
**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2015**

CLOSED SESSION - CONVENING AT 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Gilbert, Mayor Pro Tempore Kogerman, Council Member Carruth, Council Member Sedgwick.

Absent: Council Member Blount.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: 24031 El Toro Road, Suite 160, Laguna Hills, California

Agency Negotiator: Bruce Channing, City Manager, and Don White,
Assistant City Manager

Negotiating Parties: City of Laguna Hills and Braille Institute of America, Inc.
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Lease Payment

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no Public Comments.

ADJOURN TO CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE TO CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

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GENERAL BUSINESS - RECONVENING AT 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gilbert called the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, California, to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Laguna Hills City Council Chamber, 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills, California.

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present: Mayor Gilbert, Mayor Pro Tempore Kogerman, Council Member Carruth, Council Member Sedgwick.

Absent: Council Member Blount.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: MAYOR GILBERT

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Mayor Gilbert stated that there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

1. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1.1 LAGUNA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LIAISON

THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVED AN ORAL REPORT FROM LAGUNA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LIAISON TESSIE MIRAKI.

Mayor Gilbert took Item No. 3 out of order on the agenda.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR, WITH MAYOR PRO TEMPORE KOGERMAN REMOVING ITEM NO. 3.7, BY M/COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH, S/MAYOR PRO TEMPORE KOGERMAN.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 4-0 (COUNCIL MEMBER BLOUNT ABSENT).**

3.1 WAIVE READING IN FULL OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS ON THE AGENDA

THE CITY COUNCIL 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.

3.2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 13, 2015, REGULAR MEETING

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2015, REGULAR MEETING.

3.3 APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER FOR PERIOD ENDED OCTOBER 27, 2015

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED THE WARRANT REGISTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$765,955.45.

3.4 AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL "HOT RED" RADIOS AS PART OF THE ORANGE COUNTY 800 MEGAHERTZ COUNTYWIDE COORDINATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

THE CITY COUNCIL: (1) WAIVED COMPETITIVE FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN THE LAGUNA HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE (LHMC) SECTION 3-08.080 AND AUTHORIZED THE SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT WITH REGARD TO APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, AS IT IS HEREBY FOUND AND DETERMINED, PURSUANT TO LHMC SECTION 3-08.110, THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE VENDOR THAT CAN PROVIDE THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN THE COUNTYWIDE 800 MEGAHERTZ COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM BASED ON THE INFORMATION PRESENTED HEREIN BY CITY STAFF; AND (2) AUTHORIZED THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF "HOT RED" RADIOS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE JOINT AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE ORANGE COUNTY 800 MEGAHERTZ COUNTYWIDE COORDINATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

3.5 FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL AND TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016

THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVED AND FILED THE REPORT.

3.6 SHENANDOAH DRIVE STREET IMPROVEMENTS

THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECTED STAFF TO SURVEY THE RESIDENTS OF SHENANDOAH DRIVE AS TO THEIR INTEREST IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE CURBS AND GUTTERS AS A PART OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2019 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET PREPARATION.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

3.7 COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROGRAM PROJECT APPLICATION TO THE ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE EXTENDED ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS AND PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FOR THE FUTURE PASEO DE VALENCIA WIDENING PROJECT, CIP NO. 145

Mayor Pro Tempore Kogerman removed Item No. 3.7 for discussion.

Public Services Director Ken Rosenfield provided a brief overview of the Paseo de Valencia Widening Project, CIP No. 145, and clarified that staff is requesting authorization from City Council to seek additional grant funding to expand environmental studies and preliminary design work, and verified that no construction funding is being requested at this time.

THE CITY COUNCIL: (1) APPROVED THE SUBMISSION OF THE PROJECT APPLICATION UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROGRAM; AND (2) ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2015-10-27-1, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PASEO DE VALENCIA WIDENING PROJECT TO THE ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROGRAM, BY M/MAYOR PRO TEMPORE KOGERMAN, S/COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH. APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 4-0 (COUNCIL MEMBER BLOUNT ABSENT).

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

PARKING – RIDGEFIELD COMMUNITY

Melissa Frueh, a resident of the Ridgefield Community, addressed the City Council regarding her concerns about the parking situation in her neighborhood. Ms. Frueh discussed the results of a parking control survey recently conducted by City staff and the Traffic Commission's recommendation as a result of that survey. The Traffic Commission's recommendation was to receive and file the report with no action taken as the survey results did not indicate enough support for permit parking controls. Ms. Frueh requested that the City Council and/or Traffic Commission reconsider the status of the request for permit parking on select streets in the Ridgefield Community.

Jean Merrell, a resident of the Ridgefield Community, presented the City Council with copies of a letter sent to the Director of Public Services and signed petitions requesting permit parking in the Ridgefield Community. Ms. Merrell stated that she feels this information illustrates the residents of the Ridgefield Community clearly want some type of parking regulation and requested City staff and City Council reconsider the Traffic Commission's recommendation.

Gary Koch, a resident of the Ridgefield Community, requested that City staff add this item to a future agenda to be addressed by City Council.

City staff and City Council engaged in a detailed discussion regarding this issue. City Council requested City staff revisit the request for permit parking controls in the Ridgefield Community and return to City Council with a staff report.

4. PLANNING AGENCY

Mayor Gilbert recessed the City Council meeting and acting in the capacity of Chair, called the regular meeting of the Planning Agency of the City of Laguna Hills, California, to order at 7:37 p.m.

4.1 ROLL CALL OF PLANNING AGENCY MEMBERS

Present: Chair Gilbert, Vice Chair Kogerman, Agency Member Carruth,
Agency Member Sedgwick.

Absent: Agency Member Blount.

4.2 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

4.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 13, 2015

THE PLANNING AGENCY APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2015, REGULAR MEETING, BY M/AGENCY MEMBER CARRUTH, S/VICE CHAIR KOGERMAN. APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 4-0 (AGENCY MEMBER BLOUNT ABSENT).

4.4 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

There were no Administrative Reports.

4.5 PLANNING AGENCY PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Planning Agency Public Hearings.

PLANNING AGENCY ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gilbert reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:38 p.m. All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Member Blount.

5. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no City Council Public Hearings.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6.1 City Manager

There was no City Manager report.

Mayor Gilbert took Item No. 6.3.1 out of order on the agenda.

6.3 Public Services Director/City Engineer

6.3.1 BECKENHAM STREET PARKING REGULATION

Mary Pruitt, a resident of the Acacia Knolls neighborhood, thanked City Council and City staff for their help with this issue and stated that she is in favor of a residential parking permit program on Beckenham Street.

Public Services Director Rosenfield reviewed the information provided in the staff report and responded to City Council requests for additional information.

Fred Buckhalter, a resident of Laguna Hills, suggested that City staff look at this issue from a different view and meet with the owners/managers of the four large apartment complexes in the City to address inadequate parking provided for residents as that is the root cause for the parking issues throughout the City.

Debbie Rey, a resident of Acacia Knolls and President of the Homeowner's Association, suggested that the south side of Beckenham Street be designated for permit parking only leaving the north side open for unrestricted parking.

Clyde Cantrell, a resident of Sunset Place, stated that he is in agreement that there is a parking problem on Beckenham Street.

Doris Palardy, a resident of Acacia Knolls, stated that the issues she planned to address have been discussed.

Kim Josephs, a resident of Sunset Place, requested that City Council postpone making a decision on this item until the Sunset Place Homeowner's Association and residents have time to review and respond.

Gary Steinberg, a resident of Sunset Place, stated that if Beckenham Street is approved for permit parking then Sunset Place also needs to have a permit parking regulation implemented and suggested that removing the overnight parking restriction on Laguna Hills Drive may be a solution to this parking issue.

Mary Lou Greenleaf, a resident of Acacia Knolls, stated that she is in favor of establishing a permit parking program for both Acacia Knolls and Sunset Place.

Ron Schaffer, a resident of Sunset Place, stated that he is in agreement that there are parking issues in the neighborhood and they need to be addressed.

DeeDee Gollwitzer, a resident of Sunset Place, requested that a permit parking program not be established on Beckenham Street until Sunset Place can also have a permit parking program established.

Tritia Humphrey, Arnel Regional Property Supervisor, stated that she is concerned about the complaints brought up during the meeting regarding residents of the Stockport Apartments and said she would like to involve the Arnel Corporate Office in making decisions that may help alleviate these issues.

THE CITY COUNCIL MADE A MOTION TO RETURN THIS ITEM TO TRAFFIC COMMISSION FOR ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION AND INSTRUCTED THE ENACTMENT OF A TEMPORARY NO PARKING ZONE IF AUTHORIZED BY THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND, IF NOT, TO BRING BACK TO CITY COUNCIL BY RESOLUTION AT THE NOVEMBER 10, 2015, CITY COUNCIL MEETING, BY M/MAYOR PRO TEMPORE KOGERMAN, S/MAYOR GILBERT. APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 4-0 (COUNCIL MEMBER BLOUNT ABSENT).

6.2 Assistant City Manager

6.2.1 OVERVIEW AND UPDATE ON OC ANIMAL CARE OPERATIONS AND NEW SHELTER UPDATE

Assistant City Manager Don White reviewed the information in the Staff Report in detail and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Tom McCabe, a resident of Laguna Hills and member of the Orange County Grand Jury, discussed the two reports written by the Grand Jury regarding the Animal Shelter and suggested that City Council consider not only the facility issue but also the issue with facility management.

Tom Epperson, a resident of Laguna Hills, voiced his concerns regarding the overview and update on the Orange County Animal Care operations and the new facility.

Jean Bland, a resident of Laguna Hills, stated that she is available for questions as needed.

Mayor Pro Tempore Kogerman addressed City Council regarding her concerns about information provided in the Staff Report.

Mayor Gilbert stated that the City of Mission Viejo's 2005 Proposal for Animal Services was rejected based on higher costs and concerns over liability, cost containment, and revenue generation. Mayor Gilbert proposed that City Council direct staff to formulate a few detailed questions regarding previous concerns over the comparative operating costs, liability protections, cost containment, revenue generation, term of contract, and any other pertinent matters and send those questions to the City of Mission Viejo and, if they are interested, to pursue a formal process of Request for Proposal.

THE CITY COUNCIL: (1) DIRECTED STAFF TO SEND A LETTER TO THE CITY OF MISSION VIEJO REQUESTING SPECIFIC INFORMATION WITH REGARDS TO POTENTIALLY PROVIDING ANIMAL SERVICES TO THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS; AND (2) RECEIVED AND FILED THE REPORT, BY M/COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH, S/COUNCIL MEMBER SEDGWICK. APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 4-0 (COUNCIL MEMBER BLOUNT ABSENT).

7. MATTERS AGENDIZED AND PRESENTED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MAYOR

There were no matters agendized and presented by City Council Members and Mayor.

8. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

MAYOR PRO TEMPORE KOGERMAN

Mayor Pro Tempore Kogerman reported that Vector Control has confirmed the presence of the Aedes Aegypti (Yellow Fever) mosquito in Laguna Hills which is capable of carrying dengue fever, chikungunya, and yellow fever. She also reported that 50% of mosquitoes being captured in Orange County are carrying the West Nile Virus.

COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH

Council Member Carruth reported that she attended the Marching Band Competition at Laguna Hills High School and stated that it was an incredible event. She also thanked Public Services Director Rosenfield for working with Laguna Hills High School in finding a solution for parking at the event.

Council Member Carruth reported that she attended the South Orange County Economic Coalition Transportation Forum on Friday, October 23, 2015, which provided an update on transportation projects and included representatives from the OCTA, MetroLink, and the TCA. Council Member Carruth stated that she would like to have a representative from the TCA make a presentation at an upcoming City Council meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER SEDGWICK

Council Member Sedgwick reported that he attended the OCFA Open House on October 24, 2015, and stated that it was well attended and a great event. Council Member Sedgwick reported that Governor Brown vetoed a bill regarding the use of drones which the OCFA had been in support of.

MAYOR GILBERT

Mayor Gilbert thanked the City Council for tackling two very difficult issues on the agenda tonight in a very collegial way.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at the City Council at this session, Mayor Gilbert adjourned the City Council at 10:41 p.m.

MELISSA AU-YEUNG, CITY CLERK

ATTEST:

DORE J. GILBERT, M.D., MAYOR

APPROVED AT MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2015.