
**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 25, 2014**

GENERAL BUSINESS - CONVENING AT 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Blount called the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, California, to order at 7:00 PM in the Laguna Hills City Council Chamber, 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present: Mayor Blount, Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert, Council Member Bressette, Council Member Carruth, and Council Member Kogerman.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

There was no Closed Session scheduled.

1. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1.1 RECOGNITION OF LIEUTENANT TOM BEHRENS ON HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS

THE CITY COUNCIL PRESENTED TOM BEHRENS WITH A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS.

1.2 LAGUNA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LIAISON

THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVED AN ORAL REPORT FROM LAGUNA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LIAISON GRANT JAFFE.

1.3 SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL BUSINESS

THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVED A PRESENTATION FROM CRYSTAL ORR, LAGUNA INK, 23121 LA CADENA, SUITE F, LAGUNA HILLS.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**NELLIE GAIL EQUESTRIAN TRAILS**

Cheree Behringer, Laguna Hills resident and member of the Nellie Gail Traffic Trails Committee, thanked the City Council for the two new flashing beacons recently installed at the equestrian center and on Nellie Gail Road near Lost Colt. Ms. Behringer also thanked the City Council for the trees recently planted on Cabot Road.

Jim Anderson, Laguna Hills resident and member of the Nellie Gail Traffic Trail Committee, thanked the City for installing the equestrian signs and for the stop sign at Gallup Park. Mr. Anderson requested clarification on the definition of yield, and encouraged additional enforcement at the corner of Hidden Trail and Gallup Park.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR, BY M/COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH, S/COUNCIL MEMBER KOGERMAN.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

**3.1 WAIVE READING IN FULL OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
ON THE AGENDA**

THE CITY COUNCIL WAIVED READING IN FULL OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS ON THE AGENDA AND DECLARED THAT SAID TITLES WHICH APPEAR ON THE PUBLIC AGENDA SHALL BE DETERMINED TO HAVE BEEN READ BY TITLE AND FURTHER READING WAIVED.

3.2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 11, 2014

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2014, REGULAR MEETING.

3.3 APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER FOR PERIOD ENDED MARCH 25, 2014.

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED THE WARRANT REGISTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$759,434.96.

4. PLANNING AGENCY

Mayor Blount recessed the City Council meeting and acting in the capacity of Chair, called the Regular Meeting of the Planning Agency of the City of Laguna Hills, California, to order at 7:36 PM.

4.1 ROLL CALL OF PLANNING AGENCY MEMBERS

Present: Chair Blount, Vice Chair Gilbert, Agency Member Bressette, Agency Member Carruth, and Agency Member Kogerman.

4.2 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

4.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 11, 2014

**THE PLANNING AGENCY APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2014, REGULAR MEETING, BY M/AGENCY MEMBER CARRUTH, S/AGENCY MEMBER BRESSETTE.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

4.4 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

There were no Administrative Reports.

4.5 PLANNING AGENCY PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings.

PLANNING AGENCY ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Blount reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:37 PM. All Council Members were present.

5. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no City Council Public Hearings.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6.1 City Manager

The City Manager made no reports.

6.2 Public Services Director/City Engineer

6.2.1 CONSIDER THE FINAL INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM, AND THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED PASEO DE VALENCIA STREET WIDENING PROJECT, CIP NO. 145A

City Attorney Simonian reported that Council Member Bressette had an interest in real property located within close proximity to the proposed project. Council Member Bressette recused himself and left the meeting.

Chris Versteegh, Laguna Hills resident, submitted a petition to the City Clerk from residents in the community showing their unity in opposition to potential noise generated by this project, along with their request for noise abatement measures.

Pat English, Laguna Woods resident, spoke against the noise and other negative impacts that she believed this project would generate, and asked for a sound wall along this section of Paseo de Valencia.

Roger Grable, Attorney retained by United Laguna Woods Mutual, indicated he had submitted a Comment Letter with regard to the noise analysis, both from a technical standpoint and from the standpoint of the evaluation of the project in terms of Laguna Woods. He would be willing to work with City staff to resolve the issues identified.

Darlene Crawford, Laguna Woods resident, asked for clarification with regards to future impacts of traffic in the City and the security of pedestrians walking along Paseo de Valencia.

Tony Dauer, Laguna Woods resident, spoke in opposition to the project.

Roberta Burke, Laguna Woods resident, spoke in opposition to the project and believed it was not necessary.

Laura Del Jardins, Laguna Woods resident, asked for a timeline of the project, spoke in opposition to the project as it related to property values and noise impacts.

Kathryn Freshley, Laguna Woods resident, questioned the necessity for the project.

Ron Lamantia, Laguna Hills resident, spoke in opposition to the project.

**MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT, BY M/COUNCIL MEMBER KOGERMAN, S/COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 4-0 (COUNCIL MEMBER BRESSETTE ABSENT).**

Council Member Bressette returned to the meeting at 8:50 PM.

7. MATTERS AGENDIZED AND PRESENTED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MAYOR

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

8. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH

Council Member Carruth reported that she was pleased with two areas of the City that were recently improved: the landscaping on Cabot Road between Paseo de Valencia and Oso Parkway where trees were removed and replanted to satisfy the utility company; the second area was North Laguna Hills, Furniture Row.

Council Member Carruth recognized the Community Services Department staff for putting together programs which had created enthusiasm and interest for Laguna Hills families.

Council Member Carruth attended the recent forum organized by the Laguna Hills High School Student Resource Officer, Officer Gunsolley, and indicated the information presented was very thorough and took a comprehensive look at e-cigarettes. She questioned when the issue of e-cigarettes, along with the entire Smoking Ordinance, would be agendized for City Council consideration and requested it be brought forward as soon as possible.

City Attorney Simonian reported that his office was closely monitoring the efforts and gathering information on other cities that were ahead of Laguna Hills on this issue. He indicated there were issues relative to obtaining scientific information and verifiable data about the negative health consequences that might be useful in providing findings that the City Council could adopt.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOGERMAN

Council Member Kogerman indicated she recently visited an e-cigarette establishment to ask questions which was enlightening and recommended the other Council members to do the same.

COUNCIL MEMBER BRESSETTE

Council Member Bressette requested, and there was consensus by the City Council, to direct staff to bring back a report regarding the timeline and priority of the e-cigarette issue at the April 8, 2014, meeting.

Council Member Bressette indicated the Orange County Fire Authority was considering the adoption of a drowning prevention awareness program where they would declare May 26th through September 1st, which had the highest percentage of drownings, as "Water Safety Summer." Council Member Bressette requested that staff prepare a report for the first meeting in May or last meeting in April to take up the issue of whether the City Council wanted to issue a similar proclamation, and also whether the OCFA could man a Memorial Day booth at the City's race offering water safety information.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Blount declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

PEGGY J. JOHNS, CITY CLERK

ATTEST:

ANDREW BLOUNT, MAYOR

APPROVED AT MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2014.