

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

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, October 26, 2021**

GENERAL BUSINESS - CONVENING AT 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION: Rev. Kent Doss of Tapestry, a Unitarian Universalist Congregation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tempore Sedgwick

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

1. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1.2 Mission Viejo Animal Services Annual Report

Recommendation: The City Council received an update on the Mission Viejo Animal Services Annual Report from Animal Services Supervisor Brynn Lavisson.

1.1 Laguna Hills High School Student Liaison

Recommendation: The City Council received an oral report from Laguna Hills High School 2021 Fall Student Liaison Grant Dettmann.

2. SCHEDULE OF FUTURE EVENTS

2.1 Schedule of Future Events

Recommendation: Interim City Manager Rosenfield announced the upcoming City events for the month of November 2021.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments on non-agendized items.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER**1 Appointment of a Qualified Candidate to Fill Vacancy on the City Council
Created by the Resignation of Former Council Member Bill Hunt**

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

Ann Owens, Cathy Udovch and Denise Legters, residents of Laguna Hills, and Rona Henry, a resident of Laguna Woods, submitted emails in favor of holding a special election.

Laura Sullivan, Stu and Pat Luce, Irwin Berg, Tobias and Julie Nassif, Mark Osborne, Robert Dunham, Susan Almeida, Faye Checkoway, Karen Lifen, Robin Jochims, Jill Traut, Claudia Mohler, and Jamie Norris, residents of Laguna Hills, submitted emails in support of City Council Vacancy Candidate Don Caskey.

The following individuals addressed the City Council on this item:

Karen Lifen, a resident of Laguna Hills, spoke in support of City Council Vacancy Candidate Don Caskey.

Ann Owens, a resident of Laguna Hills, spoke in favor of holding a special election.

Denise Legters, a resident of Laguna Hills, spoke in favor of holding a special election.

Recommendation: That the City Council, pursuant to Government Code Section 36512, appoint one of the qualified candidates to fill the vacancy on the City Council created by the resignation of Former Council Member Bill Hunt.

A motion to appoint Don Caskey to the City Council to fill the current vacancy was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Sedgwick, seconded by Mayor Pezold.

A substitute motion to table the item to a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. on November 3, 2021, was made by Council Member Heft, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Sedgwick.

RESULT:	FAILED [2 TO 2]
MOVER:	Janine Heft, Council Member
SECONDER:	Don Sedgwick, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Don Sedgwick, Mayor Pro Tempore; Janine Heft, Council Member
NAYS:	Erica Pezold, Mayor; Dave Wheeler, Council Member

Mayor Pezold called for a roll call vote on the main motion to appoint Don Caskey to the City Council to fill the current vacancy as moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Sedgwick, seconded by Mayor Pezold.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 1]
MOVER:	Don Sedgwick, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Erica Pezold, Mayor
AYES:	Erica Pezold, Mayor; Don Sedgwick, Mayor Pro Tempore; Janine Heft, Council Member
NAYS:	Dave Wheeler, Council Member

2 Swearing in of New Council Member

Recommendation: That the City Council direct the City Clerk to swear in the newly appointed City Council Member.

Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Au-Yeung administered the oath of office to newly appointed City Council Member Don Caskey.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor Pezold recessed the City Council meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Mayor Pezold reconvened the City Council meeting at 8:19 p.m. All Council Members were present in chamber.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar with Council Member Wheeler removing Item No. 4.2, Item No. 4.3, and Item No. 4.6 and Mayor Pezold removing Item No.4.7.

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

4.4 Approval of Minutes for October 19, 2021, Special Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Minutes for the October 19, 2021, Special Meeting.

4.5 Ratification of October 26, 2021, Warrant Register

Recommendation: That the City Council ratify the accompanying Warrant Register for the period from October 1, 2021, to October 14, 2021, in the amount of \$1,050,148.16.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**4.2 Approval of Minutes for October 12, 2021, Regular Meeting**

Council Member Wheler removed Item No 4.2 from the Consent Calendar to abstain from voting on the item.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Minutes for the October 12, 2021, Regular Meeting.

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

4.3 Approval of Minutes for October 14, 2021, Special Meeting

Council Member Wheler removed Item No 4.3 from the Consent Calendar to abstain from voting on the item.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Minutes for the October 14, 2021, Special Meeting.

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

4.6 City Council Review and Confirm the Necessity for Continuing the Local Emergency Related to the On-Going Threat of the Novel COVID-19 Virus

Council Member Wheeler removed Item No. 4.6 from the Consent Calendar to request additional information.

Recommendation: That the City Council review and confirm the necessity for continuing the local emergency declared in response to the Novel COVID-19 virus.

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

4.7 FY 2020-2021 Proposed Budget Amendment for Inter-Fund Transfers

Mayor Pezold removed Item No. 4.7 from the Consent Calendar to request additional information.

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2021-10-26-1: "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, California, amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget for Inter-fund Transfers to the General Fund from the Gas Tax HUTA Fund and SLESF/COPS Brulte Fund."

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

5. PLANNING AGENCY

Mayor Pezold 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 8:35 p.m.

5.1. ROLL CALL OF PLANNING AGENCY MEMBERS

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Erica Pezold	Chair	Present	
Don Sedgwick	Vice Chair	Present	
Don Caskey	Agency Member	Present	
Janine Heft	Agency Member	Present	
Dave Wheeler	Agency Member	Present	

5.2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Planning Agency public comments on non-agendized items.

5.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**5.3.1 Approval of Minutes for October 12, 2021, Regular Meeting**

Recommendation: That the Planning Agency approve the Minutes for the October 12, 2021, Regular Meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Janine Heft, Agency Member
SECONDER:	Don Sedgwick, Vice Chair
AYES:	Erica Pezold, Chair; Don Sedgwick, Vice Chair; Don Caskey, Agency Member; Janine Heft, Agency Member
ABSTAIN:	Dave Wheeler, Agency Member

5.4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

There were no Planning Agency administrative reports.

5.5. PLANNING AGENCY PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Planning Agency public hearings.

PLANNING AGENCY ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pezold adjourned the Planning Agency Meeting at 8:37 p.m. All Council Members were present in chamber.

6. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no City Council public hearings.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1. City Manager

7.1.1 Public Review Draft of the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update

Interim City Manager/Director of Public Services Rosenfield provided introductory remarks on the item and responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

Contract Planner George Buell reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Jennifer Gastelum, Principal, Placeworks, reviewed the information provided in the staff report, provided a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

Nicole West, AICP, Senior Associate, Placeworks, reviewed the information provided in the staff report, provided a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

Council Member Wheeler provided a PowerPoint presentation.

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

Rona Henry, Chair for Welcoming Neighbors Home Initiative at Tapestry, a Unitarian Universalist Congregation, submitted an email on behalf of herself and Rev. Kent Doss, Denise Legters, Ann Owens and Karen Stone including a letter with concerns, requests and recommended housing programs regarding the Housing Element Draft.

The following individuals addressed the City Council on this item:

Karen Lifen, a resident of Laguna Hills, provided her views and suggestions on the Public Review Draft of the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update.

Rona Henry, a resident of Laguna Woods, provided her views and suggestions on the Public Review Draft of the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update.

KC Marie Pandell, a resident of Anaheim, provided her views and suggestions on the Public Review Draft of the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update.

Ann Ownes, a resident of Laguna Hills, provided her views and suggestions on the Public Review Draft of the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update.

City Attorney Simonian responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

Recommendation: The City Council reviewed and commented on the Public Review Draft of the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update in advance of the submittal of the Draft Housing Element Update to the State Department of Housing and Community Development for their initial required review.

7.2.1 Review of Proposals Received for City Manager Executive Recruitment Services

Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Au-Yeung reviewed the information provided in the staff report and responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

City Attorney Simonian responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and review the Proposals received regarding City Manager Recruitment Services, identify the Firms to be interviewed and provide direction to Staff on scheduling said interviews.

A motion to direct Staff to schedule interviews with the firms Bob Hall & Associates and Ralph Andersen & Associates was made by Mayor Pezold, seconded by Council Member Heft.

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

7.3. Deputy City Manager/Community Services Director

7.3.1 Holiday Season Events Schedule at the Community Center

Deputy City Manager/Community Services Director Reynolds reviewed the information provided in the staff report and responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

Recommendation: The City Council received and filed the report.

8. MATTERS AGENDIZED AND PRESENTED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

9. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no City Council Member committee reports.

10. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**Council Member Heft**

Council Member Heft reported on the City's Movies in the Park event held on October 16, 2021.

Council Member Heft requested that a discussion of bringing on additional City staff be agendized for a future meeting and received a second from Mayor Pro Tempore Sedgwick.

Mayor Pezold

Mayor Pezold requested that a discussion on funding for the Laguna Hills Chamber of Commerce be agendized for a future meeting and received a second from Council Member Wheeler.

Mayor Pezold requested that a discussion on the economics of the City be agendized for a future meeting and received a second from Council Member Wheeler.

Council Member Caskey

Council Member Caskey expressed his appreciation for his appointment to the City Council and promised to put in the required work effort.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Pezold declared the meeting adjourned at 11:26 p.m.

Melissa Au-Yeung, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Don Sedgwick, Mayor Pro Tempore

Approved at meeting of November 9, 2021