
**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lautenschleger called the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, California, to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Laguna Hills City Council Chamber, 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Joel Lautenschleger, Mayor
Randal Bressette, Mayor Pro Tempore
Melody Carruth, Council Member
R. Craig Scott, Council Member
L. Allan Songstad, Jr., Council Member

STAFF PRESENT: Bruce Channing, City Manager; Donald White, Assistant City Manager; Peggy Johns, City Clerk; Greg Simonian, City Attorney; Ken Rosenfield, Public Services Director/City Engineer; Vern Jones, Community Development Director; David Reynolds, Deputy City Manager; Dan Meehan, Community Services Superintendent; Melissa Au-Yeung, Management Analyst; Janice Reyes, Finance Manager; and Sandi Mogan, Deputy City Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

2009-2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STUDY SESSION (0330-30)

City Manager Channing stated this was the second of three City Council meetings to be held prior to the final adoption of the Budget. This meeting was to focus on the FY 2009-2015 Capital Improvement Program. Within the Program were a total of 21 projects for the first six years that combined for \$24 million in expenses. Of those 21 projects, 15 projects were programmed into the first two-year portion of the next biennial cycle. Those 15 projects equated to \$14.2 million. Out of that \$14.2 million, only \$1.15 million was allocated out of General Funds. Staff had been very careful to use General Fund dollars discretely and frugally in an attempt to balance both the Operating and the Capital Budgets.

City Manager Channing recommended proceeding through each section of the CIP and the appropriate Department Head would speak to the projects identified for funding in the first six years. They would explain in detail only those projects recommended for undertaking in the next two years, but would not address the details for those listed in the third through sixth years unless there were questions. To the extent that City Council wanted to consider changing priorities or timing of projects, that was appropriate for discussion. However, the changing of priorities must include a balancing of dollars and availability.

Public Services Director Rosenfield described the Capital Improvements for Street Signals and Lighting for FY 2009-2011. It was the consensus of the majority of the City Council to move forward with the complete installation of the traffic signal at the intersection of La Paz Road and Appaloosa Place in FY 2009-2010. Public Services Director Rosenfield continued by presenting the Streetscape, Flood Control and Water Quality projects, and Park projects for FY 2009-2011.

Assistant City Manager White discussed the Public Facility projects, specifically the Community Center and Sports Complex renovations, and the Orange County Animal Shelter-City share.

Public Services Director Rosenfield continued with the Capital Improvements for Trails and Open Space. Mayor Lautenschleger and Mayor Pro Tempore Bressette excused themselves from the Dais and left the Chamber, as the discussion turned to the La Paz Open Space Riparian Habitat.

Mayor Lautenschleger and Mayor Pro Tempore Bressette returned to the Dais.

PUBLIC COMMENTS CONTINUED

Carol Meyers, Laguna Hills, thanked the City Council on behalf of everyone who had attended the meetings on keeping the La Paz area as open space. Ms. Meyers indicated she had been through the General Plan update, the Recreational Needs Facilities focus groups, and thanked the City Council for her appointment to the Community Services, Historical, and Arts Commission. She was a realtor by profession and often spoke to residents who lived around Sheep Hills Park. Ms. Meyers indicated there was a section of Laguna Hills that had the added problem of having to pay homeowners association dues to AVCA. Ms. Meyers questioned what was keeping the City of Laguna Hills from acquiring Sheep Hills Park? City Manager Channing and City Council Members explained the history and the process required by the City to take over Sheep Hills Park as a City Park.

Councilwoman Carruth suggested constructing project CIP 171 in FY 2011/2012 year utilizing the General Fund money that was allocated for project CIP 326. City Manager Channing indicated that there were ways to move up the timing of CIP 171

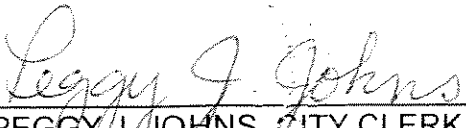
if that was the City Council's desire to do so. It was the consensus of the City Council to move this project forward as soon as possible.

It was the consensus of the City Council to move up the renovation of Costeau Park to FY 2009/2010 and Stockport Park to FY 2010/2011.

Councilwoman Carruth recommended moving forward CIP 237 Sheep Hills Park, as a phased project, starting with the planning and design of the project accelerated into FY 2010/2011. It was the consensus of the majority of the City Council not to move forward with this project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Lautenschleger declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



PEGGY J. JOHNS, CITY CLERK

ATTEST:



JOEL LAUTENSCHLEGER, MAYOR

APPROVED AT MEETING OF MAY 12, 2009.