
**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 19, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Songstad called the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, California, to order at 5:02 PM in the Laguna Hills City Council Chamber, 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Kogerman

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Present: Mayor Songstad, Mayor Pro Tempore Carruth, Council Member Bressette, Council Member Kogerman, Council Member Lautenschleger

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

1. 2011-2013 BIENNIAL BUDGET AND SIX-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN STUDY SESSION (0330-40)

City Manager Channing indicated this was the second study session related to the FY 2011-2013 Biennial Budget. This meeting would consolidate the two study sessions that would have typically covered the proposed Operating Budget and proposed Six Year Capital Improvement Program separately. Mr. Channing recommended that the meeting would commence with the budget overview and staff report prepared by Assistant City Manager White, who had prepared a PowerPoint presentation for City Council's review. Mr. Channing indicated that after Mr. White's presentation there would be a short break and then the City Council would walk through each of the individual department budgets. Following the department budget reviews, Public Services Director Rosenfield would give a presentation related to the Six Year Capital Improvement Program and the projects that were proposed for inclusion for the next two years.

Mr. Channing reported that on March 12, 2011, the City conducted a Saturday workshop for the purpose of establishing the City's mission, vision, and values. The City developed a chart that was referred to as the "Building Blocks for Our Success." Mr. Channing indicated that in the preparation of the chart, the guiding themes for success were driven from the ideas generated out of the General Plan update, and identified several goals that the City should pursue over the next ten to twenty years. Mr. Channing stated that one of the key values that had been a hallmark for the City Council was to remain fiscally conservative and to focus on the City's core services first to ensure that they were provided in accordance with the City's Mission Statement, vision, and values provided in a high quality manner and at an efficient cost to protect and enhance the quality of life in Laguna Hills.

Mr. Channing indicated that the last few years had been very challenging due to the Great Recession and had been one of the most difficult times in the City's history. Mr. Channing reported that even though staff believed the worst of the recession had passed, the evidence showed that the recession's financial impacts were still lingering on. Consequently, the City had been forced to continue in its conservative approach and look upon this next budget cycle in the same way as we did two years ago.

Assistant City Manager White gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the FY 2011-2013 Biennial Budget Operating and CIP Budget overview.

Mayor Songstad recessed the meeting at 6:23 PM and reconvened the meeting at 6:47 PM, all Council Members were present.

City Manager Channing highlighted the significant changes to each Department budget.

Public Services Director Rosenfield gave a PowerPoint presentation briefly reviewing the history of the City's Capital Improvement Program and a summary of the proposed projects for the next Six Year Capital Improvement Program.

2. RECONSIDERATION OF ITEM FOR PROPOSED MAJOR PLANS BIENNIAL BUDGET FY 2011-2013

Council Member Kogerman reviewed the Kids Factory Major plan she had presented at the March 12, 2011, Study Session. There was no consensus by the City Council to reconsider this item in the Biennial Budget for FY 2011-2013.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Songstad declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

PEGGY J. JOHNS, CITY CLERK

ATTEST:

L. ALLAN SONGSTAD, JR., MAYOR

APPROVED AT MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2011.