

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
March 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 2:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBER: PRESENT: Conners, Horne, Moore, Lee, McCary
 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

Councilmember Moore led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS

4.1 American Red Cross Month – March 2026

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

John Waldeck, American Red Cross of Orange County, made comments.

Councilmembers made comments.

Mr. Waldeck responded to comments made by Mayor Pro Tem Lee.

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 to take photographs.

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Vicki Johnson, resident, expressed support for City Council term limits, concerns regarding Flock cameras, support for accepting public comments via Zoom, support for allowing public commenters to display slides and videos, concerns regarding the Orange County Power Authority, and appreciation for previous comments regarding the American Red Cross.

Debra Rose, City Manager of the City of Lake Forest, Ben Siegel, City Manager of the City of San Juan Capistrano, and Jennifer Cervantez, City Manager of the City of Rancho Santa Margarita, presented City Manager Macon with an award recognizing his work on the Waste Infrastructure System Enhancement (WISE) agreement.

Councilmembers briefly responded to the public comments.

Mayor McCary called for a brief recess to take photographs.

The meeting was called back to order at 2:25 p.m.

VI. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

6.1 City Treasurer Report

Administrative Services Director/City Treasurer Torres made a presentation.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to receive and file the City Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2026.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve Consent Calendar items 7.1-7.9.

7.1 City Council Minutes

Approved the City Council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on February 18, 2026 and the adjourned regular meeting on February 24, 2026.

7.2 Payment Register

Approved the payment register dated March 18, 2026, in the amount of \$784,903.28

7.3 City Engineering Services

Approved an amendment of the agreement with NV5, Inc. for city engineering services and authorized the City Manager to execute the amendment, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

7.4 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Permit Implementation Agreement

Approved an amended and restated National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System stormwater permit implementation agreement with the County of Orange, the Orange County Flood Control District, and the cities of Aliso Viejo, Anaheim, Brea, Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Cypress, Dana Point, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Irvine, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Lake Forest, La Habra, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Mission Viejo, Newport Beach, Orange, Placentia, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Santa Ana, Seal Beach, Stanton, Tustin, Villa Park, Westminster, and Yorba Linda, and authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

7.5 Street, Right-of-Way, and Infrastructure Maintenance Services

1. Waived the provisions set forth in Laguna Woods Municipal Code Section 3.06.080(c) related to competitive bidding for the proposed extension of the agreement with PV Maintenance, Inc.

AND

2. Approved an extension of the agreement with PV Maintenance, Inc. for street, right-of-way, and infrastructure maintenance services and authorized the City Manager to execute the extension, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

7.6 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.

7.7 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 2025 calendar year.

AND

2. Directed the City Manager to file the General Plan Annual Report for the 2025

calendar year with the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (formerly the Governor's Office of Planning and Research) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development no later than April 1, 2026.

7.8 Rejection of Claim Against the City

Rejected the following claim against the City:

Claimant: Maria Casallas Garcia

Date of Loss: 12/26/2025

Claim Filing Date: 03/05/2026

City File Number: CJP-3056182

7.9 City Council Travel Reimbursement

Authorized expenditures from the existing City Council Department budget for mileage to and from Councilmember Conners' home and the Gaylord Pacific Resort in Chula Vista, California, for Councilmember Conners to participate in the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority's Elected Officials Summit, April 29-May 1, 2026, in a total amount not to exceed \$140.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 Emergency Management Ordinance

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Mayor McCary opened the public hearing.

Vicki Johnson, resident, asked about the use of City funds during emergencies.

Kathryn Freshley, resident, commented on the coordination necessary between the City and Laguna Woods Village.

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

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

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff responded to questions.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, 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 CHAPTER 7.04 OF

THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ORGANIZATION, FUNCTION, POWERS, AND DUTIES; AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

IX. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

9.1 Wildlife Feeding Regulations

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

City Manager Macon read written public comments submitted by Jay Laessi, resident.

Councilmember Moore and Horne briefly responded to Mr. Laessi's comments.

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

Councilmembers discussed the item.

9.2 Solid Waste Handling Services

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

There were no requests from members of the public to speak on this item.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff responded to questions.

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

1. Due to the discretionary adjustment request being a result of actions of the County of Orange and not CR&R Incorporated, approve CR&R Incorporated's request to waive

the \$5,000.00 non-refundable payment otherwise required to be paid to the City by CR&R Incorporated prior to consideration of the discretionary adjustment request, pursuant to Section 24.5 of the agreement with CR&R Incorporated for solid waste handling services.

AND

2. Adopt a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SIXTH AMENDMENT OF THE AGREEMENT WITH CR&R INCORPORATED FOR SOLID WASTE HANDLING SERVICES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, INCREASES IN MAXIMUM RATES THAT CAN BE CHARGED BY CR&R INCORPORATED TO CUSTOMERS, AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE SIXTH AMENDMENT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

9.3 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence
(agendized by Councilmember Moore)

Councilmember Moore introduced the item.

City Manager Macon commented and shared photos of a potential street clock at City Hall that would commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff responded to questions.

Kathryn Freshley, resident, expressed support for the proposed clock and suggested that it have four sides.

Vicki Johnson, resident, expressed support for the proposed clock and for the City paying for its purchase and installation.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff responded to questions.

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

1. Direct the City Manager to purchase and have installed at City Hall an Electric Time Courtyard Two Dial Street Clock to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, in a brown color palette to match the existing light poles at City Hall, with "Laguna Woods" identified in the header, and including a commemorative cast bronze plaque.

AND

2. Request that the Mayor, in her role as Chair of the Laguna Woods Civic Support Fund, call a special meeting of the Laguna Woods Civic Support Fund Board of Directors to be held on April 15, 2026 at 1 p.m. at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637 to consider approving fundraising to support the purchase and installation of the street clock.

X. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

10.1 Coastal Greenbelt Authority

Mayor McCary provided a report, including a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions from Councilmembers Moore and Connors.

10.2 Orange County Fire Authority

Councilmember Horne provided a report, including a PowerPoint presentation.

Reid Gibson, Division Chief, Orange County Fire Authority, introduced himself.

10.3 Orange County Library Advisory Board

Councilmember Moore provided a report.

10.4 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Mayor Pro Tem Lee provided a report, including a video.

10.5 San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency

Councilmember Connors provided a report.

10.6 South Orange County Watershed Management Area

Councilmember Moore stated that there had been no meeting.

10.7 Liaisons to Community Bridge Builders

No report

Councilmember Moore commented on a play scheduled for the coming Saturday.

10.8 Other Comments and Reports

Councilmember Moore reported on her attendance at the League of California Cities (Cal

Cities) Orange County Division meeting on March 12, 2026.

At Mayor Pro Tem Lee's request, Mayor McCary commented on her recognition as "Woman of the Year" by Assemblymember Dixon.

Mayor Pro Tem Lee thanked City Clerk Trippy and Robin Smith, Receptionist, for their recent assistance promoting the Senior Mobility Program at The Towers. She also noted that she would like to see recaps of City Council meetings in the *Laguna Woods Globe*.

City Manager Macon briefly responded to Mayor Pro Tem Lee's comments.

Mayor McCary noted that she will be providing quarterly City updates on Laguna Woods Village Channel 6.


Councilmember Moore noted that she would like to see photos of City Manager Macon's recognition for the WISE agreement in the *Laguna Woods Globe*.

XI. CLOSED SESSION – None

XII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – None

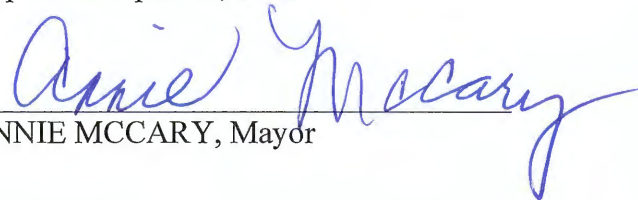
XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m. The next adjourned regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.



YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: April 15, 2026



ANNIE MCCARY, Mayor