CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING AGENCY REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 22, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Lautenschleger

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; Greg Simonian, City Attorney; Ken Rosenfield, Public Services Director/City Engineer; Vern Jones, Community Development Director; Steve Doan, Chief of Police Services; David Reynolds, Deputy City Manager; Art Nevarez, Battalion Chief, Orange County Fire Authority; Melissa Au-Yeung, Senior Management Analyst; Dan Meehan, Community Services Superintendent; and Sandi Mogan, Deputy City Clerk.

1. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1.1 PRESENTATION REGARDING TRAUMA INTERVENTION PROGRAM SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY (0400-10)

The City Council received a presentation from Wayne Fortin, Founder and CEO of TIP, and Krista Fisher, Laguna Hills' resident and TIP Volunteer, regarding Trauma Intervention Program services available to the community.

1.2 PRESENTATION FROM ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (OCTA) TO THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS REGARDING MEASURE M (0410-65)

This item was continued to the April 12, 2011, City Council meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

LAGUNA HILLS GRAD NIGHT FUNDRAISER (0930-40)

Meg Gorman spoke on Laguna Hills Grad Night Fund Raiser, Win-Win-Wednesday. It was the consensus of the City Council to agendize this item for a future meeting to consider contributing matching funds from the proceeds of Win-Win-Wednesday for Laguna Hills High School Grad Night.

CITY EQUIPMENT STORAGE (0710-20)

Laura Dickson, Laguna Hills, requested that the City Council find a permanent place for City vehicles and equipment to be stored. Mrs. Dickson also suggested that the City should have a clear and concise chart for the at-a-glance compensation tables on the City's website.

ALISO CREEK EROSION (0830-70)

Jonathon Bromburg, Laguna Hills, expressed concerns regarding the erosion of Aliso Creek behind his home. Public Services Director Rosenfield indicated that he had been in contact with the County of Orange and indicated that it would take time and funding to raise the creek bed and correct the erosion issue.

DARK HORSE COMMITTEE (0120-40)

Mike Bland gave an update on the efforts on the Dark Horse 3/5 Battalion Committee.

2.1 LAGUNA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LIAISON (0930-40)

The City Council received an oral report from Laguna Hills High School Student Liaison Lyndsey Kaan.

3. MINUTES

3.1 REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 8, 2011 (0410-50)

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2011, regular meeting by m/Mayor Pro Tempore Carruth, s/Council Member Bressette.
Approved by a vote of 5-0.

3.2 ADJOURNED MEETING, MARCH 12, 2011 (0410-50)

Motion to approve minutes of the March 12, 2011, adjourned regular meeting by m/Council Member Lautenschleger, s/Mayor Pro Tempore Carruth.
Approved by a vote of 5-0.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar, by m/Mayor Pro Tempore Carruth, s/Council Member Bressette.
Approved by a vote of 5-0.

4.1 MOTION TO APPROVE THE READING BY TITLE OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, SAID TITLES, WHICH APPEAR ON THE PUBLIC AGENDA, SHALL BE DETERMINED TO HAVE BEEN READ BY TITLE AND FURTHER READING WAIVED

Waived reading of Ordinances and Resolutions.

4.2 APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER FOR PERIOD ENDED MARCH 22, 2011 (0300-30)

Approved the Warrant Register in the amount of $661,860.91.

4.3 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR AVENIDA DE LA CARLOTA WIDENING PROJECT, CIP NO. 164 (0400-10)

Waived minor bid irregularities, awarded the contract for the Avenida de la Carlota Widening Project, CIP No. 164, to the apparent low bidder, Hillcrest Contracting, in the low base bid amount of $716,925.00, and authorized the Mayor to sign and the City Clerk to attest to the contract documents.

4.4 BIENNIAL BUDGET CALENDAR FY 2011-13 - REVISED MEETING SCHEDULE (0410-37)

Approved the revised the meeting schedule for the Budget Calendar for FY 2011-13.

5. PLANNING AGENCY

Mayor Songstad 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 7:46 PM.

5.1 ROLL CALL OF PLANNING AGENCY MEMBERS

Present: Chair Songstad, Vice Chair Carruth, Agency Member Bressette, Agency Member Kogerman, and Agency Member Lautenschleger

5.2 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

5.3 MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8, 2011, REGULAR MEETING (0120-10)

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2011, regular meeting as referenced in Item 3.1, starting on Page 3, by m/Agency Member Lautenschleger, s/Vice Chair Carruth.
Approved by a vote of 5-0.

5.4 PLANNING AGENCY PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.4.1. EXTENSION OF TIME NO. 2-11-1889 TO SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT/MASTER SIGN PROGRAM NO. 2008-024 - THE COURTYARD AT LA PAZ CENTER LOCATED AT 25232-25342 MCINTYRE STREET (0600-30)

Chair Songstad opened the Public Hearing and upon seeing no one rise, closed the Public Hearing.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. PA2011-3-22-1, A Resolution of the Planning Agency of the City of Laguna Hills, California, approving Extension of Time No. 2-11-1889, to Site Development Permit/Master Sign Program No. 2008-024, a request from La Paz Center, L.P., for an extension of time to complete the renovation work in process at the Courtyard at La Paz Center located at 25232-25342 McIntyre Street in the Community Commercial (CC) Zoning District, by m/Agency Member Bressette, s/Vice Chair Carruth.
Adopted by a vote of 5-0.

5.5 PLANNING ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

5.5.1. GENERAL PLAN CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR AVENIDA DE LA CARLOTA WIDENING PROJECT, CIP NO. 164 (0630-05)

Motion to approve the report and find that the proposed right-of-way acquisition for the Avenida de la Carlota Widening Project, CIP No. 164, was in conformance with the City of Laguna Hills General Plan in accordance with Government Code Section 65402, by m/Vice Chair Carruth, s/Agency Member Bressette.
Approved by a vote of 5-0.

PLANNING AGENCY ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Songstad reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:54 PM. All Council Members were present.

6. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

6.1 ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 3-11-1891, AMENDING TITLE 9 "ZONING AND SUBDIVISIONS" OF THE LAGUNA HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE LIMITED USE OF EXPOSED NEON AND LIGHT-EMITTING DIODE (LED) SIGNS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF A MSP (0610-15)

Chair Songstad opened the Public Hearing and upon seeing no one rise, closed the Public Hearing.

Motion to introduce the proposed Ordinance with the amendment to remove Code Section 9-42.240, by m/Mayor Pro Tempore Carruth, s/Council Member Bressette.
Failed by a vote 2-3 (Council Member Kogerman, Council Member Lautenschleger, and Mayor Songstad voting no).

Motion to introduce an Ordinance of the City of Laguna Hills, California, amending Title 9 “Zoning and Subdivisions" of the Laguna Hills Municipal Code to allow the limited use of exposed neon and light-emitting diode signs subject to approval of a Master Sign Program, by m/Council Member Kogerman, s/Council Member Lautenschleger.
Adopted by a vote of 3-2 (Council Member Bressette and Mayor Pro Tempore Carruth voting no.)

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 City Manager

The City Manager made no reports.

7.2 Assistant City Manager

7.2.1. COMPENSATION STUDY - LABOR MARKET RECOMMENDATIONS FROM RALPH ANDERSEN & ASSOCIATES (0520-10)

Motion to approve the labor market recommendations from Ralph Andersen & Associates, with the amendment of the Consultant choosing two additional cities to include in the survey, by m/Council Member Kogerman, s/Mayor Pro Tempore Carruth.
Approved by a vote of 5-0.

7.2.2. CITY COUNCIL RATING OF PROPOSED MAJOR PLANS FOR THE 2011-13 BIENNIAL BUDGET (0330-40)

Public Services Director Rosenfield and Deputy City Manager Reynolds presented their Department proposed Major Plans.

Carol Meyers, Parks and Recreation Commissioner, spoke to the issue of incorporating Sheep Hills Park and informed the City Council that the Parks and Recreation Commission was in favor of the proposal.

Mayor Pro Tempore Carruth, Council Member Bressette, and Council Member Kogerman reported on their proposed Major Plans.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 COUNCIL MEMBER KOGERMAN

8.1.1. ANNUAL DETERMINATION OF CITY MANAGER GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (0400-10)

Motion to direct staff to develop a City Council Policy that requires that the City Manager's goals and objectives be established annually by the City Council by the close of the second meeting in January of each calendar year, by m/Council Member Kogerman, s/Mayor Pro Tempore Carruth.
Approved by a vote of 5-0.

8.1.2. ANNUAL DETERMINATION AND COMMUNICATION OF THE CITY'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (0100-30)

Motion to direct staff to develop a City Council Policy that requires the City Council to annually determine its primary goals and objectives for each fiscal year, and that once established, these goals and objectives be made public at the start of each fiscal year, with progress toward these goals to be reviewed at the first meeting of the City Council each December, by m/Council Member Kogerman, s/Council Member Bressette.
Failed by a vote of 2-3 (Council Member Lautenschleger, Mayor Pro Tempore Carruth, and Mayor Songstad voting no).

9. MATTERS PRESENTED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

<u>COUNCIL MEMBER BRESSETTE</u>

Council Member Bressette stated he believed that for the recently posted Public Official’s Compensation Report, the at-a-glance tables were still not easy to understand.

Council Member Bressette indicated that the Valencia Education Foundation fundraiser would be held on Sunday April 3, 2011, from 2-6 PM. The fundraiser included the opportunity to bid on and win the chance to meet Dr. Phil.

MAYOR PRO TEMPORE CARRUTH

Mayor Pro Tempore Carruth indicated that for several years she had been tracking the federal application of the Juaneño Indians who were seeking tribal recognition. Ms. Carruth stated that the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs had denied the Juaneño Indians tribal recognition.

10. CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Songstad declared the meeting adjourned at 12:08 AM.

PEGGY J. JOHNS, CITY CLERK

ATTEST:

L. ALLAN SONGSTAD, JR., MAYOR

APPROVED AT MEETING OF APRIL 12, 2011.