

**City of Laguna Hills
City Council / Planning Agency
Regular Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, September 24, 2024**

General Business Convening at 7:00 PM

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Wheeler.

Invocation: Rabbi Dennis Linson of Temple Judea of Laguna Hills

Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Pezold

Roll Call of City Council Members

Present:

Mayor Dave Wheeler
Mayor Pro Tempore Joshua Sweeney
Council Member Don Caskey
Council Member Janine Heft
Council Member Erica Pezold

Absent:

1. Presentations and Proclamations

1.1 Laguna Hills High School Student Liaison Report

The City Council received a report from Laguna Hills High School 2024 Fall Student Liaison Ann Pham.

2. Schedule of Future Events

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City Clerk Lee announced the upcoming meetings and events.

3. Public Comments

The following individual(s) provided public comments on non-agendized items:

David Gagne, Laguna Hills resident
Mary Gulino, Laguna Hills resident
Mario Medina, Laguna Hills resident

4. Consent Calendar

A motion to approve the Consent Calendar with Item No. 4.6 removed by Mayor Wheeler, was moved by Mayor Wheeler, seconded by Council Member Heft.

Result: Approved

Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0

Ayes: Mayor Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tempore Sweeney, Council Member Caskey, Council Member Heft, Council Member Pezold

Nays: None

Abstain: None

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 September 10, 2024, Regular Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the City Council Minutes for the September 10, 2024, Regular Meeting.

4.3 Ratification of September 24, 2024 Warrant Register

Recommendation: That the City Council ratify the accompanying Warrant Register for the period from August 30, 2024, to September 12, 2024, in the amount of \$1,334,616.22.

4.4 Treasurer's Investment Report for August 2024

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the Treasurer's Investment Report for the month of August 2024.

4.5 2024 Holiday Lighting and Decorations Agreement with The Christmas Kings

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Waive competitive formal bidding requirements and procedures set forth in the City of Laguna Hills Municipal Code (LHMC) Section 3-08.090 with regard to approval of the proposed Holiday Lighting and Decorations Agreement with The Christmas Kings, as it is hereby found and determined, pursuant to LHMC Section 3-08.110, that the recommended contract is for entertainment services and community support; and 2) Approve the proposed Holiday Lighting and Decorations Agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement.

4.7 Development Application Status Report

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

Items Removed from the Consent Calendar

4.6 Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-9-1420 Between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Cities of Irvine, Laguna Hills, and Lake Forest for the Lake Forest Drive Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Project

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-9-1420 with the Orange County Transportation Authority for the Lake Forest Drive Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Project; and 2) Authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement.

Mayor Wheeler removed Item No. 4.6 from the Consent Calendar to request additional information.

Public Works Director/City Engineer responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

A motion to approve staff's recommendation was moved by Mayor Wheeler, seconded by Council Member Heft.

Result: Approved

Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0

Ayes: Mayor Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tempore Sweeney, Council Member Caskey, Council Member Heft, Council Member Pezold

Nays: None

Abstain: None

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

7.1.1 Consideration of Policies to either Ban the Installation and Use of Artificial Turf on City-owned properties or Encourage the Planting of Natural Grass in the City of Laguna Hills

Recommendation: That the City Council discuss the proposed policies and either:

1) Adopt a Resolution entitled: "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, Establishing City Council Policy No. 313, Regarding a Ban on the Installation and Use of Artificial Turf in the City of Laguna Hills"; or

2) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-09-24-1: "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, Establishing City Council Policy No. 313, Regarding Encouragement of Planting Natural Grass in the City of Laguna Hills".

City Manager Hildenbrand reviewed the information provided in the staff report and responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

A motion to adopt the second proposed resolution to encourage planting of natural grass in the City was moved by Council Member Pezold, seconded by Council Member Heft.

Roll Call Vote Result: Approved

Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0

Ayes: Mayor Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tempore Sweeney, Council Member Caskey, Council Member Heft, Council Member Pezold

Nays: None

Abstain: None

8. Matters Agendized and Presented by City Council Members

8.1 Discussion about a Potential Ordinance Banning the Sale of Nitrous Oxide

Recommendation: Mayor Wheeler recommends that the City Council discuss and provide direction to staff.

Mayor Wheeler provided information on the item.

A motion to table the item was moved by Mayor Wheeler, seconded by Council Member Pezold.

Roll Call Vote Result: Approved

Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0

Ayes: Mayor Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tempore Sweeney, Council Member Caskey, Council Member Heft, Council Member Pezold

Nays: None

Abstain: None

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Sweeney

Mayor Pro Tempore Sweeney provided an update on a recent traffic collision involving members of OCFA's Santiago Handcrew.

Mayor Pro Tempore Sweeney reported on the loss of Joel Brodowski, OCFA IT Manager.

Mayor Pro Tempore Sweeney provided an update on the Airport Fire and thanked OCFA and all other agencies involved for their service.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Wheeler declared the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Jennifer Lee, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Dave Wheeler, Mayor

Approved at meeting of October 8, 2024.