

CITY of LAGUNA WOODS CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Special Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2021
2:00 p.m.

Laguna Woods City Hall
24264 El Toro Road
Laguna Woods, California 92637

Shari L. Horne
Mayor

Carol Moore
Mayor Pro Tem

Cynthia Conners
Councilmember



Noel Hatch
Councilmember

Ed H. Tao
Councilmember

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CHRISTOPHER MACON, City Manager

2/5/21

Date

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

About Public Comments: This is the time and place for members of the public to address the City Council on items *not* appearing on this agenda. Pursuant to state law, the City Council is unable to take action on such items, but may engage in brief discussion, provide direction to City staff, or schedule items for consideration at future meetings.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

About the Consent Calendar: All items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the City Council, City staff, or the public requests that specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and consideration of action.

VII. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

7.1 State of Local Emergency (COVID-19)

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, CONTINUING THE EFFECT OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ON MARCH 19, 2020 AND THEN RATIFIED AND CONTINUED IN EFFECT BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 24, 2020, MAY 11, 2020, JUNE 30, 2020, AUGUST 27, 2020, OCTOBER 21, 2020, AND DECEMBER 16, 2020, ON THE BASIS OF ONGOING NEED FOR 60 DAYS (THROUGH APRIL 9, 2021) UNLESS TERMINATED PRIOR TO THAT DATE BY THE CITY COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 8630

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

IX. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

X. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 2 p.m.
Laguna Woods City Hall
24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, California 92637

7.1
STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY (COVID-19)

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RESOLUTION NO. 21-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, CONTINUING THE EFFECT OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ON MARCH 19, 2020 AND THEN RATIFIED AND CONTINUED IN EFFECT BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 24, 2020, MAY 11, 2020, JUNE 30, 2020, AUGUST 27, 2020, OCTOBER 21, 2020, AND DECEMBER 16, 2020, ON THE BASIS OF ONGOING NEED FOR 60 DAYS (THROUGH APRIL 9, 2021) UNLESS TERMINATED PRIOR TO THAT DATE BY THE CITY COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 8630

WHEREAS, Laguna Woods Municipal Code Section 7.04.050 designates the City Manager as the City’s Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, Laguna Woods Municipal Code Section 7.04.060 authorizes the Director of Emergency Services, if the City Council is not in session, to issue a proclamation proclaiming the existence or threatened existence of a “local emergency”; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services issued a proclamation of the existence of a local emergency on March 19, 2020 after having concluded that the introduction of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has created conditions of extreme peril warranting such a proclamation, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency triggers certain emergency provisions of state law (including, but not limited to, California Government Code sections 8631, 8632, and 8633 related to aid and assistance, as well as California Government Code Section 8634 related to orders and regulations) and the Laguna Woods Municipal Code (including, but not limited to, section 3.06.110 related to the suspension of purchasing and procurement requirements and 7.04.060(a)(9) related to powers of the Director of Emergency Services); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code Section 8630, the state of local emergency proclaimed by the Director of Emergency Services shall remain in effect for a period of seven days from the effective date of that proclamation, unless it has been ratified by the City Council, in which case it shall extend for a

period of no more than 60 days, and beyond such date as may be extended by the City Council by review of the conditions giving rise to that proclamation, each 60 days thereafter, until conditions otherwise warrant; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the City Council ratified the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency that was issued by the Director of Emergency Services on March 19, 2020, and continued the effect thereof on the basis of ongoing need for 60 days (through May 17, 2020) unless terminated prior to that date by the City Council, pursuant to California Government Code Section 8630; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2020, the City Council continued the effect of the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency that was issued by the Director of Emergency Services on March 19, 2020 on the basis of ongoing need for 60 days (through July 10, 2020) unless terminated prior to that date by the City Council, pursuant to California Government Code Section 8630; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2020, the City Council continued the effect of the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency that was issued by the Director of Emergency Services on March 19, 2020 on the basis of ongoing need for 60 days (through August 29, 2020) unless terminated prior to that date by the City Council, pursuant to California Government Code Section 8630; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2020, the City Council continued the effect of the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency that was issued by the Director of Emergency Services on March 19, 2020 on the basis of ongoing need for 60 days (through October 26, 2020) unless terminated prior to that date by the City Council, pursuant to California Government Code Section 8630; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2020, the City Council continued the effect of the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency that was issued by the Director of Emergency Services on March 19, 2020 on the basis of ongoing need for 60 days (through December 20, 2020) unless terminated prior to that date by the City Council, pursuant to California Government Code Section 8630; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2020, the City Council continued the effect of the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency that was issued by the Director of Emergency Services on March 19, 2020 on the basis of ongoing need for 60 days (through February 14, 2021) unless terminated prior to that date by the City Council, pursuant to California Government Code Section 8630; and

WHEREAS, with detrimental impacts of COVID-19 continuing to be felt globally, nationally, and locally, the Director of Emergency Services continues to believe and has concluded that conditions of extreme peril remain and continue to warrant a proclamation of local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the need for continuing the Director of Emergency Services' proclamation of the existence of a local emergency dated March 19, 2020, including the initial proclamation and other information regarding the current status and impacts of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. COVID-19 constitutes a local emergency as that term is defined in California Government Code Section 8558(c), in that COVID-19 has created conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons within the territorial limits of Laguna Woods, caused by conditions which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat.

SECTION 2. The proclamation of the existence of a local emergency that was issued by the Director of Emergency Services on March 19, 2020 and then ratified and continued in effect by the City Council on March 24, 2020, May 11, 2020, June 30, 2020, August 27, 2020, October 21, 2020, and December 16, 2020, is hereby continued in effect on the basis of ongoing need for 60 days (through April 9, 2021) unless terminated prior to that date by the City Council, pursuant to California Government Code Section 8630.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this XX day of XX 2021.

SHARI L. HORNE, Mayor

ATTEST:

YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

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

I, YOLIE TRIPPY, City Clerk of the City of Laguna Woods, do HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing **Resolution No. 21-XX** was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Laguna Woods at a special meeting thereof, held on the XX day of XX 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk



CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS

**PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Laguna Woods Municipal Code Section 7.04.050 designates the City Manager as the City’s Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, Laguna Woods Municipal Code Section 7.04.060 authorizes the Director of Emergency Services, if the City Council is not in session, to issue a proclamation proclaiming the existence or threatened existence of a “local emergency”; and

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons have arisen both internationally and within the United States as a result of the introduction of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to spread globally to a significant number of countries, infecting more than 191,100 persons and killing more than 7,800 individuals worldwide¹; and

WHEREAS, due to the expanding list of countries with widespread transmission of COVID-19, and increasing travel alerts and warnings for countries experiencing community transmission issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), COVID-19 has created conditions that are likely to be beyond the control of local resources and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of California, and the County of Orange have declared that national, state, and local health emergencies exist; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health has issued statewide guidance recommending self-isolation for older adults and those who are at high risk for serious illness from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has also issued severe warnings regarding the spread of COVID-19 and the dangers it presents, particularly to senior populations and those with existing compromised health conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Health Officer has issued a countywide order substantially prohibiting public and private “gatherings”, as defined by the California Department of Public Health, and taking other actions deemed necessary to protect and preserve the public health from, and prevent, the increasing transmission of COVID-19 in California and the significant risk of widespread introduction and transmission of COVID-19 into Orange County²; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Health Officer’s order makes a strong recommendation that all persons 65 years or older, or with a serious chronic medical condition, or with a compromised immune system, remain at home consistent with guidance provided by the California Department of Public Health; and

¹ World Health Organization, Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report – 58, March 18, 2020.

² Amended Order and Guidance of the Orange County Health Officer [Revised 3/18/2020]

ITEM 7.1 - Exhibit A

WHEREAS, a majority of Laguna Woods' population is 65 years or older or otherwise considered to be at high risk for serious illness from COVID-19, such that compliance with statewide and countywide guidance to self-isolate is likely to result in significant complications of the ability of such vulnerable populations to sustain their households and take advantage of important public services; and

WHEREAS, certain establishments located within Laguna Woods are required to temporarily close (e.g., gyms) or significantly modify their operations (e.g., food and beverage establishments, and grocery stores) as a result of the Orange County Health Officer's order; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is impacting the City's regular operations, resulting in reduced hours and service availability, workforce and work product disruption, and heightened protective measures; and

WHEREAS, the City's ability to mobilize resources, maintain services, coordinate interagency response, accelerate the purchase and procurement of vital goods and services, use mutual aid, and seek reimbursement by the federal and state governments will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, executive orders, legislation, and guidance from federal, state, and county governments are being issued on a regular basis, calling for rapid implementation of response measures by the City, such that the City needs to have all means at its disposal to not only protect its residents and businesses, but to stay consistent with direction provided by other levels of government with jurisdiction over the City's activities; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services believes and has concluded that the above-described conditions of extreme peril constitute a "local emergency" as that term is defined in California Government Code Section 8558(c) and warrant a proclamation of local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to California Government Code Section 8630 and Laguna Woods Municipal Code Section 7.04.060, it is hereby proclaimed that a local emergency now exists in the city of Laguna Woods. Assistance and aid is required from federal, state, and county governments to the City, individuals, and businesses affected by this local emergency. This state of local emergency shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days from the effective date of this proclamation, unless it has been ratified by the City Council, in which case it shall extend for a period of no more than sixty (60) days, and beyond such date as may be extended by the City Council by review of the conditions giving rise to this proclamation, each sixty (60) days thereafter, until conditions otherwise warrant.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Macon', is written over the word 'COPY' which is printed in a light blue, semi-transparent font.

Christopher Macon, City Manager
Director of Emergency Services
City of Laguna Woods

March 19, 2020
Date