

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

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, March 23, 2021**

GENERAL BUSINESS - CONVENING AT 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Pezold.

INVOCATION: Council Member Heft

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Hunt

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

1. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1.1 Laguna Hills High School Student Liaison

Recommendation: The City Council received an oral report from Laguna Hills High School Student Liaison Darya Ardehali.

2. SCHEDULE OF FUTURE EVENTS

2.1 Schedule of Future Events

Recommendation: The Interim City Manager announced the upcoming City events for the month of April 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:

John Grosshans, Vahan Mardirossian, Maral Mardirossian, Nicole Maldonado, Carina & Wayne Litman, and Sue Stinson, all residents of Laguna Hills, submitted emails in favor of installing ALPRs throughout the City.

Aayush Mehrotra, a resident of Laguna Hills, submitted an email on various topics including crime/safety, making Laguna Hills a destination and the Mall Redevelopment Project.

Heather Sayer submitted an email regarding poor road conditions on Ridge Route Drive.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Melissa Auten, a resident of Laguna Hills, submitted an email in opposition of Item No. 4.6.

The following individuals addressed the City Council on Consent Calendar items:

Dawn Ford, a resident of Laguna Hills, spoke in opposition of Item No. 4.6.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar with Council Member Heft removing Item No. 4.6 and Mayor Pezold removing Item No. 4.7.

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

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 9, 2021, Regular Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Minutes for the March 9, 2021, Regular Meeting.

4.3 Ratification of March 23, 2021, Warrant Register

Recommendation: That the City Council ratify the accompanying Warrant Register for the period from March 2, 2021, to March 11, 2021, in the amount of \$1,095,347.78.

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 and Confirmation of the Interim Director of Emergency Services/Interim City Manager's Executive Orders Related Thereto

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Review and confirm the necessity for continuing the local emergency declared in response to the Novel COVID-19 virus; and 2) Confirm the Interim Director of Emergency Services/Interim City Manager's executive orders related thereto.

4.5 Progress Payment No. 2, Final, for Traffic Signal Repair Alicia Parkway at Community Center Drive, CIP No. 112

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Progress Payment No. 2, Final, in the net amount of \$34,177.20, to Comet Electric, Inc., for Traffic Signal Repair - Alicia Parkway at Community Center Drive, CIP No. 112, and authorize the filing of the Notice of Completion and subsequent release of retention in 35 days, if no liens have been filed.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**4.6 Award of Contract for El Toro Road Eastbound Farside Paseo De Valencia Bus Stop and Shelter Passenger Amenity Improvements, CIP No. 517**

Council Member Heft removed Item No. 4.6 from the Consent Calendar to request additional information.

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Find that the El Toro Road Eastbound Farside Paseo de Valencia Bus Stop and Shelter Passenger Amenity Improvements, CIP No. 517, (the Project) is Categorically Exempt from the

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as a Class 1 Existing Facilities, Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301; 2) Award the Contract for El Toro Road Eastbound Farside Paseo de Valencia Bus Stop and Shelter Passenger Amenity Improvements, CIP No. 517, to OCLA Construction & Engineering, Inc., in the low bid amount of \$33,600.00; 3) Waive minor bid irregularities; 4) Reject all other bids; and 5) Authorize the Mayor to sign the construction contract.

Motion to approve staff's recommendation and direct staff to return with more aesthetically pleasing bench options.

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

4.7 Proposed Consulting Services Agreement with Ralph Andersen & Associates for a Staffing Compensation and Classification Study

Mayor Pezold removed Item No. 4.7 from the Consent Calendar to request additional information.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the proposed Consulting Services Agreement with Ralph Andersen & Associates for a Compensation and Classification Study and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the Agreement.

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

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 7:43 p.m.

5.1. ROLL CALL OF PLANNING AGENCY MEMBERS

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Erica Pezold	Chair	Present	
Don Sedgwick	Vice Chair	Absent	
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 9, 2021, Regular Meeting**

Recommendation: That the Planning Agency approve the Minutes for the March 9, 2021, Regular Meeting.

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

5.4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

There were no Planning Agency administrative reports.

5.5. PLANNING AGENCY PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Planning Agency public hearings.

PLANNING AGENCY ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pezold adjourned the Planning Agency Meeting at 7:44 p.m. All Council Members were present in chamber, with the exception of Mayor Pro Tempore Sedgwick.

6. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no City Council public hearings.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1. City Manager

The Interim City Manager gave no administrative reports.

7.2. Deputy City Manager/Community Services Director

7.2.1 Website Redesign Project

Recreation Coordinator Durham reviewed the information provided in the staff report and responded to Council requests for additional information.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the staff planning of a website re-design, layout of web tools, and the selection of a new website color palette.

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

8. MATTERS AGENDIZED AND PRESENTED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

8.1. Mayor Pezold

8.1.1 Development of Private Slope Landscape Maintenance Guidelines

Mayor Pezold 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:

Tim Glatfelter, a Laguna Hills resident, submitted an email expressing concerns regarding property values and ownership liability.

Tim Salazar, a Laguna Hills resident, submitted an email in favor of unified landscaping plan.

Janette Hall submitted an email in favor of improving the hills.

The following individuals addressed the City Council on this item:

Dawn Ford, a resident of Laguna Hills, spoke regarding neglected slopes and expressed appreciation to the City for recent clean-up efforts on sidewalks along Alicia Pkwy.

Recommendation: Mayor Pezold recommends that the City Council direct staff to develop private slope landscape maintenance guidelines as recommendations to improve the landscape coverage, maintenance consistency and aesthetics of the community and return the guidelines to the City Council for further discussion.

The recommendation was moved by Mayor Pezold and no second was made. As a result, no action was taken on this item.

9. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Heft

Council Member Heft provided an update on the Transportation Corridor Agency.

10. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no City Council Member comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Pezold declared the meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Melissa Au-Yeung, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Erica Pezold, Mayor

Approved at meeting of April 13, 2021