

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

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

GENERAL BUSINESS - CONVENING AT 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION: Associate Pastor Jesus Cantu of Christ Community Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Pezold

1. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1.1 Valencia Elementary School Student Liaison Report

The City Council presented Certificates of Appointment and received a report from Valencia Elementary School Student Liaisons Michael Lee and Andrew Heredia.

1.2 Certificates of Recognition for Laguna Hills High School Student Liaisons Evan Figueroa and Forrest Frey

Mayor Wheeler presented Certificates of Recognition to Forrest Frey recognizing his service as the Laguna Hills High School 2023 Fall Student Liaison. Evan Figueroa was unable to attend the meeting.

1.3 Appointment of Laguna Hills High School Student Liaisons Ava Kornegay and Michael Holland for the 2024 Spring Semester

Mayor Wheeler presented Certificates of Appointment to Laguna Hills High School Student Liaisons Ava Kornegay and Michael Holland.

1.4 Laguna Hills High School Student Liaison Report

The City Council received a report from Laguna Hills High School 2024 Spring Student Liaison Ava Kornegay.

1.5 2023 Laguna Hills Deputy of the Year

Mayor Wheeler presented a Certificate of Recognition to Deputy Jamie Pineda, 2023 Laguna Hills Deputy of the Year.

1.6 Association of California Cities - Orange County (ACC-OC)

The City Council received a presentation from ACC-OC Executive Director Kris Murray.

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Dave Wheeler	Mayor	Present	
Joshua Sweeney	Mayor Pro Tempore	Present	
Don Caskey	Council Member	Present	
Janine Heft	Council Member	Present	
Erica Pezold	Council Member	Present	

2. SCHEDULE OF FUTURE EVENTS**2.1 Schedule of Future Events**

City Clerk Lee announced the upcoming meetings and events.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments on non-agendized items.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following individual submitted an electronic public comment on non-agendized items that was received, forwarded to the Council prior to the meeting, posted on the City's website, and announced into the record by City Clerk Lee:

Cynthia Marquez, Community Organizer for The Kennedy Commission, submitted an electronic public comment on Item No. 4.4.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar with Council Member Heft removing Item No. 4.5 and Item No. 4.8 and Council Member Pezold removing Item No. 4.4.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Erica Pezold, Council Member
SECONDER:	Janine Heft, Council Member
AYES:	Dave Wheeler, Mayor; Joshua Sweeney, Mayor Pro Tempore; Don Caskey, Council Member; Janine Heft, Council Member; Erica Pezold, 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 January 23, 2024, Regular Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the City Council/Planning Agency Minutes for the January 23, 2024, Regular Meeting.

4.3 Ratification of February 13, 2024, Warrant Register

Recommendation: That the City Council ratify the accompanying Warrant Register for the period from January 12, 2024, to February 1, 2024, in the amount of \$286,729.21.

4.6 Laguna Hills Civic Center First and Second Quarter Financial Report for FY2023/2024

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

4.7 Transfer of Funds from CIP 505, Civic Center Improvements, into the Civic Center Enterprise Fund

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the Finance Director to amend the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget by transferring \$129,125 from CIP No. 505, Civic Center Improvements, into the Civic Center Enterprise Fund.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**4.4 Proposed Tolling Agreement Regarding the La Paz Village Senior Living Affordable Housing Development Project Application**

Council Member Pezold removed Item No. 4.4 from the Consent Calendar.

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Approve the proposed Tolling Agreement between La Paz Village Investors, LLC and the City of Laguna Hills to temporarily suspend further processing of the La Paz Village Senior Living Affordable Housing Development Project Application proposed at 25250-25254 La Paz Road (LPV's Purported Builder's Remedy Application); and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Tolling Agreement.

A motion to table Item No. 4.4 was moved by Mayor Wheeler, seconded by Council Member Heft.

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dave Wheeler, Mayor
SECONDER:	Janine Heft, Council Member
AYES:	Dave Wheeler, Mayor, Joshua Sweeney, Mayor Pro Tempore, Don Caskey, Council Member, Janine Heft, Council Member, Erica Pezold, Council Member

4.5 2023 Community Services Report

Council Member Heft removed Item No. 4.5 from the Consent Calendar to request additional information.

Deputy City Manager/Community Services Director Reynolds responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

City Manager Hildenbrand responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

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

RESULT:	RECEIVE AND FILE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janine Heft, Council Member
SECONDER:	Erica Pezold, Council Member
AYES:	Dave Wheeler, Mayor; Joshua Sweeney, Mayor Pro Tempore; Don Caskey, Council Member; Janine Heft, Council Member; Erica Pezold, Council Member

4.8 Notice of Completion and Final Payment for the Community Center and Sports Complex Site Improvements Project, CIP No. 237

Council Member Heft removed Item No. 4.8 from the Consent Calendar to provide comments on the item.

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Certify the completion of and accept the improvements for the subject project; 2) Authorize the Public Works Director to sign the Notice of Completion; 3) Authorize the recording of the Notice of Completion with the County of Orange and to release the faithful performance and payment bonds one year and 35 days, respectively, after the date of recordation of the Notice of Completion contingent upon no claims or liens being filed with the City; and 4) Authorize payment of the final retention 35 days after

the date of recordation of the Notice of Completion in the net amount of \$13,144.75, if no liens have been filed.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janine Heft, Council Member
SECONDER:	Erica Pezold, Council Member
AYES:	Dave Wheeler, Mayor; Joshua Sweeney, Mayor Pro Tempore; Don Caskey, Council Member; Janine Heft, Council Member; Erica Pezold, Council Member

5. PLANNING AGENCY

There were no separate Planning Agency Business Items for this meeting.

6. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no City Council Public Hearings.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1. City Manager

The City Manager provide no administrative reports.

7.2. Deputy City Manager/Community Services Director

7.2.1 Update of City Council Policy 317 - Public Facility Reservation & Use Policy, Related to the Use of City Facilities Such as Community Center Rooms, Parks, Athletic Fields, Courts, and Gymnasium

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

Chief of Police Services Captain Burk responded to council Member requests for additional information.

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt a Resolution entitled: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING UPDATES TO CITY COUNCIL POLICY NO. 317."

A motion to continue Item No. 7.2.1 to the February 27, 2024, regular meeting was moved by Mayor Wheeler, seconded by Council Member Pezold.

RESULT:	CONTINUED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dave Wheeler, Mayor
SECONDER:	Erica Pezold, Council Member
AYES:	Dave Wheeler, Mayor; Joshua Sweeney, Mayor Pro Tempore; Don Caskey, Council Member; Janine Heft, Council Member; Erica Pezold, Council Member

8. MATTERS AGENDIZED AND PRESENTED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

8.1 Adoption of a Resolution Opposing California Proposition 1

Council Member Pezold provided information on the item.

City Attorney Simonian responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

Recommendation: Mayor Wheeler and Council Member Pezold recommend that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-02-13-1: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION NO. 1.

A motion to approve the proposed Resolution and direct the City Manager to issue a Press Release announcing the City Council action was moved by Mayor Wheeler, seconded by Council Member Pezold.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dave Wheeler, Mayor
SECONDER:	Erica Pezold, Council Member
AYES:	Dave Wheeler, Mayor; Joshua Sweeney, Mayor Pro Tempore; Don Caskey, Council Member; Janine Heft, Council Member; Erica Pezold, Council Member

9. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Committee Assignment Reports

The City Council received reports from City Council Members on the City Council Committee Assignments listed in the staff report.

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

Council Member Pezold requested a discussion on electronic signage in our parks be agendaized for the February 27, 2024, regular meeting and received a second from Mayor Wheeler.

Council Member Caskey

Council Member Caskey reported on an August 2023 meeting with Castle Hill neighborhood residents regarding potential builder's remedy projects in the area.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Wheeler declared the meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Jennifer Lee, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Dave Wheeler, Mayor

Approved at meeting of February 27, 2024