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**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 9, 2010**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bressette 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**

Councilman Songstad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Randal Bressette, Mayor  
R. Craig Scott, Mayor Pro Tempore  
Melody Carruth, Council Member  
Joel Lautenschleger, Council Member  
L. Allan Songstad, Jr., Council Member

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; Ed Fleming, Division Chief, Orange County Fire Authority; Melissa Au-Yeung, Management Analyst; and Sandi Mogan, Deputy City Clerk.

**1. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

There were no Presentations and Proclamations.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**2.1 LAGUNA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LIAISON (930-40)**

There was no report from Laguna Hills High School Student Liaison Jason Brower or Student Liaison Alternate.

**3. MINUTES**

**3.1 REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 26, 2010 (0410-50)**

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH,  
SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LAUTENSCHLEGER, TO

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 2010,  
REGULAR MEETING, AS PRESENTED.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carruth, Lautenschleger, Mayor Pro  
Tempore Scott, and Mayor Bressette  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: Council Member Songstad

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SONGSTAD,  
SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LAUTENSCHLEGER,  
THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS BE ACCEPTED FOR THE  
FOLLOWING ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carruth, Lautenschleger, Songstad,  
Mayor Pro Tempore Scott, and Mayor Bressette  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

- 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 FEBRUARY  
9, 2010 (0300-30)

Written report from the Administrative Services Department indicated that, in  
accordance with Government Code Section 37202, the Assistant City  
Manager certified to the accuracy of the Warrant Register and to the  
availability of funds for payment thereof.

APPROVED THE WARRANT REGISTER IN THE AMOUNT  
OF \$203,962.08.

- 4.3 AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE ALICIA PARKWAY TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT, CIP NO. 173; THE LA PAZ ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT, CIP NO. 174; AND THE LA PAZ ROAD AT APPALOOSA PLACE TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT, CIP NO. 163 (0400-10)

Written report from the Public Services Department indicated the 2009-2010 Capital Improvement Program Budget included funding for the construction of three traffic signal related projects which included the Alicia Parkway Traffic Signal Synchronization Project, CIP No. 173; the La Paz Road Traffic Signal Synchronization Project, CIP No. 174; and the La Paz Road at Appaloosa Place Traffic Signal Project, CIP No. 163. The plans and specifications for these three projects had been completed by the consulting traffic engineers of Hartzog & Crabill, Inc., and the projects were ready to advertise for bids. Staff proposed to advertise these projects simultaneously which were of a very similar nature in order to take advantage of construction efficiencies and resultant bid benefits. The Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Improvement Program Budget included funding of \$230,000 for the Alicia Parkway Traffic Signal Synchronization Project, CIP No. 173, funding of \$430,000 for the La Paz Road Traffic Signal Synchronization Project, CIP No. 174, and funding of \$215,000 for the La Paz Road at Appaloosa Place Traffic Signal Project, CIP No. 163. The total of the budgeted funds for these three projects is \$875,000 of which substantial portions were provided by Measure M Funds.

APPROVED THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE ALICIA PARKWAY TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT, CIP NO. 173; THE LA PAZ ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT, CIP NO. 174; AND THE LA PAZ ROAD AT APPALOOSA PLACE TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT, CIP NO. 163; AUTHORIZED THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS OF THE PROJECTS; AND AUTHORIZED THE DIRECT PURCHASE OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROL EQUIPMENT.

- 4.4 PASEO DE VALENCIA "PASSENGER LOADING/UNLOADING ZONE" AT VALENCIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (0860-50)

Written report from the Public Services Department indicated that the Principal of Valencia Elementary School contacted staff with a request to create a "Passenger Loading/Unloading Zone" on the east side of Paseo De Valencia from the northerly exit driveway of the school parking lot to one hundred and sixty (160) feet northerly. The reason for his request was to alleviate traffic congestion during student drop-off and pick-up times. Currently, there was a "No Stopping Anytime Zone with Bus Exemption" at the aforementioned location. The Principal indicated that buses did not use

this location anymore and the location would be better utilized if passenger vehicles were allowed to temporarily load and unload. The Traffic Commission, at the meeting of January 20, 2010, recommended approval of the request. It was recommended that the City Council adopt a Resolution to convert the existing "No Stopping Anytime Zone with Bus Exemption" to a "Passenger Loading/Unloading Zone." Painting a white curb for 160 feet, removal of the current signage, and installation of new signage would cost approximately \$750. Funds were available for this work in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Public Works Maintenance Budget.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2010-02-09-1, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A "PASSENGER LOADING/UNLOADING ZONE" ON THE EAST SIDE OF PASEO DE VALENCIA FROM THE NORTHERLY EXIT DRIVEWAY OF THE VALENCIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARKING LOT TO 160 FEET NORTHERLY THEREOF.

#### **PLANNING AGENCY AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION**

Mayor Bressette recessed the City Council meeting to the Planning Agency meeting at 7:04 p.m. and reconvened the City Council at 7:05 p.m., and from there to the Public Improvement Corporation meeting. Mayor Bressette reconvened the City Council at 7:06 p.m. All Council Members were present.

#### **6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

##### **6.1 City Manager**

The City Manager made no reports.

##### **6.2 Assistant City Manager**

###### **A. CIVIC CENTER PUBLIC ART PROGRAM – CONTINUING HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS (0910-40)**

Mayor Bressette indicated after two and a half years the City Council was pleased to hold the public preview of the premier pieces of the Civic Center Public Art Program. The program, which could have been called the Laguna Hills Historical and Educational Art Program, looked at the history of Laguna Hills from the time of the Native Americans, who flourished along Aliso Creek, through the Portola Expedition early rancho period, and then to the early 1900's when Lewis Moulton and his daughter Nellie Gail ran the ranchos of Laguna Hills and the surrounding communities. Mayor Bressette indicated when the City

added the art and exhibits at the Laguna Hills Community Center and Sports Park, the Pecten Reef, and Costeau Park over the last 19 years the City had created a physical and pictorial history of Laguna Hills from the earliest pre-historical times ending with the rancho period. Mayor Bressette indicated that current history might have to wait for others to write, but modern day history from the battle for Cityhood, to the fight against an international airport, to the other successes would be a rich, colorful, and productive history to recall. Mayor Bressette indicated that the three murals that hung in permanent residency in the Laguna Hills Civic Center were "Mining Pecten Reef," "War Brings Change," and "Discovery of Orange County." Mayor Bressette indicated that the City would have a formal unveiling in March. Mayor Bressette introduced artist, Rob Evans.

Rob Evans, Artist, thanked the City Council for giving him the opportunity for this project and for their patience and forbearance in the long road to getting to the installation of the murals. Mr. Evans indicated that he would still be adding details to the murals for another week.

Assistant City Manager White indicated that the primary purpose was to review with City Council some of the various historical, cultural, and educational programs and opportunities that staff believed could be implemented to leverage the value of the Civic Center's public art to the community. Mr. White indicated that staff had been discussing public accessibility, the online exhibit, and archiving. Mr. White indicated that there would also be the dedication ceremony in March, a speaker series, and new recreation class offerings that connected residents to the public art, and also a proposed local schools program. Mr. White indicated in order to optimize the efforts to use the public art to educate and inspire residents and visitors, staff recommended that the City Council approve moving forward with all of the programs; including completion of the online exhibit, archive, and the local school programs.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEMPORE SCOTT, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH, TO APPROVE THE COMPLETION OF THE ONLINE EXHIBIT AND ARCHIVE; TO APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL SCHOOLS PROGRAM AND CURRICULUM GUIDE; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY'S PUBLIC ART CONSULTANT TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE EXHIBIT AND ARCHIVE; AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL SCHOOLS PROGRAM AND CURRICULUM GUIDE.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carruth, Lautenschleger, Songstad,  
Mayor Pro Tempore Scott, and Mayor Bressette  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no Other Business.

**8. MATTERS PRESENTED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**8.1 Council Member Carruth**

**A. HEART AWARENESS MONTH (0250-05)**

Council Member Carruth indicated she was wearing a red scarf tonight as a symbol of Heart Awareness Month. Ms. Carruth stated that February was Heart Awareness Month, and heart disease was the number one killer of women in America. There would be women wearing red apparel as a reminder to encourage good nutrition, exercise, and medical check-ups.

**B. LAGUNA HILLS SCHOOL BOUNDARY CHANGES (0930-40)**

Council Member Carruth indicated that tonight the Saddleback Valley Unified School Board would be discussing school boundary changes and was proposing that Valencia Elementary School would receive 250 – 300 new students by shuffling the boundaries that currently existed. The District just lost 3,000 students and it was for that reason they were making modifications before they made decisions on closing schools. The other interesting agenda item before the Board tonight was that the attendance area that many years ago was dedicated to Laguna Hills High School students, and later the District made the determination to encourage those high school children that lived in a certain area to also attend Mission Viejo High School; the Board would be voting tonight to restore that attendance area back within the Laguna Hills High School boundaries.

**C. LAGUNA HILLS' HISTORY (0910-40)**

Council Member Carruth believed that along with the Community Center which told the story of the City's prehistoric history of animals that roamed Laguna Hills in the early days, and City Hall which told the story of California history, the third phase of the City's history should also be considered by the City Council. Council Member Carruth

believed it was important to collect the oral history from some of the residents who had lived here for over 40 years who could tell the story of seeing cattle and rancheros on the slopes at Vista Firenze. At some point the City Council might want to focus on this part of history in order to complete the Laguna Hills community and to collect that information while these individuals were still with us. There were a number of residents who were the first residents in Laguna Hills in the Mendocino area which was the first residential development in Laguna Hills.

## **8.2 Council Member Songstad**

### **A. SCAG FISCALIZATION OF LAND USE (0150-55)**

Council Member Songstad indicated he distributed a report to the City Council that he received at a recent Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) meeting. Council Member Songstad reported he had been appointed by the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) to the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee, the Committee considering SB375 recommendations, which had a Subcommittee considering the issue of Fiscalization of Land Use. The full report on the Fiscalization of Land Use was on the SCAG agenda last week, and was continued for several months to allow city managers, city councils, and various Councils of Government to provide input. Council Member Songstad stated the report focused on sales tax, and that land use planning in cities had been skewed for sales tax revenue. It was a proposition that Council Member Songstad did not agree with, but the cures suggested were sales tax swaps for property tax, sales tax revenue sharing, and other types of reforms, all of which were either going to involve regional control revenues or more State involvement. Council Member Songstad indicated that he brought this to the City Council's attention because he thought it was an important topic for discussion, and he would be discussing it at the League of California Cities, and at the Council of Governments, because he believed Orange County needed to make a strong statement. This issue was contrary to the Initiative now being circulated to protect local revenues and generally, he believed it was a bad idea. If there was City Council consensus, Council Member Songstad suggested that this issue be brought back to a future City Council meeting and if the City Council agreed to take a position, to communicate that position to OCCOG, to the League Division, and to SCAG. The City Council also directed staff to analyze the report and provide their comments to the City Council.

THERE WAS CONSENSUS OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS ISSUE AS DESCRIBED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SONGSTAD.

### **8.3 Mayor Bressette**

#### **A. TRAUMA INTERVENTION PROGRAM (0400-10)**

Mayor Bressette indicated that the Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) supported by the City had published the Laguna Hills' statistics for Calendar Year 2009. Mayor Bressette continued by giving the detailed statistics for Laguna Hills. Mayor Bressette indicated he was very proud of the City's association with TIP and thanked the City Council for their support.

#### **B. ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY (OCFA) AWARDS (0240-05)**

Mayor Bressette indicated that he, Council Member Carruth, and Division Chief Fleming had attended the OCFA's Best and Bravest Award Ceremony on February 4, 2010, at the Irvine Marriott. Mayor Bressette indicated it had been a great event and it had been an opportunity to see firsthand the great job OCFA members and their civilian teams performed. One civilian in particular won an award for pulling a victim from a burning vehicle on Interstate 5 at La Paz and suffered serious injuries in the process. Mayor Bressette also reported that four members from Station 22 were given a Unit Citation: Alan Robinson, Johnny Choy, Evan Sornborger, and Ryan Cummings, who had responded to a structure fire in Laguna Woods and rescued an elderly woman from a burning structure, at great peril to all of their lives. Specifically Ryan Cummings received the Medal of Valor, which was only the third time in the OCFA history this Medal has been awarded. Mayor Bressette indicated it had been an exciting event to attend and asked Division Chief Fleming to pass along the City Council's congratulations to those firefighters.

## **9. CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Bressette recessed the meeting into Closed Session at 7:40 p.m.

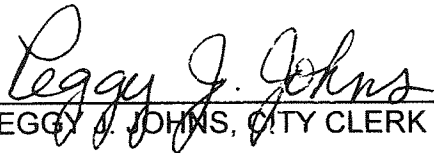
### **9.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b)(1)  
Public Employee Title: City Manager

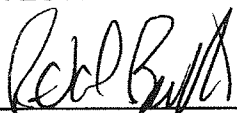
Mayor Bressette reconvened the meeting at 9:30 p.m. All Council Members were present.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Bressette declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

  
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PEGGY J. JOHNS, CITY CLERK

ATTEST:

  
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RANDAL BRESSETTE, MAYOR

APPROVED AT MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2010.