

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
May 21, 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 2:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Roz Rhodes, resident, led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Horne moved Item 4.5 next on the agenda. There were no objections.

4.5 90th Birthday – Roz Rhodes
 (agendaized by Mayor Horne)

City Clerk Trippy read the commendation.

Roz Rhodes made comments.

Councilmembers made comments and Ms. Rhodes responded to a question.

Moved by Councilmember Connors, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McCary, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve and present the commendation.

4.2 Older Adults Month – May 2025

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

John Pointer, Chair, Joint Rules Committee of the California Senior Legislature, made comments.

Councilmembers made comments.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McCary, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve and present the proclamation.

Mayor Horne called for a brief recess at 2:15 p.m. The meeting resumed shortly thereafter.

4.3 Drowning Prevention Awareness Period – May 2025

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

At Mayor Horne's request, a drowning prevention video from the Orange County Fire Authority was played.

Matt Levesque, Battalion Chief, Orange County Fire Authority, made comments.

Councilmembers made comments.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McCary, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve and present the proclamation.

4.4 Jewish American Heritage Month – May 2025
(agendized by Councilmember Moore)

Mayor Horne made comments.

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

Councilmembers made comments.

Tal Fox, Jewish Community Action Network, spoke in support of the proclamation.

Dalia Bromberg, member of the public, spoke in support of the proclamation.

Georgiana Willis, resident, responded to comments made by Mayor Horne.

An unidentified speaker spoke in support of the proclamation.

Joshua Shaffer, Jewish Community Action Network, spoke in support of the

proclamation.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried on a 4-1 vote with Mayor Horne voting no, to approve and present the proclamation.

4.1 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month – May 2025

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

Councilmembers made comments.

Darlene Bacus, resident, requested that the City Council move forward quickly with the remainder of the agenda items.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McCary, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve and present the proclamation.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Moore left the meeting at 3:06 p.m. and returned shortly thereafter.

Celina Berenguer, Alzheimer's Orange County, made comments regarding Alzheimer's Orange County.

Mary Wall, resident, made comments opposing the rate changes for the Senior Mobility Program.

City Manager Macon and Councilmember Conners briefly responded to Ms. Wall's comments.

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 Mayor Pro Tem McCary, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to receive and file the City Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2025.

6.2 Quarterly Financial Report

Administrative Services Director/City Treasurer Torres made a presentation.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McCary, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to receive and file the quarterly financial report for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2024-25.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McCary, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve Consent Calendar items 7.1-7.4.

7.1 City Council Minutes

Approved the City Council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on April 16, 2025.

7.2 Payment Register

Approved the payment register dated May 21, 2025, in the amount of \$939,031.27.

7.3 Senior Mobility Program

Adopted a new agency service plan for the two-year cycle of the Senior Mobility Program beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027 describing its goal, core purpose, objectives, trip eligibility, operations, fare structure, funding and various program requirements in a format required by the Orange County Transportation Authority's Senior Mobility Program guidelines.

7.4 Measure M2 (OC Go) Eligibility

Adopted a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA
WOODS, CALIFORNIA, CONCERNING THE STATUS AND UPDATE
OF THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT, AND MITIGATION FEE
PROGRAM FOR THE MEASURE M (M2) (OC GO) PROGRAM

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 Inclusionary Housing In-Lieu Fee

City Manager Macon made a presentation. He noted that correspondence was received in advance of the meeting from the Building Industry of Southern California, Inc. Orange County Chapter opposing inclusionary housing fees and from Madeline Whiteman, resident, with questions and concerns about this item. The correspondence was forwarded to the City Council.

Mayor Horne opened the public hearing.

Georgiana Willis, resident, requested that the item be tabled.

City Manager Macon briefly responded to Ms. Willis' comments.

Darlene Bacus, resident, requested that the item be tabled.

City Manager Macon briefly responded to Ms. Bacus' comments.

Kate Van Camp, resident, spoke in support of the inclusionary housing in-lieu fee.

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

Moved by Councilmember Conners, 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, ADOPTING AN IN-LIEU FEE THAT MAY BE USED TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE INCLUSIONARY UNITS FOR RENT AT THE SITE OF A RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, PURSUANT TO LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.25.050, AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THIS ACTION IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

8.2 Fire Hazard Severity Zones

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

A representative from the Orange County Fire Authority made comments.

Mayor Horne opened the public hearing.

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

An unidentified member of the public asked about landscape maintenance responsibilities.

City Manager Macon and a representative from the Orange County Fire Authority briefly responded to the comments.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff responded to questions.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McCary, 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 CHAPTER 10.13 OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES: DESIGNATING THE MODERATE, HIGH AND VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES IN ITS

JURISDICTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE FIRE MASHAL PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 51178; AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

IX. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

9.1 Ad Hoc Audit Committee

City Manager Macon introduced the item.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem McCary, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to appoint Councilmember Conners and Councilmember Lee to an Ad Hoc Audit Committee beginning immediately through October 31, 2025 to work with the City's independent auditors on matters related to the Fiscal Year 2024-25 audit.

9.2 Employee Positions, Compensation, and Benefits

City Manager Macon made a presentation and noted the following corrections in the language of the resolution: all three references to the "366" day in Section 1(B) should be replaced with "183rd" day," and the reference to "366 calendar days" in Section 11(B) should be replaced with "183 calendar days."

Kathryn Freshley, resident, asked about the increase in compensation ranges.

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

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff responded to questions.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McCary, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to:

1. Approve job classifications for the following City employee positions: Building Inspector, Building Official, Permit Technician, and Planning & Environmental Services Director.

AND

2. Adopt a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 24-31, AND ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AND BENEFITS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING THE CITY MANAGER AND LOCAL AGENCY EXECUTIVES AS DEFINED IN CALIFORNIA

GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 3511.1

with all three references to the “366” day in Section 1(B) replaced with “183rd” day,” and the reference to “366 calendar days” in Section 11(B) replaced with “183 calendar days.”

9.3 Fiscal Years 2025-27 Budget and Work Plan & Fiscal Years 2025-36 Capital Improvement Program

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmember Conners left the meeting at 4:28 p.m. and returned shortly thereafter.

Councilmember Lee left the meeting at 4:34 p.m. and returned shortly thereafter.

Edwin Marcus, resident, spoke in support of the City procuring emergency management software with the ability to support call centers.

City Manager Macon briefly responded to the comments.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff responded to questions.

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 provided a report, including a video.

Councilmember Lee commented on a recent tour her family took of Fire Station 22.

Mike Summers, Division Chief, Orange County Fire Authority, commented on the recent Airport Fire.

10.3 Orange County Library Advisory Board

Councilmember Moore commented on programs offered by OC Public Libraries.

10.4 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Councilmember Lee provided a report.

10.5 San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency

Councilmember Connors provided a report.

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 – None

XI. CLOSED SESSION – None

XII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – None


XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m. The next adjourned regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 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, June 18, 2025, at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.



YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: June 18, 2025


SHARI L. HORNE, Mayor