
**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 08, 2013**

GENERAL BUSINESS - CONVENING AT 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kogerman called the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, California, to order at 7:00 PM in the Laguna Hills City Council Chamber, 24305 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tempore Blount

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present: Mayor Kogerman, Mayor Pro Tempore Blount, Council Member Bressette, Council Member Carruth, and Council Member Gilbert.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

There was no Closed Session scheduled.

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 KERSTYN GONZALES.

1.2 CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION - SOUTH COAST SYMPHONY

The City Council viewed a short video on the symphony.

MAYOR KOGERMAN PRESENTED A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO THE SOUTH COAST SYMPHONY FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

1.3 LAGUNA HILLS 3/5 MARINE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVED AN ORAL PRESENTATION FROM LT. COLONEL RICE FROM THE 3/5 MARINE BATTALION ON UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6.2 Public Services Director/City Engineer

6.2.1 REQUEST FOR STREET TREE REMOVAL AT 25252 MAWSON DRIVE

Mayor Kogerman suggested that the City Council consider this item out of order on the Agenda. Mayor Kogerman reported that she had a conflict of interest as she also

resided on Mawson Drive, turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro Tempore Blount, and left the meeting.

THE CITY COUNCIL MOVED TO CONSIDER ITEM NO. 6.2.1 AT THIS TIME, BY M/MAYOR PRO TEMPORE BLOUNT, S/COUNCIL MEMBER BRESSETTE

APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 4-0-1 (COUNCIL MEMBERS BRESSETTE, CARRUTH, GILBERT, AND MAYOR PRO TEMPORE BLOUNT VOTED YES; MAYOR KOGERMAN ABSENT).

Steve Epstein, Laguna Hills, spoke on his request for removal of a City-owned tree located at 25252 Mawson Drive.

THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVED AND FILED THE REPORT, BY M/COUNCIL MEMBER BRESSETTE, S/COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH.

APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 4-0-1 (COUNCIL MEMBERS BRESSETTE, CARRUTH, GILBERT, AND MAYOR PRO TEMPORE BLOUNT VOTING YES; MAYOR KOGERMAN ABSENT)

Mayor Kogerman returned to the dais.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Karl Simon, Laguna Hills, recommended that the City's Code Enforcement officer be granted citation authority for Code violations, as he believed the written warnings were being ignored.

RIDGE ROUTE GATEWAY

Bob Greenough, Laguna Hills, indicated he would like the City Council to consider making the end of Ridge Route a gateway to the Laguna wilderness area and requested this matter be agendaized at a future meeting.

Mayor Kogerman recommended Council Member Carruth work with Public Services Director Rosenfield and bring back a report at a future City Council meeting.

EQUESTRIAN TRAIL CROSSINGS

Lulu Holenbeck, Laguna Hills, representing the Trail and Traffic Committee for Nellie Gail, thanked the City Council for the safety improvements for pedestrians and equestrian crossings.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH COUNCIL MEMBER BRESSETTE REMOVING ITEM NO. 3.2 AND NO. 3.4, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE BLOUNT REMOVING ITEM NO. 3.3, AND STAFF REMOVING ITEM NO. 3.8, BY M/MAYOR PRO TEMPORE BLOUNT, S/ COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH.

APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0 (COUNCIL MEMBERS BRESSETTE, CARRUTH, GILBERT, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE BLOUNT, AND MAYOR KOGERMAN VOTED YES).

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 APPEARED ON THE PUBLIC AGENDA SHALL BE DETERMINED TO HAVE BEEN READ BY TITLE AND FURTHER READING WAIVED.

3.5 CONSTRUCTION SURVEY AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE LA PAZ OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS, CIP NO. 615A

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A TASK ORDER TO RICHARD FISHER ASSOCIATES (RFA) FOR CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE LA PAZ OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS, CIP NO. 615A, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2013, PROPOSAL.

3.6 AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE CITY VEHICLE FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT RECREATION PROGRAMS

THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZED THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS TO PURCHASE A CITY VEHICLE.

3.7 AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE CITY VEHICLE

THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZED STAFF TO PURCHASE A CITY VEHICLE.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

3.2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

Council Member Bressette removed the Minutes from the Consent Calendar to receive clarification from the City Clerk on the convening time of the regular meeting.

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2013, REGULAR MEETING, BY M/COUNCIL MEMBER BRESSETTE, S/COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH.

APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0 (COUNCIL MEMBERS BRESSETTE, CARRUTH, GILBERT, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE BLOUNT, AND MAYOR KOGERMAN VOTED YES).

3.3 APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER FOR PERIOD ENDED OCTOBER 8, 2013

Mayor Pro Tempore Blount stated that he removed this item from the Consent Calendar to inquire about the payment to the San Joaquin Hills Transportation Agency in the amount of \$157,771.98. Community Development Director Chantarangsu indicated that these were pass-through funds collected by the City and then paid to the San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency.

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED THE WARRANT REGISTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$395,560.62, BY M/MAYOR PRO TEMPORE BLOUNT, S/COUNCIL MEMBER BRESSETTE.

APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0 (COUNCIL MEMBERS BRESSETTE, CARRUTH, GILBERT, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE BLOUNT, AND MAYOR KOGERMAN VOTED YES).

3.4 GRANT OF EASEMENT TO SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY ALONG THE EASTERLY SIDE OF ALISO HILLS DRIVE NORTHERLY OF LA PAZ ROAD

THE CITY COUNCIL MOVED TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM TO THE OCTOBER 22, 2013, CITY COUNCIL MEETING, BY M/COUNCIL MEMBER BRESSETTE, S/MAYOR PRO TEMPORE BLOUNT.

APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0 (COUNCIL MEMBERS BRESSETTE, CARRUTH, GILBERT, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE BLOUNT, AND MAYOR KOGERMAN VOTED YES).

3.8 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PRINTING OF CITY VIEWS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES ACTIVITY GUIDE

Staff indicated that this item was being removed from consideration.

4. PLANNING AGENCY

Mayor Kogerman 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 8:20 PM.

4.1 ROLL CALL OF PLANNING AGENCY MEMBERS

Present: Chair Kogerman, Vice Chair Blount, Agency Member Bressette, Agency Member Carruth and Agency Member Gilbert.

4.2 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

4.3 MINUTES

4.3.1 REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2013, REGULAR MEETING, BY M/AGENCY MEMBER CARRUTH, S/AGENCY MEMBER BRESSETTE.

APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0 (AGENCY MEMBERS BRESSETTE, CARRUTH, GILBERT, VICE CHAIR BLOUNT, AND CHAIR KOGERMAN VOTED YES).

4.4 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

There were no Administrative Reports.

4.5 PLANNING AGENCY PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings.

PLANNING AGENCY ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kogerman reconvened the City Council Meeting at 8:21 PM. All Council Members were present.

5. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.1 CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS 2013-2021 HOUSING ELEMENT

Community Development Director Chantarangsu gave a brief report on this issue.

Mayor Kogerman opened the Public Hearing and upon seeing no one rise, closed the Public Hearing.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE 2013-2021 HOUSING ELEMENT; AND ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10-08-1, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE 2013-2021 HOUSING ELEMENT AND GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (GPAM) NO. 8-13-2654, AN UPDATE TO THE CITY'S HOUSING ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN (2013-2021 HOUSING ELEMENT) AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW", BY COUNCIL MEMBER GILBERT, S/COUNCIL MEMBER BRESSETTE.

APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0 (COUNCIL MEMBERS BRESSETTE, CARRUTH, GILBERT, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE BLOUNT, AND MAYOR KOGERMAN VOTED YES).

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS, CONTINUED

6.1 City Manager

The City Manager made no reports.

6.2 Public Services Director/City Engineer

6.2.1 REQUEST FOR STREET TREE REMOVAL AT 25252 MAWSON DRIVE

This item was considered earlier in the meeting.

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

7.1 MAYOR KOGERMAN

7.1.1 LANDSCAPE RENOVATION OF POORLY MAINTAINED AND/OR POORLY LANDSCAPED CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF AT THE MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS ENOUGH FUNDING TO SUPPORT A PROFESSIONAL REVIEW OF WHAT FUNDING MECHANISMS MAY BE AVAILABLE TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO IMPROVE THE DETERIORATED PARCELS AND SLOPES, BY M/COUNCIL MEMBER BRESSETTE, S/COUNCIL MEMBER GILBERT.

APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0 (COUNCIL MEMBERS BRESSETTE, CARRUTH, GILBERT, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE BLOUNT, AND MAYOR KOGERMAN VOTED YES).

8. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH

Council Member Carruth reported that she and Public Services Director Rosenfield attended the Orange County Transportation Authority's Long-Range Transportation Workshop two weeks ago.

Council Member Carruth indicated that she had concerns regarding the Orange County Transportation Authority's I-5 widening project from the SR-73 to El Toro Road that she believed would negatively impact the residents along Aliso Creek. Council Member Carruth indicated that she would strongly recommend the City hire a consultant to review the approved soundwall criteria.

City Manager Channing indicated a comment letter had been submitted to the Orange County Transportation Authority stating the City's concerns.

THERE WAS CONSENSUS BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO BRING BACK A STAFF REPORT ON THIS ITEM AT THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

COUNCIL MEMBER BRESSETTE

Council Member Bressette wanted clarification on a letter that staff had written to a resident regarding skateboarding at Beckenham Park.

Council Member Bressette indicated that he had concerns with the City's mobile application.

Council Member Bressette reported that on October 13, 2013, the United States Navy turns 237 years old.

MAYOR PRO TEMPORE BLOUNT

Mayor Pro Tempore Blount inquired if there had been a solution to the City's "dirty" stop signs.

Public Services Director Rosenfield indicated that the stop sign on Appaloosa Place was scheduled to be replaced this week or next week. Mr. Rosenfield indicated that dirty stop signs could be addressed as a graffiti issue and would be cleaned by the City's graffiti contractor.

MAYOR KOGERMAN

Mayor Kogerman indicated that she still had concerns with payments to the Orange County Animal Services.

Mayor Kogerman inquired about the Orange County Fire Authority's recent RFP process and other Orange County Fire Authority's issues. Council Member Bressette, who serves on the Orange County Fire Authority Board, gave a brief update on these issues.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Kogerman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM.

PEGGY J. JOHNS, CITY CLERK

ATTEST:

BARBARA D. KOGERMAN, MAYOR

APPROVED AT MEETING OF OCTOBER 22, 2013.