

**CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
April 15, 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 2:01 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, 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 Community College Awareness Month – April 2026

City Clerk Trippy read the proclamation.

Carolyn Inmon, President of the Board of Trustees, South Orange County Community College District (“SOCCCD”), made comments.

Councilmembers made comments.

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

Julianna Barnes, Chancellor, SOCCCD, made comments.

4.2 Donate Life Month – April 2026

City Clerk Trippy read 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 2:21 p.m.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

City Clerk Trippy read aloud written public comments submitted by Jay Laessi, resident, regarding coyotes and citrus fruit.

Nancy Allen, Donna Karbach, and Renee Jeske, Laguna Woods Crazy Quilters Club, presented a quilt to Mayor McCary.

Councilmembers briefly commented on the quilt.

Mayor McCary called for a brief recess.

The meeting was called back to order at 2:35 p.m.

Kathryn Freshley, resident, spoke in support of the USA 250 Plaza Clock Project and fundraising.

Mayor McCary left the meeting at 2:41 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Lee presided over the meeting in the Mayor's absence.

VI. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

6.1 City Treasurer Report

Administrative Services Director/City Treasurer Torres made a presentation.

Mayor McCary returned to the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

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 March 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 March 18, 2026.

7.2 Payment Register

Approved the payment register dated April 15, 2026, in the amount of \$1,333,757.95.

7.3 Informational Signage on Laguna Woods Village Trash Enclosures

1. Approved an amendment of the memorandum of understanding with Third Laguna Hills Mutual to allow the City to install informational signage on trash enclosures on Third Laguna Hills Mutual property and authorized the Mayor to execute the memorandum of understanding, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

AND

2. Approved an amendment of the memorandum of understanding with United Laguna Woods Mutual to allow the City to install informational signage on trash enclosures on United Laguna Woods Mutual property and authorized the Mayor to execute the memorandum of understanding, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

7.4 City Hall Refurbishment and Safety Project: Phase 4

1. Approved the final record plans and specifications reflecting completion of the “City Hall Refurbishment and Safety Project: Phase 4” as prepared by the project architect and their licensed professionals.

AND

2. Accepted project completion of the contract agreement with Estate Design and Construction, Inc. for the construction of the “City Hall Refurbishment and Safety Project: Phase 4” 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. Approved an agreement and release of claims with Estate Design and Construction, Inc. to resolve matters pertaining to the “City Hall Refurbishment and Safety Project: Phase 4” and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement and release of claims, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

7.5 Local Signal Synchronization Plan

Adopted a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, CONCERNING THE UPDATE OF THE LOCAL SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PLAN FOR THE MEASURE M (M2) PROGRAM, AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE RESOLUTION IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

7.6 Fiscal Years 2026-36 Pavement Management Plan

Adopted a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, CONCERNING THE STATUS AND UPDATE OF THE PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE MEASURE M2 (M2) PROGRAM, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 26-05, ADOPTING A PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026-27 THROUGH 2035-36, AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

7.7 Employee Compensation and Benefits

Adopted a resolution changing the name of one City-observed holiday for consistency with California Assembly Bill 2156 (Rivas/Limón, Chapter, Statutes of 2026) titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 26-04, 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

7.8 Fiscal Years 2025-27 Budget Adjustments

Adopted 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 LAGUNA WOODS CIVIC SUPPORT FUND FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR A FUNDRAISING PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE CITY'S INSTALLATION OF A

CLOCK ON THE PLAZA ADJOINING CITY HALL AND THE PUBLIC
LIBRARY TO COMMEMORATE THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

- 7.9 Liaisons to Laguna Woods Community Bridge Builders
(agendized by Mayor McCary and Councilmember Horne)

With Laguna Woods Community Bridge Builders now successfully established, and noting continued appreciation for their work, rescinded the appointments of Mayor McCary and Councilmember Horne as liaisons to Laguna Woods Community Bridge Builders.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

IX. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

- 9.1 Emergency Management Ordinance

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

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

- 9.2 Fiscal Years 2025-27 Budget and Work Plan & Fiscal Years 2025-36

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff responded to questions.

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

1. Adopt an updated Chapter 8.0 (City Capital Projects) of the Fiscal Years 2025-27 Budget & Work Plan reflecting changes in the scope, timing, cost, and funding of projects, and other amendments.

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 AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE "CITY HALL COMPLEX EMERGENCY BACKUP GENERATOR PROJECT," INCREASING GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE "CITY HALL REFURBISHMENT AND SAFETY PROJECT: PHASE 5," INCREASING GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE "CITY HALL REFURBISHMENT AND SAFETY PROJECT: PHASE 6," REALLOCATING EXISTING ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM FUND APPROPRIATIONS TO THE "PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN PROJECT (WESTBOUND EL TORO ROAD BETWEEN MOULTON PARKWAY AND HOME DEPOT/TOWN CENTRE, NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND MOULTON PARKWAY BETWEEN EL TORO ROAD AND VIA CAMPO VERDE)," INCREASING ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM FUND APPROPRIATIONS TO THE "PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN PROJECT (WESTBOUND EL TORO ROAD BETWEEN MOULTON PARKWAY AND HOME DEPOT/TOWN CENTRE, NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND MOULTON PARKWAY BETWEEN EL TORO ROAD AND VIA CAMPO VERDE)," AND INCREASING GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE "WOODS END WILDERNESS PRESERVE TRAIL DRAINAGE AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT"

AND

3. Adopt a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A NEW 11-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025-26 THROUGH 2035-36, IN CONFORMANCE WITH APPLICABLE CITY POLICIES AND DISCRETION

4. Adopt a resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF THE TRANSPORTATION-RELATED PROJECTS AND MEASURE M2 (OC GO) BUDGETS INCLUDED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026-27 THROUGH 2032-33, IN CONFORMANCE WITH MEASURE M2 (OC GO) REQUIREMENTS

9.3 State Legislative Proposals

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Paige Aberson, Representative of Senator Catherine Blakespear, presented on California Senate Bill 1135 (Blakespear; California Wildlife Coexistence Act.).

Councilmembers discussed the item.

Mayor Pro Tem Lee left the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Connor Medina, Regional Public Affairs Manager of the Orange County Division of the League of California Cities, presented on California Assembly Bill 2517 (Calderon; Fire hazards: fire hazard severity zones.).

Mayor Pro Tem Lee returned to the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

Councilmembers discussed the item.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Moore, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to adopt the following positions on legislative proposals currently being considered by the California State Legislature and authorize the City Manager to prepare, and the Mayor or City Manager to sign, related correspondence on behalf of the City Council, now and in connection with potential future amendments of the legislative proposals, provided such amendments are substantially consistent with the purpose and intent of the legislative proposals as presently drafted:

- Support for California Senate Bill 1135 (Blakespear; California Wildlife Coexistence Act.); and
- Support for California Assembly Bill 2517 (Calderon; Fire hazards: fire hazard severity zones.).

X. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

10.1 Coastal Greenbelt Authority

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

10.2 Orange County Fire Authority

Councilmember Horne provided a report.

10.4 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Mayor Pro Tem Lee provided a report.

10.5 San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency

Councilmember Conners provided a report.

10.3 Orange County Library Advisory Board

Councilmember Moore provided a report.

10.6 South Orange County Watershed Management Area

Councilmember Moore stated that there had been no meeting since the last meeting and commented on water issues.

10.7 Liaisons to Community Bridge Builders

Councilmember Horne made comments.

Councilmember Conners briefly responded to Councilmember Horne's comments.

10.8 Other Comments and Reports

Mayor McCary reported on her participation in the League of California Cities (Cal Cities) Community Services Policy Committee meeting on March 26, 2026 and responded to a question from Councilmember Moore.

Councilmember Horne commented on the upcoming California Senior Legislature Senior Rally Day.

XII. CLOSED SESSION – None

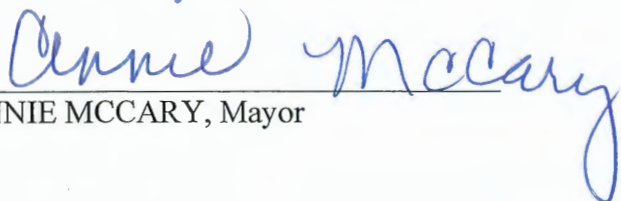
XIII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m. The next adjourned regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.


YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: May 20, 2026


ANNIE MCCARY, Mayor