

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
March 18, 2015
2:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers
24264 El Toro Road
Laguna Woods, California 92637**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Connors 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: Hack, Horne, Moore, Hatch, Connors
 ABSENT: -

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Macon, City Attorney Cosgrove, Assistant City
 Manager Reilly, Deputy City Clerk Trippy

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ben Rejniak, from U.S. Representative Mimi Walter's office, led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS – None

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Moore removed Item 6.1.

Moved by Councilmember Hack, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hatch, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve Consent Calendar items 6.2 – 6.7.

6.2 City Treasurer's Report

Received and filed the City Treasurer's report for the month of February 2015.

6.3 Warrant Register

Approved the warrant register dated March 18, 2015 in the amount of \$410,644.31.

6.4 Basic Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

Received and filed the Basic Financial Statements and Supplementary Data for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

6.5 Sales, Use, and Transactions Tax Records Examination

Approved a resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING EXAMINATION OF SALES, USE, AND TRANSACTIONS TAX RECORDS

6.6 Assistant City Attorney Appointment

Appointed Alisha A. Patterson of Rutan & Tucker, LLP, to serve as Assistant City Attorney with responsibilities to support the functions of the City Attorney's Office and serve as the Acting City Attorney in the absence of the City Attorney.

6.7 General Plan Annual Report

Received and filed the General Plan Annual Report for the 2014 Calendar Year.

Councilmember Moore stated that on page 2 of the February 18, 2015 City Council minutes, "Storage" should be corrected to read "Sorich."

Moved by Councilmember Hack, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hatch, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve Consent Calendar Item 6.1, as amended by Councilmember Moore.

6.1 City Council Minutes

Approved the City Council meeting minutes for the adjourned regular meeting on February 3, 2015 and the regular meeting on February 18, 2015, as amended.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

VIII. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

8.1 California Fire Code Regulations regarding the Use of Open Flame Cooking Devices on Combustible Balconies and within 10 feet of Certain Combustible Construction

Mayor Conners introduced the item and noted that it was agendized in response to public concerns raised after recent actions by the United Mutual Board of Directors to consider voluntary regulations that would provide for United Mutual's enforcement of California Fire Code provisions related to the use of open flame cooking devices.

The following information was provided:

- **The regulations are not new.** They were first adopted as a part of the 2007 California Fire Code and are commonplace throughout California.
- **The regulations were adopted at the recommendation of the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA).** OCFA continues to support the regulations.
- **The regulations do not prohibit barbecuing.** Charcoal and open flame barbecues are only prohibited in the following locations for buildings with three or more units:
 - On balconies, decks, and patios; and
 - Within 10 feet of combustible construction.Electric barbecues of any size and small propane/natural gas barbecues with a nominal one pound gas capacity are allowed. Charcoal and open flame barbecues are allowed:
 - For one and two-family homes; and
 - In buildings with three or more units, when the building, balconies, and decks, are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.
- **Enforcement is handled by OCFA.**

Division Chief Brice, Orange County Fire Authority, discussed California Fire Code regulations as they relate to the use of open flame cooking devices on combustible balconies and in proximity to other areas.

The following residents spoke in opposition to the existing regulations: Bill Reinhardt, Pat English, Jan LaBarge, Stevie Magid, Pamela Grundke, and Kathryn Freshley. The nature of opposition comments primarily related to civil liberties, a lack of justification for the regulations, and the potential for safe use of open flame cooking devices.

The following residents spoke in support of the existing regulations: Mark Monin and Tony Dauer.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

No action was taken.

Mayor Connors called for a brief recess.

The meeting was called back to order at 2:58 p.m.

8.2 City Website Improvements Project

City Manager Macon summarized the agenda report.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Input from Councilmembers generally included:

- Broadening the phrase “Shop and Dine” to include service businesses
- Using the “Living Here” landing page to emphasize unique attributes of Laguna Woods, including resident volunteerism and proximity to open space
- Adding a “Contact Us” link to the header on the homepage
- Considering future establishment of a City slogan for the homepage

8.3 City Hall Low Impact Development Retrofit Project & Improvements

City Manager Macon summarized the agenda report.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Moved by Councilmember Hack, seconded by Councilmember Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve a resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, REMOVING THE CITY HALL LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT RETROFIT PROJECT & IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE CITY’S BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND TERMINATING THE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD FOR THE CITY HALL LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID) PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH TERMINATION

IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

9.1 Coastal Greenbelt Authority

Mayor Connors stated that there had been no meeting since the last meeting.

9.2 Orange County Fire Authority

Mayor Pro Tem Hatch stated that there had been no meeting since the last meeting; but discussed Orange County Fire Authority-related items of interest.

9.3 Orange County Library Advisory Board

Councilmember Horne stated that there had been no meeting since the last meeting.

9.4 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Councilmember Horne provided a report.

9.5 San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency

Councilmember Hack provided a report.

9.6 South Orange County Watershed Management Area

Councilmember Moore provided a report.

9.7 Other Comments and Reports

Councilmember Horne reported on a Senior Citizens Advisory Committee meeting.

Mayor Connors reported on a recent Alzheimer's Association breakfast.

Mayor Connors reported on the Orange County Waste and Recycling Commission and encouraged the community to visit the waste exhibit at the Discovery Cube.

Councilmember Horne reported on an Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance (OCAPICA) meeting.

X. CLOSED SESSION

10.1 The City Council met in closed session under the authority of California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) to consider the potential initiation of litigation in one case.

10.2 The City Council met in closed session under the authority of California Government Code Section 54956.8 to conference with its real property negotiator.

PROPERTY:

Santa Maria Avenue generally west of Santa Vittoria Drive to its westernmost terminus.

CITY NEGOTIATOR:

Christopher Macon, City Manager

NEGOTIATING PARTY:

Golden Rain Foundation of Laguna Woods

ISSUE UNDER NEGOTIATION:

Real property negotiations in response to an inquiry made by the Negotiating Party, including terms, conditions, and price.

XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

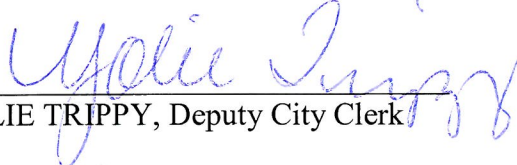
The City Council reconvened in open session at 5:20 p.m. City Attorney Cosgrove stated

that there was no reportable action.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.



YOLIE TRIPPY, Deputy City Clerk

Adopted: April 15, 2015



CYNTHIA S. CONNERS, Mayor

NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

EXCERPT OF THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS
Regular Meeting – March 18, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Laguna Woods, California was held on March 18, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Laguna Woods City Hall, Council Chamber, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, California

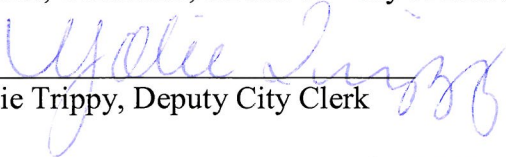
PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Hack, Horne, Moore, Hatch, Conners
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: -

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. to a Regular Meeting of the City Council on April 15, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Laguna Woods City Hall, Council Chamber, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, California

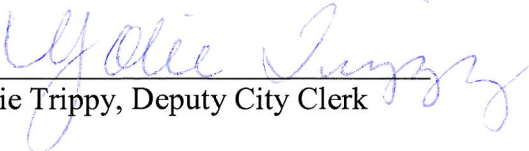
STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss.
CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS)

I, Yolie Trippy, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Laguna Woods, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the Minute Entry on record in my office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal of the City of Laguna Woods, California, on this 18th day of March 2015.


Yolie Trippy, Deputy City Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

I, Yolie Trippy, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Laguna Woods, California DO CERTIFY that the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on March 18, 2015, said meeting was ordered adjourned to the time and place specified in the notice of adjournment; ATTACHED HERETO; and that on March 18, 2015 at the hour of 5:20 p.m., I posted a copy of the notice at a conspicuous place on or near the door of the place at which said meeting of the City Council was held.


Yolie Trippy, Deputy City Clerk

