

**City of Laguna Hills
City Council / Planning Agency
Regular Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, March 11, 2025**

General Business Convening at 6:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Invocation: Mayor Sweeney

Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Mathis

Roll Call of City Council Members

Present:

Mayor Joshua Sweeney
Council Member Erica Pezold
Council Member Jared Mathis
Council Member Dave Wheeler

Absent:

Mayor Pro Tempore Don Caskey

1. Presentations and Proclamations

1.1 Laguna Hills High School Student Liaison Report

The City Council received a report from Laguna Hills High School Student Liaison Parsa Kaveh.

2. Schedule of Future Events

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Deputy City Clerk McDonald announced the upcoming meetings and events.

3. Public Comments

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

4. Consent Calendar

A motion to approve the balance of the Consent Calendar with Council Member Wheeler removing Item No. 4.2 and Item No. 4.4 was moved by Council Member Pezold, seconded by Council Member Mathis.

Roll Call Vote Result: Passed

Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0

Ayes: Mayor Sweeney, Council Member Pezold, Council Member Mathis, Council Member Wheeler

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.

4.3 Ratification of March 11, 2025 Warrant Register

Recommendation: That the City Council ratify the accompanying Warrant Register for the period from February 14, 2025, to February 27, 2025, in the amount of \$722,143.75.

4.5 2025 Memorial Day Half Marathon, 5K, and 10K Honoring the USMC Darkhorse Battalion Pre-Event Report

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the 2025 Memorial Day Half Marathon, 5K, and 10K pre-event report.

4.6 I-5 South County Widening Project: Request for Paving Avenida de la Carlota

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the draft letter for the Mayor's signature to Caltrans and the Orange County Transportation Authority requesting that Avenida de la Carlota be repaved and that the parkway area be landscaped prior to the closeout of the I-5 South County Widening Project.

Items Removed from the Consent Calendar

4.2 Approval of Minutes for February 25, 2025, Regular Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the City Council Minutes for the February 25, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Council Member Wheeler removed Item No. 4.2 from the Consent Calendar to provide comments on the item.

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

Roll Call Vote Result: Passed

Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0

Ayes: Mayor Sweeney, Council Member Pezold, Council Member Mathis, Council Member Wheeler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

4.4 Excused Absence Request from Mayor Pro Tempore Don Caskey for the February 11, 2025, and February 25, 2025, City Council Regular Meetings

Recommendation: That the City Council approve an excused absence request from Mayor Pro Tempore Caskey for the February 11, 2025, and February 25, 2025, City Council regular meetings for medical reasons.

Council Member Wheeler removed Item No. 4.4 from the Consent Calendar to provide comments on the item.

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

Roll Call Vote Result: Passed

Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0

Ayes: Mayor Sweeney, Council Member Pezold, Council Member Mathis, Council Member Wheeler

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.

7.2 Finance Director

7.2.1 Management and Part-Time Job Titles and Salary Updates

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt a Resolution entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, California, Regarding

Employment and Amending Job Descriptions and Salary Ranges for Management and Part-Time Classifications of Employment with the City."

Finance Director Hendrickson reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

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

Director of Public Works/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 Council Member Mathis.

Roll Call Vote Result: Passed

Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0

Ayes: Mayor Sweeney, Council Member Pezold, Council Member Mathis, Council Member Wheeler

Nays: None

Abstain: None

8. Matters Agendized and Presented by City Council Members

There were no matters agendized by City Council Members.

9. City Council Member Committee Reports

9.1 Committee Assignment Reports

The City Council provided no reports.

10. City Council Member Comments

Council Member Mathis

Council Member Mathis provided comments on the 5-year anniversary of the COVID-19 shutdown.

Council Member Wheeler

Council Member Wheeler informed the City Council of two databases, one of revenue from taxation (confidential) and one of all warrant registers since 2018, and indicated that they are available for the Council to view and use.

Council Member Pezold

Council Member Pezold expressed her appreciation for the state of the fields on Sunday.

Council Member Pezold reported on a recent SCAQMD zoom meeting she attended regarding Amended Rules 1111 and 1121.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Sweeney declared the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Jennifer Lee, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Joshua Sweeney, Mayor

Approved at meeting of March 25, 2025.