
**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bressette called the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, California, to order in memory of Orange County Firefighter James Owens at 7:00 p.m. in the Laguna Hills City Council Chamber, 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tempore Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Randal Bressette, Mayor
 R. Craig Scott, Mayor Pro Tempore
 Melody Carruth, Council Member
 Joel Lautenschleger, Council Member
 L. Allan Songstad, Jr., Council Member

STAFF PRESENT: Bruce Channing, City Manager; Donald White, Assistant City Manager; Peggy Johns, City Clerk; Greg Simonian, City Attorney; Ken Rosenfield, Public Services Director/City Engineer; Vern Jones, Community Development Director; Steve Doan, Chief of Police Services; Art Nevarez, Battalion Chief, Orange County Fire Authority; Melissa Au-Yeung, Management Analyst; and Sandi Mogan, Deputy City Clerk.

1. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1.1 PROCLAMATION, FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, OCTOBER 3, 2010, THROUGH OCTOBER 9, 2010 (0410-65)

Mayor Bressette presented a Proclamation to Battalion Chief Art Nevarez from the Orange County Fire Authority, proclaiming October 3, 2010, through October 9, 2010, as Fire Prevention Week.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

2.1 CITY-INITIATED STUDIES (0520-10)

Bob Dixon, Laguna Hills, indicated he had attended the meeting of September 14, 2010, where the City Council was considering the adoption of several Ordinances, which he felt were held up for unjustified reasons. Mr. Dixon stated that in the future when a study was going to be performed, he

believed that the cost of the study should be reported out to the public, even if it was just an estimate. Mr. Dixon indicated that on the compensation figures reported in the newspaper, specifically for Toll Road fees for City Manager Channing, Mr. Dixon wondered if they were personal or business related Toll Road fees.

2.2 CITY MANAGER COMPENSATION (0520-10)

Michael Bland, Laguna Hills, reported that he ran a distribution yard in Riverside with a staff of 52 doing \$62 million in annual business, and when he became the manager he was asked to do an organization chart. His chart showed that all his employees reported to the customers. Mr. Bland created a similar chart for the City showing that all of the City staff and Council Members reported to the taxpayers and citizens of Laguna Hills, and that we should all try to remember this important point. Mr. Bland stated that on the compensation issue, the citizens wanted complete transparency and needed to know what the true costs were for each Council Member and staff member to justify the value of each position. Mr. Bland indicated that he believed unused vacation time was a true cost and that it should be counted as compensation. Mr. Bland stated that he had asked the City for records of the City Manager's expenses, in order to compare these items with what was posted on the City's website. He had also asked for the names of the people who audit his expense account. He had put in a request for six different items; the response he received from the City was *"that the City was not in possession of any records that were responsive or potentially responsive to this request. The City Manager does not have an expense account."* Mr. Bland distributed a copy of the City Clerk's response letter to the City Council. Mr. Bland indicated this information had been very difficult to obtain. Mr. Bland believed this information was important in order to maintain a system of checks and balances. Mr. Bland asked if there was an Audit Committee to oversee expense reports.

City Manager Channing reported the City had an Audit Committee which includes Council Members. The Committee meets with Auditors to discuss their review of the City's books and the preparation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. That was different than the question of whether the Audit Committee audited expenses of individual employees, which they did not do. The Auditors went through all of the expenses posted throughout the general ledger and all sub-accounts and performed tests to ensure that there were adequate and appropriate receipts for any and all reimbursements made and any expenses incurred by employees in the City.

2.3 HIGH SPEEDS OF NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC (0860-20)

Jimmy Hanes, Laguna Hills, reported that he had attended the City Council Meeting of September 14, 2010, to ask for assistance to slow traffic in his neighborhood from Paseo de Valencia to La Paz Road to Cabot Road. He wanted to thank Chief Doan for bringing enforcement efforts into his neighborhood. Mr. Hanes indicated the extra patrols had made an immediate difference in slowing traffic. Mr. Hanes reported that he met with Public Services Director Rosenfield, who was very helpful and they had discussed the placement of possible stop signs and speed humps. Mr. Hanes indicated the reaction in his neighborhood was incredible. Mr. Hanes also thanked Mayor Bressette and Council Members Carruth and Songstad for their support of the 3/5.

2.4 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE (0430-20)

Ali Djowharzadeh, Laguna Hills, indicated he was running for City Council in the November election and was present to introduce himself. Mr. Djowharzadeh reported that he loved Laguna Hills and had been a resident for the past 17 years. Mr. Djowharzadeh stated he was a Chemical Engineer and had graduated from the University of Oklahoma. Mr. Djowharzadeh continued by describing his background, family, and motivation for running for City Council.

2.5 LAGUNA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LIAISON (0930-40)

The City Council received an oral report from Laguna Hills High School Student Liaison Mike Spain.

3. MINUTES

3.1 REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 14, 2010 (0410-50)

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LAUTENSCHLEGER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2010, REGULAR MEETING, AS PRESENTED.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Council Members Carruth, Lautenschleger, Songstad, Mayor Pro Tempore Scott, and Mayor Bressette
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Carruth removed Item No. 4.3 and Mayor Pro Tempore Scott removed Item No. 4.6 from the Consent Calendar.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SONGSTAD, THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS BE ACCEPTED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEMS NO. 4.3 AND NO. 4.6.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carruth, Lautenschleger, Songstad,
Mayor Pro Tempore Scott, and Mayor Bressette
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

- 4.1 MOTION TO APPROVE THE READING BY TITLE OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, SAID TITLES, WHICH APPEAR ON THE PUBLIC AGENDA, SHALL BE DETERMINED TO HAVE BEEN READ BY TITLE AND FURTHER READING WAIVED

WAIVED READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

- 4.2 APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER FOR PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 28, 2010 (0300-30)

Written report from the Administrative Services Department indicated that, in accordance with Government Code Section 37202, the Assistant City Manager certified to the accuracy of the Warrant Register and to the availability of funds for payment thereof.

APPROVED THE WARRANT REGISTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$775,624.10.

- 4.4 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 4 FOR ALICIA PARKWAY TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT, CIP NO. 173, AND LA PAZ ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT, CIP NO. 174 (0400-10)

Written report from the Public Services Department indicated that work on the Alicia Parkway Traffic Signal Synchronization Project, CIP No. 173, and the La Paz Road Traffic Signal Synchronization Project, CIP No. 174, began on May 3, 2010, and was being performed by Steiny and Company, Inc. Work performed in August included traffic control, water quality management, clearing and grubbing, and conduit and cable installation. The contractor had submitted the fourth progress payment request for approval. The progress

payment was within the Capital Improvement Program Budget for the Alicia Parkway Traffic Signal Synchronization Project, CIP No. 173, and La Paz Road Traffic Signal Synchronization Project, CIP No. 174.

APPROVED PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 4 IN THE NET AMOUNT OF \$30,116.52, TO STEINY AND COMPANY, INC., FOR ALICIA PARKWAY TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT, CIP NO. 173, AND LA PAZ ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT, CIP NO. 174.

4.5 CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR PLANNING AND HOUSING SERVICES WITH GRC ASSOCIATES (0400-10)

Written report from the Community Development Department indicated that over the past six (6) years, the City of Laguna Hills ("City") had obtained more than \$1,700,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the County of Orange ("County") to rehabilitate approximately 100 dwelling units within the Aliso Meadows Condominium Association ("HOA") development, and for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11 the City had been awarded an additional \$200,000 to rehabilitate another 10-20 units. The County could now release the funds and staff was ready to move forward with this project as soon as the subject Consulting Services Agreement (CSA) is approved.

GRC Associates was a Planning and Housing firm that had been on contract to the City since 2004 (at an annual cost of between \$25,000 and \$35,000) to assist with the implementation of the CDBG funds for the Aliso Meadows Condominium development. GRC Associates had provided excellent service to the City in regards to staff support and administrative/construction management to date. To assist with the implementation of the CDBG funds awarded for FY2010-11, GRC had submitted a proposal detailing the project implementation tasks, program phasing, schedule of performance, and fee schedule.

City staff would provide much of the time commitment necessary to satisfy the Federal and County paperwork requirements. However, consultant assistance was also needed to work with the Aliso Meadow's Condominium Association, coordinate the contractor bidding process, and provide "field oversight" for the rehabilitation of the units, which would be paid via the "housing funds" received relative to the El Toro Road Redevelopment Project Area. It was anticipated that approximately \$35,000 would be spent on consultant assistance to implement the CDBG funding received for FY2010-11. There would be no impact to the City's General Fund.

APPROVED THE CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GRC ASSOCIATES AND AUTHORIZED THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT AS TO FORM BY THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST THERETO.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

4.3 CONTRACT WITH ALISO MEADOWS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION REGARDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 (0400-10)

Council Member Carruth removed this item from the Consent Calendar to request that staff identify grant funding for landscape projects within the Association.

Community Development Director Jones indicated that CDBG funds could not be used for landscaping, however, staff would explore funding possibilities for landscaping for this project.

Written report from the Community Development Department indicated that over the past six years (Fiscal Years 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, and 2009-2010), the City of Laguna Hills received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding (\$1,716,766) from the County of Orange on behalf of the 248-unit Aliso Meadows Condominium development project located on Via Lomas. For Fiscal Year 2010-2011, the City of Laguna Hills had tentatively been awarded \$200,000 to rehabilitate between 10-20 units in the development. The number of units that could actually be rehabilitated was dependent upon the outcome of the required Federal Labor Standards bidding process. The next step in the process to access the funds was to sign a contract with the Aliso Meadows Condominium Association documenting the use and limitations associated with the funds. Staff was still reviewing the contract form provided by the County of Orange. However, in order to keep the project on schedule, staff recommended that the City Council authorized the Mayor to execute a contract with the Aliso Meadows Condominium Association consistent with agreements from prior program years. City staff would provide the majority of the time commitment necessary to satisfy the Federal and County paperwork requirements. However, some consultant assistance was also needed to work with the Aliso Meadow's Homeowners Association and contractors to provide coordination and field oversight for the rehabilitation of the proposed 10-20 units, which would be paid out of the housing set-aside funds received from those portions of the El Toro Road Redevelopment Project Area that lay within the City of Laguna Hills. It was anticipated that approximately \$35,000

would be spent on consultant assistance for FY2010-2011. There would be no impact to the City's General Fund.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LAUTENSCHLEGER, TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH THE ALISO MEADOWS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR THE 2010-2011 FISCAL YEAR AND AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carruth, Lautenschleger, Songstad,
Mayor Pro Tempore Scott, and Mayor Bressette
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

4.6 URBAN TREE PLANTING GRANT PROGRAM (0820-25)

Mayor Pro Tempore Scott removed this item to thank staff for finding this funding and was hopeful that the City would achieve the grant. Mayor Pro Tempore Scott indicated that the area identified for approximately 500 trees between Paseo de Valencia and Alicia Parkway and Cabot Road at I-5 was an area that was essentially devoid of trees and ironically was often referred to as the tree streets. Mayor Pro Tempore Scott stated this was an excellent program to make Laguna Hills neighborhoods look even better.

Written report from the Public Services Department indicated that the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) had released their Request for Proposals for the 2010/2011 Urban Tree Planting Grant Program. The program made limited funds available for the establishment of urban forests under provisions of Proposition 40 passed by the California voters in 2002 and Proposition 84 passed by the California voters in 2006. The City could seek up to \$75,000 in grant funds with \$25,000 in matching funds for a total project value not to exceed \$100,000. Staff proposed to seek the total \$100,000 project approval in a conceptual project proposal to be submitted to CAL FIRE by September 30, 2010. The purpose of the City's application would be to seek the funding to plant approximately 600 trees in two locations within the City. The application for funding under the Green Trees for the Golden State 2010/2011 Program would seek \$75,000 in grant funds and would require \$25,000 in matching funds. Up to \$10,000 of the matching funds could be provided as public education expenses in-lieu costs and the remaining \$15,000 would have to be allocated from existing available operational funding. Staff would revisit

the fiscal impact should CAL FIRE select the City's conceptual proposal for submittal for a final proposal.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEMPORE SCOTT,
SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH, TO DIRECT
STAFF TO SUBMIT A 2010/2011 CAL FIRE URBAN
FORESTRY PROGRAM CONCEPTUAL PROPOSAL.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Council Members Carruth, Lautenschleger, Songstad, Mayor Pro Tempore Scott, and Mayor Bressette
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

5. PLANNING AGENCY

Mayor Bressette recessed the City Council meeting to the Planning Agency meeting at 7:31 p.m. and reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:32 p.m. All Council Members were present.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6.1 City Manager

A. COYOTE PROBLEM (0200-20)

City Manager Channing reported that the City had received a significant number of telephone calls this year regarding the presence of coyotes in a number of neighborhoods, particularly those in the southern end of the City. Staff had been doing research on the matter and had been in touch with the residents who had expressed concerns and also with homeowners' associations. Staff was also meeting and speaking with other cities who had similar experiences with an increase in the number and aggressive behavior of coyotes. Staff was getting information through California State Department of Fish and Game, and through the Orange County Animal Control and through other cities dealing with this issue. The plan was to host a public meeting in the next month or two to receive further input and provide public information on the subject. Staff will come back to the City Council at a future meeting to give recommendations on how best to proceed.

6.2 City Attorney

- A. AMENDMENT OF LAGUNA HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 4-20.040 AND 4-20.050 OF CHAPTER 4-20 OF TITLE 4 OF THE LAGUNA HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CHARITABLE AND COMMERCIAL SOLICITATIONS (0480-20)

City Attorney Simonian indicated as previously directed by the City Council the City Attorney's office was returning with respect to implementation of prior City Council direction to amend the Municipal Code, Chapter 4-20 concerning charitable and commercial solicitations. City Attorney Simonian stated that the City Attorney's office had prepared a Code amendment implementing the areas of change that the City Council previously directed. Attorney Simonian indicated the first amendment was to change the prohibited hours of commercial and charitable solicitation. The second change was clarification changes requested by Mayor Pro Tempore Scott concerning prohibited over-the-threshold of the doorway solicitation and clarification of that language to ensure the language was internally consistent, and the final change was requested by Mayor Bressette concerning implementation of requirements that charitable and commercial solicitation receipts be consistent with IRS guidelines.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SONGSTAD, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEMPORE SCOTT, TO INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 4-20.040 AND 4-20.050 OF CHAPTER 4-20 OF TITLE 4 OF THE LAGUNA HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CHARITABLE AND COMMERCIAL SOLICITATIONS, AS AMENDED SECTION 4-20.050, WRITTEN RECEIPTS, PARAGRAPH B, LIMITED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "ANY PERSON RECEIVING MONEY OR ANYTHING OF VALUE FROM ANY CONTRIBUTOR BY MEANS OF A SOLICITATION FOR A CHARITABLE PURPOSE SHALL GIVE SUCH CONTRIBUTOR A WRITTEN RECEIPT THAT COMPLIES WITH ALL APPLICABLE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CODE PROVISIONS RELATING TO WRITTEN RECEIPTS FOR CHARITABLE DONATIONS."

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carruth, Lautenschleger, Songstad,
Mayor Pro Tempore Scott, and Mayor Bressette
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

B. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 2-44 TO
TITLE 2 OF THE LAGUNA HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING
ANNUAL UPDATE AND POSTING OF THE PUBLIC OFFICIALS'
COMPENSATION REPORT ON THE CITY'S OFFICIAL WEBSITE
(0480-20)(0520-10)

City Attorney Simonian indicated that this item was the introduction and first reading of a proposed new Ordinance of the Laguna Hills Municipal Code adding new Chapter 2-44 to the Code regarding the annual update and posting of the City of Laguna Hills Public Officials' Compensation Report. Attorney Simonian indicated that the Ordinance implemented prior City Council direction to the City Attorney's office to prepare an Ordinance that would be required as a matter of local law that the August 2010, Public Officials' Compensation Report be codified as a local law requirement, and that the report, be annually updated and reposted on the website, on or before February 28th of each year.

Barbara Kogerman, Laguna Hills, indicated that she and her two interns appeared before a Joint Oversight Hearing of the Joint Legislator Audit Committee and the Assembly Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review on the topic of Local Government Transparency and Accountability on Wednesday, September 22, 2010, in Sacramento. Mrs. Kogerman indicated that State Auditor, Elaine Howle, had recommended that local agencies make available on-line and in bound form, at the front desk of every City Hall, a report on everything spent on City Managers, City Council Members, and other top administrators. Mrs. Kogerman also reported that in addition to the favorable response she received from the Joint Committee, the State Auditor was very receptive to the conclusions in her report on the City Manager's Compensation, as was the State Controller and Attorney General. Ms. Kogerman stated that comments made in today's on-line Orange County Register by David Scott Savlowitz, CEO and founder of Competitive Analytics, who said, "federal, state, and local governments would never regain fiscal health and economic sustainability without information that had four critical attributes, easy to understand, easily accessible, honest, accurate, and reliable, and presented in the right context." Mrs. Kogerman was

of the opinion that an eleven page report that buried the City Manager's compensation on page four among narrative paragraphs extolling his education and accomplishments and followed that same format for each of the City's leadership's staff but did not list specific data of unused vacation buy-outs, unused sick leave buy-outs, personal use of City vehicles, employees Medicare contributions paid by the City, cell phone equipment, in-home computers, actual performance bonuses, which had been paid out every single year, not mere references that they were available, all without dollar figures, in a narrative form failed the test of easy to understand, honest and accurate, reliable, and presented in the right context. Mrs. Kogerman stated that she believed the report got one out of four attributes, as the City's puffery was now easily accessible.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SONGSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LAUTENSCHLEGER, TO INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 2-44 TO TITLE 2 OF THE LAGUNA HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ANNUAL UPDATE AND POSTING OF THE "CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS PUBLIC OFFICIALS' COMPENSATION REPORT."

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Council Members Carruth, Lautenschleger, Songstad, Mayor Pro Tempore Scott, and Mayor Bressette
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

6.3 City Clerk

A. UPDATE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE 3RD BATTALION, 5TH MARINES MILITARY SUPPORT COMMITTEE (0120-40)

City Clerk Johns stated the first step in re-establishing a military support committee would be to determine whether representatives of the 3/5 Battalion could serve on a committee. Ms. Johns indicated that a letter requesting clarification of the matter was sent to 3/5 Battalion Commander Lieutenant Colonel Morris. However, given his recent deployment, the City did not expect to receive a prompt reply. Ms. Johns indicated that she did speak with Kim Reese, Family Readiness Officer for the 3/5 Battalion, who had indicated that a military representative could not serve on Standing Committees, although Ms. Reese indicated that she could attend meetings depending on subject matter. Ms. Johns indicated that she still anticipated a formal

response from Lieutenant Colonel Morris. Ms. Johns indicated that staff had contacted the cities of Dana Point, Irvine, Laguna Niguel, Mission Viejo, and Rancho Santa Margarita to determine each of these cities involvement level with their adopted battalions and the structure of each city's committee. Ms. Johns indicated she would report on funding and staffing issues, City Council involvement, and specific successes demonstrated by the cities and make similar recommendations for the establishment of the Laguna Hills City 501(c)3 non-profit Military Support Committee. Ms. Johns stated the information gathered from the process would be brought back to the City Council at the meeting of October 12, 2010.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LAUTENSCHLEGER, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEMPORE SCOTT, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carruth, Lautenschleger, Songstad,
Mayor Pro Tempore Scott, and Mayor Bressette
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no Other Business.

8. MATTERS PRESENTED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

8.1 Council Member Lautenschleger

A. COMMUNITY CENTER SOCCER FIELDS (0700-50)

Council Member Lautenschleger thanked staff for the condition of the soccer fields, and stated the fields were in the best shape he had seen in many years, wondered if it was a different type of grass or because the opening was delayed a week.

B. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE (0140-10)

Council Member Lautenschleger reported that he attended the Annual Conference for the League of California Cities in San Diego, September 15 – 17, 2010. He attended a number of sessions such as, Public Pension Programs and Alternatives, Storm Water Runoffs, Comparing Health Plans and Designs, and sessions regarding municipal finances and pensions. Council Member Lautenschleger

spoke at the Transportation and Public Works Committee because the State League had taken a position to defer any action on delaying AB 32 and SB 375. Many of those on the Committee wanted to see action taken now because of the bad state of the economy. This Committee was part of a four Committee Task Force that went forward and gave recommendations to the Resolutions Committee as to how to proceed on this issue. The Transportation and Public Works Committee voted 25-6 to go against the Resolution Committee about deferring action. Three of the four Committees voted similarly. The Resolution Committee did not go along with it and subsequently the entire State voted to continue to defer action on these two Bills, which raised questions as to why this Task Force was formed. It raised much discussion in Orange County as to why was the State was taking this action when this Task Force told the State League to take different action. Council Member Lautenschleger believed this decision was heavily influenced by Northern California lobbying.

8.2 Council Member Carruth

A. NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT (0150-65)

Council Member Carruth reported that she attended a reception for the new Saddleback Valley Unified School District Superintendent, Dr. Clint Harwick, and was very impressed with his energetic style. Council Member Carruth stated that Dr. Harwick was young, had young children, and was here for the long haul. He had worked very hard to connect with every school in the District, and Council Member Carruth was thankful to be part of the well run Saddleback Valley District. Council Member Carruth indicated that the Trustees worked well together, with the faculty members, and union representatives, and were dedicated to the youth in the District.

B. SENATE BILL 250 –SPAY AND NEUTER BILL (0480-60)

Council Member Carruth reported that SB 250 failed in the Assembly by just a few votes and would most likely come back in a new form. Senator Dean Flores was committed to this Bill but there was a strong lobby from the puppy mill/dog kennel group. Council Member Carruth thanked the City Council for being pro-active on SB 250 and for supporting this important legislation to save California \$300 million and ensure that the pet population was kept in check.

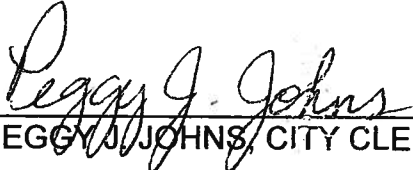
8.3 Mayor Bressette

A. 14TH ANNUAL INNER-COASTAL WATERSHED CLEAN UP DAY
(0950-25)

Mayor Bressette thanked Council Members Carruth and Lautenschleger for joining him, along with 33 volunteers, to participate in this event on Saturday, September 25, 2010. Mayor Bressette reported it had been a reasonably good turnout and the volunteers collected roughly 330 pounds of trash and 110 pounds of recyclables. Mayor Bressette asked Public Services Director Rosenfield and Assistant Engineer Humza Javed, who did a remarkably great job on this event, to merge the database from Volunteer Connection Day with this clean-up day, to generate a greater turnout.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Bressette declared the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m. in the memory of Orange County Firefighter James Owens.



PEGGY J. JOHNS, CITY CLERK

ATTEST:



RANDAL BRESSETTE, MAYOR

APPROVED AT MEETING OF OCTOBER 12, 2010.