

**City of Laguna Hills
City Council / Planning Agency
Regular Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, November 12, 2024**

Closed Session - Convening at 6:00 PM

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Wheeler.

Roll Call of City Council Members

Present:

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

Absent:

Council Member Janine Heft

Announcement of Closed Session Item(s)

A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

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

B. Conference with Labor Negotiator

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Negotiator: Dave Wheeler, Mayor
Unrepresented Employee: Jarad Hildenbrand, City Manager

Public Comments

There were no public comments on the closed session items.

Adjourn to City Council Conference Room or City Council Chambers

Convene into Closed Session

The City Council convened into closed session to consider the matters listed above.

Reconvene to City Council Chamber

Recess

General Business Convening at 7:00 PM

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Mayor Wheeler.

Invocation: Elder Tom Munson of Christ Community Church

Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Pezold

Roll Call of City Council Members

Present:

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Closed Session Report

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City Attorney Simonian stated that the City Council convened into closed session pursuant to the authorities listed on the agenda with no reportable action.

1. Presentations and Proclamations

1.1 Laguna Hills High School Student Liaison Report

The City Council received a report from Laguna Hills High School Fall Student Liaison Alternate Forrest Frey.

Mayor Wheeler provided remarks on a Veterans Day event and recognized the veterans present at the meeting and thanked them for their service.

2. Schedule of Future Events

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City Clerk Lee announced the upcoming meetings and events.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments on non-agendized items.

4. Consent Calendar

Jackie Lloyd and Geoff and Khanh Hager, residents of Alicia Place neighborhood, submitted electronic public comments opposing Item No. 4.8, that were forwarded to the City Council prior to the meeting, posted on the City's website, and announced into the record by City Clerk Lee.

The following individual(s) provided public comments in favor of Item No. 4.8:

Nancy Norcross
Robert Wheelhouse
Natalie Lindsay

The following individual(s) provided public comments opposing Item No. 4.8:

Deanna Jacobson
Bonnie Hanna

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

David Oslinker, a resident of Laguna Hills, submitted an electronic public comment in favor of Item No. 4.10, that was forwarded to the City Council prior to the meeting, posted on the City's website, and announced into the record by City Clerk Lee.

Morgan Gallagher of Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP submitted an electronic public comment on behalf of KB Ridge Route, LLC, KB Mill Creek, DST, and KB Spectrum Summit Plaza, LLC, opposing Item No. 4.10, that was forwarded to the City Council prior to the meeting, posted on the City's website, and announced into the record by City Clerk Lee.

The following individual(s) provided public comments opposing Item No. 4.10:

Tibor Keleman
Morgan Gallagher

A motion to approve the balance of the Consent Calendar with Council Member Pezold and Council Member Caskey removing Item No. 4.8 and Item No. 4.10 was moved by Council Member Pezold, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Sweeney.

Result: Passed

Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0

Ayes: Mayor Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tempore Sweeney, Council Member Caskey, 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 October 22, 2024, 4pm Special Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the City Council Minutes for the October 22, 2024, 4pm Special Meeting

4.3 Approval of Minutes for October 22, 2024, 6pm Special Meeting

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4.4 Approval of Minutes for October 22, 2024, Regular Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the City Council Minutes for the October 22, 2024, Regular Meeting.

4.5 Ratification of November 12, 2024 Warrant Register

Recommendation: That the City Council ratify the accompanying Warrant Register for the period from October 11, 2024, to October 31, 2024, in the amount of \$579,749.66.

4.6 Second Reading and Adoption of Proposed Ordinance Changing the Start Time of City Council Regular Meetings From 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-3 changing the start time for City Council regular meetings, entitled: "An Ordinance of the City of Laguna Hills, California, Amending and Restating Section 2-04.010 (Time of Regular Meetings) of Chapter 2-04 (City Council) of Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) of the Laguna Hills Municipal Code Establishing the Dates and Time of City Council Regular Meetings"; and 2) Authorize the Mayor/Mayor Pro Tempore to execute the Ordinance.

4.7 Orange County Transportation Authority Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Projects: Avenida de la Carlota, La Paz Road, and Cabot Road

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-11-12-1: "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, California, Approving the Submittal of Three Improvement Projects to the Orange County Transportation Authority for Funding Under the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs."

4.9 OCTA Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Project: Paseo De Valencia - Moulton Parkway Confluence Bypass Corridor

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the City Manager to sign the Cooperative Agreement for the Paseo de Valencia – Moulton Parkway Confluence Bypass Corridor Project.

4.11 Cooperative Agreement with the City of Laguna Woods for Storm Drain Repairs on Ridge Route Drive

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make minor modifications as may be necessary to finalize the Cooperative Agreement for the Ridge Route Drainage Repair Project; 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Cooperative Agreement for the Ridge Route Drainage Repair Project; and 3) Authorize the Finance Director to amend the budget by allocating \$110,930.00 from the Gas Tax HUTA fund into CIP No. 403.

4.12 Development Application Status Report

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

Items Removed from the Consent Calendar

4.8 Alicia Place Neighborhood Permit Parking Program

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Find and determine that the proposed permit parking controls are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, Cal. Code of Regs, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-11-12-2: "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, California, Establishing a Residential Permit Parking Area and a No Parking Zone During Days and Hours of Street Sweeping on Certain Streets in the Alicia Place Neighborhood."

Council Member Pezold and Council Member Caskey removed Item No. 4.8 from the Consent Calendar to allow for discussion on the item.

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

A motion to approve staff's recommendation was moved by Council Member Pezold, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Sweeney.

Result: Passed

Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 1

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Council Member Don Caskey

4.10 Establishment of a No Parking Overnight Zone on Mill Creek Drive

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Find and determine that the proposed parking regulation is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Sections 15301 (the activity applies to the operation of existing streets, and will not expand the use of those existing streets) and 15061(b)(3) (the activity has no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment) of the CEQA Guidelines, Cal. Code of Regs, Title 14, Chapter 3; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-11-12-3: "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, California, establishing a No Overnight Parking Zone from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. on the entirety of Mill Creek Drive."

Council Member Pezold and Council Member Caskey removed Item No. 4.10 from the Consent Calendar to allow for discussion on the item.

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

At Council Member Pezold's request, Tibor Kelerman provided further public comments opposing Item No. 4.10.

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

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

A motion to approve staff's recommendation for a temporary six-month period and revisit the item on May 27, 2025, was moved by Council Member Caskey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Sweeney.

Result: Passed

Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0

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

The City Manager provided no administrative reports.

8. Matters Agendized and Presented by City Council Members

8.1 Update on Comprehensive Review of City Council Policies and Administrative Orders

Recommendation: That the City Council review the modifications made to the City Council Policies and provide direction to staff.

This item was not discussed, as it was completed during the special meeting held on November 12, 2024.

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 provided a reminder that trading committee and leadership positions can be viewed as a quid pro quo.

Mayor Pro Tempore Sweeney

Mayor Pro Tempore Sweeney encouraged everyone to sign up for the countywide mass notification system, Alert OC and reported on a wildland firefighter training he recently attended.

Consideration of Compensation for City Manager

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Recommendation: Following completion of the annual performance evaluation of the City Manager, the City Council will take such action as it so determines.

This item was not discussed, as the public employee performance evaluation is not yet complete. The evaluation has been continued to a meeting in January

Adjournment

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Wheeler declared the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Jennifer Lee, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Dave Wheeler, Mayor

Approved at meeting of December 10, 2024.