

**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS
CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING AGENCY**

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

CLOSED SESSION - CONVENING AT 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:59 p.m. by Mayor Pezold.

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Erica Pezold	Mayor	Present	
Don Sedgwick	Mayor Pro Tempore	Present	
Janine Heft	Council Member	Present	
Bill Hunt	Council Member	Present	
Dave Wheeler	Council Member	Present	

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S)

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) and paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (1 potential case).

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S)

There were no public comments on closed session item(s).

ADJOURN TO CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council convened into Closed Session to consider the matter(s) listed above.

RECONVENE TO CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

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GENERAL BUSINESS - CONVENING AT 7:00 PM**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pezold.

INVOCATION: Council Member Hunt

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Sedgwick

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Don Sedgwick	Mayor Pro Tempore	Present	
Janine Heft	Council Member	Present	
Bill Hunt	Council Member	Present	
Dave Wheeler	Council Member	Present	

CLOSED SESSION REPORT**A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

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Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) and paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (1 potential case).

City Attorney Simonian stated that the City Council convened into closed session this evening pursuant to the authorities listed on the Agenda with no reportable action taken. The City Council has not completed its discussion and will reconvene back into closed session following the general business meeting and, at that time, there will be a further closed session report.

1. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**1.1 Laguna Hills High School Student Liaison**

Recommendation: Laguna Hills High School Student Liaison Kory Arfania was not available at the meeting to provide a report.

1.2 Presentation of Proclamation for "Drowning Prevention Awareness"

Recommendation: The City Council issued a Proclamation encouraging participation in the "Always Watch Your Child Around Water" campaign by highlighting May through October as a "Drowning Prevention Awareness" period

and Council Member Heft presented the Proclamation to Michael Contreras, Division Chief, Orange County Fire Authority.

2. SCHEDULE OF FUTURE EVENTS

2.1 Schedule of Future Events

Recommendation: The Interim City Manager announced the upcoming City events for the months of April and May 2021.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals submitted electronic public comments on non-agendized items that were received, forwarded to the Council prior to the meeting, and announced into the record by Assistant City Clerk Lee:

Claudia Mohler, as resident of Laguna Hills, submitted an email regarding no parking times on street sweeping days.

Aayush Mehrotra, a resident of Laguna Hills, submitted an email expressing concerns regarding recent crime issues along Via Lomas.

The following individuals addressed the City Council on non-agendized items:

Roger James, a resident of Laguna Hills, spoke regarding a recent crime event near Via Lomas.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar with Mayor Pro Tempore Sedgwick and Council Member Heft removing Item No. 4.8.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janine Heft, Council Member
SECONDER:	Don Sedgwick, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Erica Pezold, Mayor; Don Sedgwick, Mayor Pro Tempore; Janine Heft, Council Member; Bill Hunt, Council Member; Dave Wheeler, Council Member

4.1 Waive Reading in Full of all Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda

Recommendation: That the City Council waive reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions on the agenda and declare that said titles which appear on the

public agenda shall be determined to have been read by title and further reading waived.

4.2 Approval of Minutes for March 23, 2021, Regular Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Minutes for the March 23, 2021, Regular Meeting.

4.3 Ratification of April 13, 2021, Warrant Register

Recommendation: That the City Council ratify the accompanying Warrant Register for the period from March 12, 2021, to April 1, 2021, in the amount of \$418,064.32.

4.4 City Council Review and Confirmation of the Necessity for Continuing the Local Emergency Related to the On-Going Threat of the Novel COVID-19 Virus

Recommendation: That the City Council review and confirm the necessity for continuing the local emergency declared in response to the Novel COVID-19 virus.

4.5 Progress Payment No. 2, Final, for Water Quality Improvement Catch Basin Debris Gate Project Phase IX, CIP NO. 412-I

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Progress Payment No. 2, Final, in the net amount of \$105,979.15, to G2 Construction, Inc., for Water Quality Improvement Catch Basin Debris Gate Project Phase IX, CIP No. 412-I, and authorize the filing of the Notice of Completion and subsequent release of retention in 35 days, if no liens have been filed.

4.6 Amended M2 Expenditure Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Approve the Amended M2 Expenditure Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2020, for submittal to OCTA; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. 2021-04-13-1: "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, California, concerning the Amended Renewed Measure M (M2) Expenditure Report for the City of Laguna Hills for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2020."

4.7 Initiation of the 2021 Weed Abatement Program

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2021-04-13-2: "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, California, declaring weeds and rubbish on specified private property to be a public nuisance, commencing public proceedings, and setting a Public Hearing for May 11, 2021."

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**4.8 2021 Laguna Hills Memorial Day 10K, and 5K Event Update**

Mayor Pro Tempore Sedgwick and Council Member Heft removed Item No. 4.8 from the Consent Calendar to request additional information.

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the report.

RESULT:	RECEIVE AND FILE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janine Heft, Council Member
SECONDER:	Don Sedgwick, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Erica Pezold, Mayor, Don Sedgwick, Mayor Pro Tempore, Janine Heft, Council Member, Bill Hunt, Council Member, Dave Wheeler, Council Member

5. PLANNING AGENCY

Mayor Pezold recessed the City Council Meeting, and acting in capacity as Chair, called the Regular Meeting of the Planning Agency of the City of Laguna Hills, California, to order at 7:24 p.m.

5.1. ROLL CALL OF PLANNING AGENCY MEMBERS

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Erica Pezold	Chair	Present	
Don Sedgwick	Vice Chair	Present	
Janine Heft	Agency Member	Present	
Bill Hunt	Agency Member	Present	
Dave Wheeler	Agency Member	Present	

5.2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Planning Agency public comments on non-agendized items.

5.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.3.1 Approval of Minutes for March 23, 2021, Regular Meeting

Recommendation: That the Planning Agency approve the Minutes for the March 23, 2021, Regular Meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janine Heft, Agency Member
SECONDER:	Bill Hunt, Agency Member
AYES:	Erica Pezold, Chair; Don Sedgwick, Vice Chair; Janine Heft, Agency Member; Bill Hunt, Agency Member; Dave Wheeler, Agency Member

5.4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

There were no Planning Agency administrative reports.

5.5. PLANNING AGENCY PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.5.1 Conditional Use Permit/Parking Use Permit (CUP/PUP) No. 0042-2020 and Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 0057-2021, a Request by MLJ Resources, LLC, on Behalf of Healing Hearts Emergency Animal Hospital, Inc., to Establish a 24-Hour Emergency Animal Hospital in an Existing 5,795 Square-Foot Tenant Space Located at 23501 Avenida De La Carlota, Suite D, and a Request to Establish a Joint Parking Use Permit

Community Development Director Chantarangsu reviewed the information provided in the staff report, provided a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to Agency Member requests for additional information.

Chair Pezold opened the Public Hearing.

John Ramirez, project applicant on behalf of MLJ Resources, LLC, provided information on the project and agreed to the conditions of approval.

Robert Berschauer, owner of the proposed business, provided information on the project.

Chris Pretto, property owner on behalf of PS Business Parks, agreed to the conditions of approval.

The following individuals addressed the Planning Agency on this item:

Terry Kratka, a resident of Laguna Woods, asked about outside noise generated from the business.

Chair Pezold closed the Public Hearing.

Recommendation: That the Planning Agency: 1) Conduct a Public Hearing;

2) Find and determine that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15301 of Title 14, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations (Class 1, Existing Facilities);

3) Adopt Resolution No. PA2021-04-13-1: "A Resolution of the Planning Agency of the City of Laguna Hills, California, approving Conditional Use Permit/Parking Use Permit (CUP/PUP) No. 0042-2020, a request by MLJ Resources, LLC, on behalf of Healing Hearts Emergency Animal Hospital, Inc., in cooperation with Acquiport Three Corp, to establish a Joint Parking Use Permit for a 3.3 acre property located at 23501 Avenida de la Carlota and 23452 & 23472 Ridge Route Drive."; and

4) Adopt Resolution No. PA2021-04-13-2: "A Resolution of the Planning Agency of the City of Laguna Hills, California, approving Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 0057-2021, a request by MLJ Resources, LLC, on behalf of Healing Hearts Emergency Animal Hospital, Inc., to establish a 24-hour emergency animal hospital in an existing 5,795 square foot tenant space located at 23501 Avenida de la Carlota, Suite D."

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Hunt, Agency Member
SECONDER:	Janine Heft, Agency Member
AYES:	Erica Pezold, Chair, Don Sedgwick, Vice Chair, Janine Heft, Agency Member, Bill Hunt, Agency Member, Dave Wheeler, Agency Member

PLANNING AGENCY ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pezold adjourned the Planning Agency Meeting at 7:49 p.m. All Council Members were present in chamber.

6. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no City Council public hearings.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1. City Manager

7.1.1 Residential Parking Permit Program and No Parking Zone for Street Sweeping Purposes on Certain Streets in the Ridgefield Residential Neighborhood South of Aliso Hills Drive

Interim City Manager Rosenfield reviewed the information provided in the staff report and responded to Council requests for additional information.

The following individuals submitted electronic public comments on this item that were received, forwarded to the Council prior to the meeting, and announced into the record by Assistant City Clerk Lee:

Brandon & Nancy Falkenham, Betsy Flint, Melissa Frueh, and Jean Merrell, all residents of the Ridgefield neighborhood in Laguna Hills, each submitted an email in favor of establishing the parking permit program and Ken Collie, also resident of the Ridgefield neighborhood in Laguna Hills, submitted an email in favor of establishing the parking permit program but opposed the installation of new posts and signs.

The following individuals addressed the City Council on this item:

Ryan Armstrong, a resident of Laguna Hills, spoke in favor of establishing the parking permit program.

Michael P. O'Connor, a resident of Laguna Hills, requested Rio Grande Ave. be added to the parking permit program.

Stephen Catanzaro, a resident of Laguna Hills, spoke in favor of establishing the parking permit program.

Neel Patel, a resident of Laguna Hills, spoke in favor of establishing the parking permit program.

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Find and determine that the proposed permit parking controls are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Sections 15060(C)(2) (the activity

will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(C)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, Cal. Code of Regs, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. 2021-04-13-3, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, California, establishing a residential parking permit area and a no parking zone during days and hours of street sweeping on certain streets in the Ridgefield residential neighborhood south of Aliso Hills Drive".

Motion to move staff's recommendation and expedite the parking permit program process for Rio Grande Ave.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Don Sedgwick, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Janine Heft, Council Member
AYES:	Erica Pezold, Mayor; Don Sedgwick, Mayor Pro Tempore; Janine Heft, Council Member; Bill Hunt, Council Member; Dave Wheeler, Council Member

7.1.2 Award of a Proposed Customer Services Agreement with Flock Group, Inc., for a Fixed Automatic License Plate Reader System

Interim City Manager Rosenfield reviewed the information provided in the staff report and responded to Council requests for additional information.

The following individuals addressed the City Council on this item:

Neel Patel, a resident of Laguna Hills, spoke regarding reducing crime in the City.

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Find and determine that the deployment of an Automated License Plate Reader System is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, Cal. Code of Regs., Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment directly or indirectly, and 2) Award the proposed Customer Services Agreement for the fixed Automatic License

Plate Reader System to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Flock Group, Inc., in the total bid amount of \$77,500 for an initial three-year term of services, authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the proposed Customer Services Agreement, reject all other bids and defer implementation of the fixed Automatic License Plate Reader System until July 1, 2021, after the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget is adopted.

Motion to move staff's recommendation and to adopt Fiscal Impact Option 1 from the staff report to provide a Budget Amendment to initiate the Agreement in this current Fiscal Year.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janine Heft, Council Member
SECONDER:	Erica Pezold, Mayor
AYES:	Erica Pezold, Mayor; Don Sedgwick, Mayor Pro Tempore; Janine Heft, Council Member; Bill Hunt, Council Member; Dave Wheeler, Council Member

7.2. Deputy City Manager/Community Services Director

7.2.1 Agreement for a Fireworks Show in Celebration of July 4, 2021

Deputy City Manager/Community Services Director Reynolds reviewed the information provided in the staff report and responded to Council requests for additional information.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Fireworks Display Agreement with Fireworks and Stage FX America, Inc., for the 2021 4th of July celebration and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janine Heft, Council Member
SECONDER:	Bill Hunt, Council Member
AYES:	Erica Pezold, Mayor; Don Sedgwick, Mayor Pro Tempore; Janine Heft, Council Member; Bill Hunt, Council Member; Dave Wheeler, Council Member

8. MATTERS AGENDIZED AND PRESENTED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

There were no matters agendized and presented by City Council Members.

9. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS**Council Member Heft**

Council Member Heft provided an update on the Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC) Executive Committee and the Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) Board of Directors.

10. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**Council Member Wheeler**

Council Member Wheeler requested the issue of conducting a citywide study on parking issues be agendaized for a future meeting and received a second from Mayor Pezold.

Council Member Wheeler also requested the issue of County requirements relating to vaccines be agendaized for a future meeting and received a second from Council Member Heft.

Mayor Pro Tempore Sedgwick

Mayor Pro Tempore Sedgwick provided comments regarding the issue of requirements related to vaccines.

Council Member Heft

Council Member Heft provided information regarding the Laguna Hills High School Grad Night.

Council Member Heft requested a status report on the non-synthetic pesticide use pilot program be agendaized for a future meeting and received a second from Council Member Wheeler.

Council Member Heft requested a status report on the invocation program.

Mayor Pezold

Mayor Pezold expressed her appreciation for the staff on implementation of the Mayor's Messaging program.

Mayor Pezold expressed her appreciation to the Orange County Sheriff Department for their recent response to an incident in the City.

CLOSED SESSION (continued)

Mayor Pezold recessed the City Council meeting at 9:44 p.m.

ADJOURN TO CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council reconvened into Closed Session.

RECONVENE IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

Mayor Pezold reconvened the City Council Meeting at 11:14 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9

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City Attorney Simonian reported that the City Council convened into Closed Session pursuant to the authorities listed on the Agenda with no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Pezold declared the meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the City Council scheduled for April 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., will be held at the Laguna Hills Community Center Heritage Room, located at 25555 Alicia Parkway, Laguna Hills, California.

Melissa Au-Yeung, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Erica Pezold, Mayor

Approved at meeting of April 27, 2021