

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

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, November 14, 2023**

GENERAL BUSINESS - CONVENING AT 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Heft.

INVOCATION: Chaplain Jim Davis of the Orange County Sheriff's Department

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Sweeney

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Janine Heft	Mayor	Present	
Dave Wheeler	Mayor Pro Tempore	Present	
Don Caskey	Council Member	Present	
Erica Pezold	Council Member	Present	
Joshua Sweeney	Council Member	Present	

1. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1.1 Valencia Elementary School Student Liaison Report

The City Council presented Certificates of Appointment and received a report from Valencia Elementary School Student Liaisons Arjun Nanda and Christopher Karsaz.

1.2 Laguna Hills High School Student Liaison Report

The City Council received an oral report from Laguna Hills High School 2023 Fall Student Liaison Evan Figueroa.

2. SCHEDULE OF FUTURE EVENTS

2.1 Schedule of Future Events

City Clerk Lee announce the upcoming meetings and events.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments on non-agendized items.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Erica Pezold, Council Member
SECONDER:	Don Caskey, Council Member
AYES:	Janine Heft, Mayor; Dave Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tempore; Don Caskey, Council Member; Erica Pezold, Council Member; Joshua Sweeney, Council Member

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 24, 2023, Regular Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the City Council/Planning Agency Minutes for the October 24, 2023, Regular Meeting.

4.3 Ratification of November 14, 2023, Warrant Register

Recommendation: That the City Council ratify the accompanying Warrant Register for the period from October 13, 2023, to November 2, 2023, in the amount of \$466,752.91.

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

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23023-11-14-1: "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. 2022-12-13-7."

4.5 Measure M2 Expenditure Report to the Orange County Transportation Authority for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Approve the M2 Expenditure Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, for submittal to the Orange County Transportation Authority; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. 2023-11-14-2: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, CONCERNING THE MEASURE M2 (M2) EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023."

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

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-11-14-3: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROGRAMS."

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items removed from the Consent Calendar.

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 provide no administrative reports.

7.2. City Attorney**7.2.1 Consideration of Compensation for City Manager**

- City Attorney Simonian provided information on the item.

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

In recognition of exceptional job performance during the calendar year under review, a motion that: 1) Effective December 4, 2023, the City Manager's annual Base Salary shall be increased by 5.5%; 2) Effective December 12, 2023, the City Manager is awarded a 5.5 % performance bonus for calendar year 2023, as authorized per section 4 of the City Manager's Employment Contract; and 3) The City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare a resolution ratifying these minute actions for City Council approval at the regular meeting of the City Council on December 12, 2023 was moved by Mayor Heft, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Wheeler.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janine Heft, Mayor
SECONDER:	Dave Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Janine Heft, Mayor; Dave Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tempore; Don Caskey, Council Member; Erica Pezold, Council Member; Joshua Sweeney, Council Member

7.3. Public Works Director/City Engineer

7.3.1 Addition of Quimby Funds to CIP 241, General Park Improvements

Public Works Director/City Engineer Ames reviewed the information provided in the staff report and responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

Council Member Caskey left the dais at 7:42 p.m.

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

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Authorize the Finance Director to amend the fiscal year 2023/2024 budget by appropriating \$2,053,640.48 in Quimby Act Park In-Lieu funds toward Capital Improvement Project No. 241 (General Park Renovations); and 2) Approve the park prioritization list for improvements.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Erica Pezold, Council Member
SECONDER:	Dave Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Janine Heft, Mayor; Dave Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tempore; Erica Pezold, Council Member; Joshua Sweeney, Council Member
AWAY:	Don Caskey, Council Member

Council Member Caskey returned to the dais at 7:45 p.m.

8. MATTERS AGENDIZED AND PRESENTED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

8.1 Proposed Monument Memorializing Lewis and Nellie Gail Moulton

Mayor Heft provided information on the item.

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

Recommendation: Mayor Heft recommends that the City Council discuss a permanent monument memorializing Lewis and Nellie Gail Moulton.

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Don Caskey, Council Member
SECONDER:	Erica Pezold, Council Member
AYES:	Janine Heft, Mayor; Dave Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tempore; Don Caskey, Council Member; Erica Pezold, Council Member; Joshua Sweeney, Council Member

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 Wheeler

Mayor Pro Tempore Wheeler expressed concerns of increased flight noise over the City and requested staff to research the current flight plans and regulations.

Council Member Caskey

Council Member Caskey complimented Mayor Heft on recent the State of the City event.

Council Member Caskey provided comments on the dynamic of the City Council and his dream of the Council getting back on course to be less about control, more about collaboration and real teamwork.

Council Member Pezold

Council Member Pezold expressed that it was nice to see the City having a State of the City event again.

Council Member Pezold provided research information on the negative habits of inexperienced leaders and the importance of strong leadership, focus on the constituents, and team collaboration.

Council Member Sweeney

Council Member Sweeney praised the recent State of the City event and the keynote speech made by Mayor Heft.

Mayor Pro Tempore Wheeler

Mayor Pro Tempore Wheeler commended Mayor Heft on the State of the City event and her keynote speech.

Mayor Heft

Mayor Heft gave kudos to the Chamber of Commerce and Communications Lab for their efforts to make the State of the City event a success and expressed her pride in representing the City and being able to talk about all the things the Council has accomplished.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Heft declared the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.



Jennifer Lee, City Clerk

ATTEST:



Dave Wheeler, Mayor

Approved at meeting of December 12, 2023