MINUTES

City Council/Planning Agency Regular Meeting

June 23, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the City Council/Planning Agency of the City of Laguna Hills, California, was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Mathis at 6:00 p.m., on June 23, 2026, in the City Council Chamber at 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills, California.

A complete copy of the agenda for the meeting containing all items as shown herein was posted by 5:00 p.m. on June 19, 2026, on the outdoor bulletin board at Laguna Hills City Hall. A copy was also posted at Laguna Hills Community Center and Knotty Pine Park.

Roll Call of City Council Members

Present: Mayor Don Caskey, via teleconference pursuant to GC § 54953(c)
Mayor Pro Tempore Jared Mathis
Council Member Erica Pezold
Council Member Joshua Sweeney

Absent: Council Member Dave Wheeler

Invocation: Elder Dave Wicker, Christ Community Church

Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Pezold

1. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

There were no presentations.

2. SCHEDULE OF FUTURE EVENTS

2.1 Schedule of Future Events

Community Services Director Holland Gannon announced the City's upcoming meetings and events.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Steinberg: thanked the City Council Members and staff for working so hard on parking issues and stated that there are some rumors and falsehoods being spread about the petition ballot that was mailed to homes in his neighborhood.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion made by Council Member Sweeney, seconded by Council Member Pezold, to approve the Consent Calendar as outlined below.

On roll call, said motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caskey, Mathis, Pezold, Sweeney
NOES: None
ABSENT: Wheeler

4.1 Waive Reading in Full of all Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda

Waived reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions on the agenda and declared 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 June 9, 2026, Regular Meeting

Approved the City Council/Planning Agency Minutes for the June 9, 2026, Regular Meeting.

4.4 Ratification of June 23, 2026 Warrant Register

Ratified the accompanying Warrant Register for the period from May 30, 2026, to June 11, 2026, in the amount of $774,991.86.

4.5 Treasurer's Investment Report for May 2026

Received and filed the Treasurer's Investment Report for the month of May 2026.

4.6 2026 Resolution Authorizing Community Assistance Funding for the 3/5 Marine Support Committee

Adopted Resolution 2026-06-23-1 entitled: "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, California, Authorizing Community Assistance Funding for the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Division Support Committee, a California Nonprofit Corporation."

4.8 Amendment No. 1 to Vendor Services Agreement with DJE Sound & Lighting, Inc. for Additional Stage Lighting for the 2026 Fourth of July Celebration

1. Approved Amendment No. 1 to Vendor Services Agreement with DJE Sound & Lighting, Inc. for Sound, Stage, and Lighting Services for the annual 4th of July Celebration; and 2. Authorized the City Manager to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement.

4.9 Development Application Status Report

Received and filed the report.

4.10 Award of Contract for Senior Transportation Mobility Services

Awarded a Senior Transportation Mobility Services Agreement for the City's Senior Dial-A-Taxi Program to OCY Management LLC; and 2. Authorized the City Manager to sign the Agreement.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

4.3 Renewed Measure M (M2) Compliance Reporting to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)

At Council Member Pezold's request, Assistant City Manager Joe Ames provided a briefing on the agenda item.

Motion made by Council Member Pezold, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mathis, to 1. Approve the Measure M (M2) Compliance Submittal to OCTA including, but not limited, to the Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program; 2. Adopt Resolution 2026-06-23-2 entitled: "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, California, Concerning the Status and Update of the Pavement Management Plan for the Measure M (M2) Program"; and 3. Adopt Resolution 2026-06-23-4 entitled: "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, California, Concerning the Update of the Local Signal Synchronization Plan for the Measure M (M2) Program."

On roll call, said motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caskey, Mathis, Pezold, Sweeney
NOES: None
ABSENT: Wheeler

4.7 Consideration of an Amended and Restated Security Patrol Services Agreement with High Level Security Solutions, Inc.

Council Member Pezold expressed her appreciation for this security patrol firm.

Motion made by Council Member Pezold, seconded by Council Member Sweeney, to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an Amended and Restated Security Patrol Services Agreement with High Level Security Solutions, Inc., for a new three-year term in the total maximum contract amount of $600,000.

On roll call, said motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Caskey, Mathis, Pezold, Sweeney
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Wheeler

Mayor Pro Tem Mathis reordered the agenda to accommodate members of the audience who were waiting to speak.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 City Manager

There was no report from the City Manager.

7.2 Assistant City Manager

7.2.1 Rejection of Bid Proposals for the Citywide Local Streets Rehabilitation

Assistant City Manager Joe Ames presented the staff report and answered the City Council Member's questions.

Motion made by Council Member Sweeney, seconded by Council Member Pezold, to 1. reject all Bid Proposals received for the Citywide Pavement Rehabilitation Project, CIP No. 101-M; 2. Approve the revised plans and specifications for the Citywide Pavement Rehabilitation Project, CIP No. 101-M; 3. Authorize the City Engineer to make minor modifications to the plans and specifications as may be necessary; 4. Authorize the advertisement for bids Citywide Pavement Rehabilitation Project, CIP No. 101-M; 5. Find that environmental review is not required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15301 as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption - "Existing Facilities;" and 6. Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Letter Requesting that the Orange County Board of Supervisors Address the Structural Inequity in Gas Tax and Senate Bill 1 Revenues.

On roll call, said motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Caskey, Mathis, Pezold, Sweeney
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Wheeler

7.2.2 Review of Community Survey Results for the Proposed Conversion of the Existing Roller Hockey Rink into Pickleball Courts at the Laguna Hills Community Center, CIP No. 514

The following individuals submitted an electronic public comment on Item No. 7.2.2. The comments were forwarded to the City Council Members prior to the meeting, posted on the City's website, and announced into the record by Interim City Clerk Hamman.

All 56 commenters expressed opposition to converting the roller hockey rink into permanent pickleball courts:

1. Ambrea Papez
2. Anastasia
3. Angela Han
4. Anonymous
5. Ansh Pardeshi
6. Brittany Winder
7. Carolina Aguilar
8. Christina Motu
9. Christine Mortensen
10. Claire Cardona
11. Danielle McCoy
12. Diana Sawtelle
13. Elle Brown
14. Holly Leeson
15. Ieu McKenzie
16. Jackie First
17. Jackie Quinonez
18. Janet Salman
19. Jessica Chin
20. Jim Marsoobian
21. Jila Silvey
22. Kaelyn Owens
23. Kai White
24. Karen Pascoo
25. Katie Malin
26. Katie Rose Thomas
27. Kelsey Luu
28. Luan Tran
29. Mackenzie Winder
30. Mali Sampson
31. Mario and Daniela Vasquez
32. Meagan Ward
33. Megan Walsh
34. Megan Winje
35. Menna McKenzie
36. Mike Casey
37. Miresa Abundis
38. Nancy Halasz
39. Owen Naylor
40. Phil Venti
41. Riley Mayer
42. Roseredla
43. Sandipa Salunke
44. Sarah Halasz
45. Sarah Huffman
46. Sarah Slenkamp
47. Skye Shook
48. Tanya Murguia
49. Tara Gordon
50. Tim Jennings
51. Tuesday English-Pavey
52. Tyler Dettloff
53. Victoria Cole
54. Violet Yamashiro
55. Vishal Pardeshi
56. Zoe Kline-Koenig

The following individuals made public comments in opposition to the conversion of the roller hockey rink into permanent pickleball courts: Teresa Perone, Kaylee Van Hise, Anastasia Ellison, Kai Oitia, Marc Anderson, Calan Broughton, Jordan Krugluv, Sarah Halasz, Nathan Gray, Elle Brown, Arthur Crews Wells III, Pete Cruz, Matthew Ames, Beat'er Pan, Mark Hoinacki.

Motion made by Council Member Sweeney, seconded by Mayor Caskey, to keep this a multi-use facility for both Roller Hockey and Pickleball. Mayor Caskey withdrew his second.

An amended motion was made by Council Member Sweeney, seconded by Mayor Caskey, to maintain the facility for multi-use purposes for both Roller Hockey and Pickleball and direct staff to explore options for recognizing the hockey group's contributions to the facility, including the possible waiver of fees for a limited period as compensation.

On roll call, said motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Caskey, Mathis, Sweeney
NOES:	Pezold
ABSENT:	Wheeler

7.2.3 Review of Citywide Parking and Street Sweeping Issues, and a Resolution Removing the Overnight Parking Restriction and Establishment of a Street Sweeping Parking Prohibition on the South Side of Laguna Hills Drive

Assistant City Manager Joe Ames presented the staff report.

The following individual submitted an electronic public comment on Item No. 7.2.3. The comment was forwarded to the City Council Members prior to the meeting, posted on the City's website, and announced into the record by Interim City Clerk Hamman: Scott Miller, Traffic Commission Chair.

The following made comments on parking issues and expressed support for the recommendation in the staff report: Gary Steinberg and Tracy Doudt.

Motion by Council Member Sweeney, seconded by Mayor Caskey, to (1) adopt Resolution 2026-06-23-3 entitled: "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills Removing the Overnight Parking Restriction and Establishing a No Parking Zone During the Days and Hours of Street Sweeping on the South Side of Laguna Hills Drive between Indian Hill Lane and Paseo de Valencia" as amended to modify Section 3 in the Resolution to reflect weekly no parking for street sweeping on Laguna Hillls Drive; and (2) direct staff to look at parking issues throughout the city and hold a joint meeting with the Traffic Commission to explore global solutions.

A Substitute motion was made by Council Member Pezold to direct the Traffic Commission to look into partnership with a private company to help alleviate the traffic problems. The motion did not receive a second.

On roll call, said MAIN motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Caskey, Mathis, Pezold, Sweeney
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Wheeler

5. PLANNING AGENCY

At the hour of 8:55 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Mathis recessed the City Council meeting and convened the Planning Agency meeting.

Roll Call of Planning Agency Members

Present: Chair Don Caskey, via teleconference pursuant to GC § 54953(c)
Vice Chair Jared Mathis
Agency Member Erica Pezold
Agency Member Joshua Sweeney

Absent: Agency Member Dave Wheeler

5.1 Capital Improvement Program General Plan Conformity Report

Assistant City Manager Joe Ames presented the staff report and noted that there was an error in the resolution title regarding the Fiscal Year which should read 2026/2027.

Vice Chair Mathis opened the public hearing at 9:00 p.m. Hearing no comments he closed the public hearing at 9:00 p.m.

Motion made by Chair Caskey, seconded by Agency Member Sweeney to adopt a Resolution PA2026-06-23-1 entitled: "A Resolution of the Planning Agency of the City of Laguna Hills, California, finding that the proposed 2026/2027 Fiscal Year Capital Improvement Program conforms with the General Plan of the City of Laguna Hills pursuant to California Government Code Section 65401."

On roll call, said motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Caskey, Mathis, Pezold, Sweeney
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Wheeler

At the hour of 9:02 p.m., Vice chair Mathis Adjourned the Planning Agency meeting and reconvened the City Council Meeting.

6. City Council Public Hearings

6.1 Urgency Ordinance Pursuant to Government Code Section 65858 to Extend a Temporary Moratorium on New or Expanded Massage Establishments in Laguna Hills for 10 Months and 15 Days

Community Development Director Jennifer Lowe presented the staff report and outlined steps staff have taken since the adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 2026-2, including review of existing regulatory framework, zoning analysis, consultation with law enforcement agencies, ongoing inspections for operational compliance, and coordination with legal counsel.

Mayor Pro Tem Mathis opened the public hearing at 9:12 p.m. Hearing no public comments, Mayor Pro Tem Mathis closed the public hearing at 9:13 p.m.

Motion made by Council Member Sweeney, seconded by Council Member Pezold to 1. Accept the Progress Report regarding the measures taken to alleviate the nuisance conditions that led to the adoption of a temporary moratorium; 2. Conduct a public hearing; 3. Find and determine that the proposed urgency ordinance is not a project within the meaning of Section 15378 of the State of California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines (Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations and is exempt from the requirements of CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and 4. Adopt Urgency Ordinance 2026-3 entitled: "An Interim Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills Pursuant to Government Code Sections 36937 and 65858, Extending the Temporary Moratorium on New or Expanded Massage Establishments for 10 Months and 15 days Pending Study and Preparation of an Update to the City's Municipal Code and Zoning Code and Determining the Ordinance to be Exempt from Environmental Review Under CEQA."

On roll call, said motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Caskey, Mathis, Pezold, Sweeney
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Wheeler

7. MATTERS AGENDIZED AND PRESENTED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

8. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Committee Assignment Reports

Council Member Pezold announced that the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control Board of Directors met last week and approved two business items. She reported that there have been 7 cases of flea-borne typhus reported in Orange County and suggested that it is worth asking the Vector Control District to provide the City of Laguna Hills with educational materials.

10. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Caskey

Mayor Caskey commend Director Gannon for providing two dozen opportunities to participate in city events, tours, classes, and activities in just one month.

Council Member Sweeney

Council Member Sweeney concurred with Mayor Caskey's comments regarding the City's excellent community events and thanked City staff for their continued hard work on behalf of Laguna Hills.

A motion was made by Council Member Sweeney and seconded by Mayor Caskey to place an item on the next agenda to review the local campaign ordinance limit and consider whether to return to the statewide standards. Mayor Caskey seconded the motion.

Council Member Pezold

Council Member Pezold requested information regarding the diseased trees in the Oso Parkway median, the status of the holiday light bids, and the disposition of funds provided by the roller hockey group. She also requested clarification on the City's policy for staff bringing items to the City Council that were not approved during the budget cycle.

Mayor Pro Tem Mathis

Mayor Pro Tem Mathis expressed appreciation for the Council's direction to maintain an inclusive approach to the roller rink/pickleball courts. He thanked the public for attending and participating in the meeting and said he looks forward to seeing residents at the July 4th America 250 celebration.

Adjournment

At the hour of 9:23 p.m., with no further business to come before the City Council/Planning Agency at this session, Mayor Pro Tem Mathis adjourned the meeting to Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Karen Hamman

Karen Hamman, Interim City Clerk

ATTEST:

Signed by:

Don Caskey

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Don Caskey, Mayor

Approved at meeting of July 14, 2026