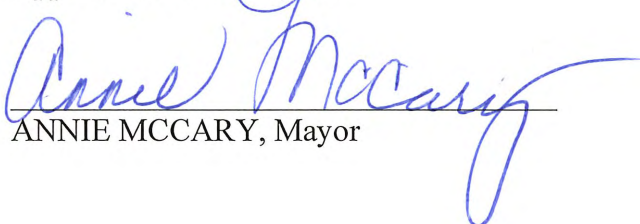
XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m. The next adjourned regular meeting will be at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2026 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, March 18, 2026 at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.



YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: March 18, 2026



ANNIE MCCARY, Mayor