

**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS
CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING AGENCY**

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, November 24, 2020**

GENERAL BUSINESS - CONVENING AT 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Heft.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Gilbert

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Janine Heft	Mayor	Present	
Erica Pezold	Mayor Pro Tempore	Present	
Dore J. Gilbert, M.D.	Council Member	Present	
Don Sedgwick	Council Member	Present	
Dave Wheeler	Council Member	Remote	

1. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1.1 Laguna Hills High School Student Liaison

Recommendation: The City Council received an oral report from Laguna Hills High School Student Liaison Sofia Kachani.

1.2 Laguna Hills 3/5 Marine Support Committee

Recommendation: The City Council received an update from Chair Karen Robbins on the 3/5 Dark Horse Committee.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individual addressed the City Council on non-agendized items:

Dennis Thompson, a resident of Laguna Hills, spoke on behalf of himself and his wife, Denise Chisum, regarding recent break-ins and thefts in the Laguna Village Association.

The following individual submitted electronic public comments that were received, forwarded to the Council prior to the meeting, and announced into the record by Assistant City Clerk Lee:

David Gagne, a resident of Laguna Hills, sent an email regarding recent break-ins and thefts in the Laguna Village Association.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dore J. Gilbert, M.D., Council Member
SECONDER:	Erica Pezold, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Janine Heft, Mayor; Erica Pezold, Mayor Pro Tempore; Dore J. Gilbert, M.D., Council Member; Don Sedgwick, Council Member; Dave Wheeler, Council Member

3.1 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.

3.2 Approval of Minutes for November 10, 2020, Regular Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Minutes for the November 10, 2020, Regular Meeting.

3.3 Ratification of November 24, 2020, Warrant Register

Recommendation: That the City Council ratify the accompanying Warrant Register for the period from October 30, 2020, to November 12, 2020, in the amount of \$978,663.99.

3.4 City Council Review and Confirmation of the Necessity for Continuing the Local Emergency Related to the On-Going Threat of the Novel COVID-19 Virus and Confirmation of the Director of Emergency Services/City Manager's Executive Order Related Thereto

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Review and confirm the necessity for continuing the local emergency declared in response to the Novel COVID-19 virus; and 2) Confirm the Director of Emergency Services/City Manager's executive order related thereto.

3.5 Civic Center First Quarter Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2020/2021

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

3.6 FY 2019/20 Development Impact Fees Annual Report

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the FY 2019/20 Development Impact Fees Annual Report pursuant to California Government Code Section 66006.

3.7 Annual Review of Investment & Portfolio Policies and Delegation of Investment Authority to the City Treasurer

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2020-11-24-1: "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, California, delegating investment authority to the City Treasurer and approving a policy for the investment of surplus City funds and rescinding Resolution No. 2019-11-26-3."

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items removed from the Consent Calendar.

4. PLANNING AGENCY

Mayor Heft recessed the City Council Meeting, and acting in capacity as Chair, called the Regular Meeting of the Planning Agency of the City of Laguna Hills, California, to order at 7:18 p.m.

4.1. ROLL CALL OF PLANNING AGENCY MEMBERS

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Janine Heft	Chair	Present	
Erica Pezold	Vice Chair	Present	
Dore J. Gilbert, M.D.	Agency Member	Present	
Don Sedgwick	Agency Member	Present	
Dave Wheeler	Agency Member	Remote	

4.2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Planning Agency public comments.

4.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.3.1 Approval of Minutes for November 10, 2020, Regular Meeting

Recommendation: That the Planning Agency approve the Minutes for the November 10, 2020, Regular Meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dore J. Gilbert, M.D., Agency Member
SECONDER:	Erica Pezold, Vice Chair
AYES:	Janine Heft, Chair; Erica Pezold, Vice Chair; Dore J. Gilbert, M.D., Agency Member; Don Sedgwick, Agency Member; Dave Wheeler, Agency Member

4.4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

There were no Planning Agency administrative reports.

4.5. PLANNING AGENCY PUBLIC HEARINGS

4.5.1 Conditional Use Permit/Site Development Permit (CUP/SDP) No. 0015-2020, a Request by Ryan Zacche on Behalf of Cotti Foods, Inc. to Construct a New 2,500 Square-Foot Drive-Thru Restaurant (Taco Bell) at 24888 Alicia Parkway in the Neighborhood Mixed Use Zoning District

Community Development Director Chantarangsu reviewed the information provided in the staff report, provided a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to Council requests for additional information.

Chair Heft opened the Public Hearing.

Chair Heft disclosed she conducted an inspection of the site.

Chris Wadleigh, project applicant and Vice President of Design and Development at Cotti Foods Corporation, indicated that he did not agree with Condition No. 22, as written, of the Conditions of Approval for the project and responded to Council requests for additional information.

Clay Toombs, a representative for the property owners, responded to Council requests for additional information.

The project applicant requested that the Public Hearing be continued to a future meeting.

Davian Mays, a resident of Laguna Hills, spoke regarding access to the project site from Bentley Lane.

Jason Phillips, property owner, responded to the public comments.

John Dodson, architect for the project and Partner at Armet Davis Newlove Architects, responded to the public comments.

Chair Heft closed the Public Hearing.

Recommendation: That the Planning Agency: 1) Conduct a Public Hearing for CUP/SDP No. 0015-2020; 2) Find and determine that the project is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15303(C) (Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; and 3) Adopt a Resolution entitled: "A Resolution of the Planning Agency of the City of Laguna Hills, California, approving Conditional Use Permit/Site Development Permit (CUP/SDP) No. 0015-2020, a request by Ryan Zacche on behalf of Cotti Foods, Inc. to construct a new 2,500 square-foot drive-thru restaurant (Taco Bell) and related site improvements on a portion of a 2.46-acre commercial property at 24888 Alicia Parkway."

Motion to reopen the public hearing and to continue the public hearing on this item to the December 8, 2020, City Council Meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dore J. Gilbert, M.D., Agency Member
SECONDER:	Erica Pezold, Vice Chair
AYES:	Janine Heft, Chair; Erica Pezold, Vice Chair; Dore J. Gilbert, M.D., Agency Member; Don Sedgwick, Agency Member; Dave Wheeler, Agency Member

PLANNING AGENCY ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Heft reconvened the City Council Meeting at 8:52 p.m. Mayor Heft, Mayor Pro Tempore Pezold, Council Member Gilbert and Council Member Sedgwick were present. Council Member Wheeler were present via teleconference.

5. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no City Council public hearings.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6.1. City Manager

The City Manager gave no administrative reports.

7. MATTERS AGENDIZED AND PRESENTED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

7.1. Mayor Heft

7.1.1 Pickleball Courts

Mayor Heft reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Cathy Tibbitts and Melinda Strongfellow, residents of Mission Viejo, spoke in favor of opening the pickleball courts.

Laurie Peach, Sonny Peach, Anne Taylor-Loughran, Brian Longuefosse, Steve Schinko, and Ellen Schinko, residents of Laguna Hills, spoke in favor of opening the pickleball courts.

Community Services Director Reynolds provided some information on the item and responded to Council requests for additional information.

Recommendation: Mayor Heft recommends that the City Council reopen the pickleball courts in Laguna Hills.

Motion to open the pickleball courts from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., 7 days a week.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janine Heft, Mayor
SECONDER:	Dore J. Gilbert, M.D., Council Member
AYES:	Janine Heft, Mayor; Erica Pezold, Mayor Pro Tempore; Dore J. Gilbert, M.D., Council Member; Don Sedgwick, Council Member; Dave Wheeler, Council Member

8. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**Council Member Sedgwick**

Council Member Sedgwick shared two videos highlighting recent efforts and activities of the Orange County Fire Authority.

Mayor Pro Tempore Pezold

Mayor Pro Tempore Pezold thanked Community Development Director Chantarangsu for his presentation tonight and expressed her appreciation to staff.

Mayor Pro Tempore Pezold expressed that she is proud of the job the City is doing amid encountered budget cuts and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Heft

Mayor Heft expressed her desire to implement the invocations program previously approved by the Council.

Mayor Heft announced her election as the Association of California Cities-Orange County Board of Directors First Vice President.

9. CLOSED SESSION**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S)**

The City Council reconvened into Closed Session, in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, Laguna Hills Civic Center, to consider the following matter(s):

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

Public Employee Title: City Manager - Annual Performance Evaluation

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S)

There were no public comments on closed session item(s).

Mayor Heft recessed the City Council meeting at 9:50 p.m.

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council convened into Closed Session at 10:05 p.m.

Council Member Gilbert left the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Heft reconvened the City Council Meeting at 12:15 a.m. All Council Members, with the exception of Council Member Gilbert, were present.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Simonian reported that the City Council convened into Closed Session pursuant to the authorities listed on the Agenda with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Heft declared the meeting adjourned at 12:16 a.m.

Melissa Au-Yeung, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Janine Heft, Mayor

Approved at meeting of December 8, 2020