

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

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**REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

**CLOSED SESSION - CONVENING AT 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Wheeler.

**ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S)**

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) and paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (1 potential case).

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S)**

There were no public comments on the closed session item.

**ADJOURN TO CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM OR CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

The City Council convened into Closed Session to consider the matter listed above.

**RECONVENE TO CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**RECESS**

**GENERAL BUSINESS - CONVENING AT 7:00 PM****CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Wheeler.

**INVOCATION:** Council Member Sedgwick

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council Member Caskey

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| Janine Heft   | Mayor Pro Tempore | Present |         |
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| Don Sedgwick  | Council Member    | Present |         |

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney Simonian stated that the City Council convened into closed session this evening pursuant to the authorities listed on the Agenda with no reportable action taken.

**1. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS****1.1 Laguna Hills High School Student Liaison**

The City Council received an oral report from Laguna Hills High School 2022 Fall Student Liaison Kia Arfania.

**1.2 Fire Prevention Week, October 9, 2022, through October 15, 2022**

The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring October 9, 2022, through October 15, 2022, as "Fire Prevention Week" and Mayor Wheeler presented the Proclamation.

**1.3 Ten Year Anniversary Award**

Mayor Wheeler and Deputy City Manager/Community Services Director Reynolds recognized Matthan Durham, Management Analyst, for Ten Years of Service to the City of Laguna Hills and presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mr. Durham.

## 2. SCHEDULE OF FUTURE EVENTS

### 2.1 Schedule of Future Events

Assistant City Clerk Lee announced the upcoming meetings and events.

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals addressed the City Council on non-agendized items, providing comments and requesting support regarding contract negotiations between the Orange County Fire Authority and the two employee associations, Orange County Professional Fire Association IAFF Local 3631 and Orange County Employees Association:

Sam Semingson, Treasurer, Orange County Professional Fire Association IAFF Local 3631.

Justin Dillon, Vice President, Orange County Professional Fire Association IAFF Local 3631.

Todd Baldrige, President, Orange County Professional Fire Association IAFF Local 3631.

Parshan Khosravi, City Council Candidate and Laguna Hills resident.

Shawn Fraley, OCEA negotiating member and Laguna Hills resident.

Rich Swanson, OCEA negotiating member.

Sami Soto, OCEA negotiating member.

## 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar with Mayor Wheeler removing Item No. 4.4 and Item No. 4.5.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                                                                                      |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Janine Heft, Mayor Pro Tempore                                                                                   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Don Sedgwick, Council Member                                                                                     |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Dave Wheeler, Mayor; Janine Heft, Mayor Pro Tempore;<br>Don Caskey, Council Member; Don Sedgwick, Council Member |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Erica Pezold, 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 August 23, 2022, Regular Meeting**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the City Council Minutes for the August 23, 2022, Regular Meeting.

**4.3 Ratification of September 13, 2022, Warrant Register**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council ratify the accompanying Warrant Register for the period from August 12, 2022, to September 1, 2022, in the amount of \$1,176,140.30.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR****4.4 City's Conflict of Interest Code Update**

Mayor Wheeler removed Item No. 4.4 from the Consent Calendar to request additional information.

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

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-09-13-1: "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, California, adopting an updated Conflict of Interest Code and rescinding Resolution No. 2020-07-14-2".

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                                                                                      |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Don Sedgwick, Council Member                                                                                     |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Janine Heft, Mayor Pro Tempore                                                                                   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Dave Wheeler, Mayor; Janine Heft, Mayor Pro Tempore;<br>Don Caskey, Council Member; Don Sedgwick, Council Member |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Erica Pezold, Council Member                                                                                     |

**4.5 Response to the 2021-2022 Orange County Grand Jury Report Entitled "How is Orange County Addressing Homelessness?"**

Mayor Wheeler removed Item No. 4.5 from the Consent Calendar to request additional information.

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

**Recommendation:** That the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of response to the 2021-2022 Orange County Grand Jury Report entitled "How is Orange County Addressing Homelessness?".

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                                                                                         |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Don Sedgwick, Council Member                                                                                        |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Janine Heft, Mayor Pro Tempore                                                                                      |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Dave Wheeler, Mayor; Janine Heft, Mayor Pro Tempore;<br>Don Caskey, Council Member; Don Sedgwick, Council<br>Member |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Erica Pezold, Council Member                                                                                        |

## 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

City Manager Hildenbrand introduced the City's Public Services Director/City Engineer, Joe Ames and Acting Chief of Police Services, Captain Rene De La Rosa.

### 7.2. Chief of Police Services

#### **7.2.1 Introduction and First Reading of a Proposed Ordinance Prohibiting Unlawful Possession of Catalytic Converters in the City**

Acting Chief of Police Services Captain De La Rosa reviewed the information in the staff report and read the Ordinance title into the record.

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

**Recommendation:** That the City Council: 1) Receive and file the staff report and presentation; and 2) Introduce for first reading, read by title only, and waive further reading of an ordinance entitled: "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, California, Adding Chapter 6-44 to Title 6 (Public Welfare) of the Laguna Hills Municipal Code Establishing Regulations Prohibiting the Unlawful Possession of Catalytic Converters in the City."

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

### **7.2.2 Laguna Hills Police Services Public Safety Quarterly Report**

Acting Chief of Police Services Captain De La Rosa reviewed the information in the staff report and responded to Council Members requests for additional information.

**Recommendation:** That the City Council receive and file the Laguna Hills Police Services Public Safety Quarterly Report for the Second Quarter 2022.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>RECEIVE AND FILE [UNANIMOUS]</b>                                                                           |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Don Sedgwick, Council Member                                                                                  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Janine Heft, Mayor Pro Tempore                                                                                |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Dave Wheeler, Mayor; Janine Heft, Mayor Pro Tempore; Don Caskey, Council Member; Don Sedgwick, Council Member |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Erica Pezold, Council Member                                                                                  |

## **8. MATTERS AGENDIZED AND PRESENTED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

### **8.1. Council Member Sedgwick**

#### **8.1.1 Bicycle, E-Bicycle, and Motorized Mobility Devices**

Council Member Sedgwick provided an oral report on the item and responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

**Recommendation:** Council Member Sedgwick recommends that the City Council direct the Traffic Commission and staff to research safety concerns over bicycles, e-bicycles, and motorized mobility devices and provide a report to the City Council.

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

## 8.2. Mayor Pro Tempore Heft

### 8.2.1 Massage Establishments

Mayor Pro Tempore Heft provided an oral report on the item and responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

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

**Recommendation:** Mayor Pro Tempore Heft recommends that the City Council discuss human trafficking concerns regarding massage establishments.

## 9. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 9.1. Committee Assignment Reports

**Recommendation:** That the City Council receive oral reports on the following City Council Committee Assignments:

1. Association of California Cities - Orange County Legislative and Regulatory Commission  
(Mayor Wheeler) August 25, 2022 meeting

Mayor Wheeler provided an oral report.

2. California Mayor's Coalition  
(Mayor Wheeler) September 2, 2022 meeting.

Mayor Wheeler provided no report.

3. Orange County Mayors  
(Mayor Wheeler)

Mayor Wheeler provided no report.

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

Council Member Caskey shared a status update on The Village at Laguna Hills project he received from David Geiser, Managing Director, Merlone Geier Partners.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Wheeler declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Jennifer Lee, Interim City Clerk

ATTEST:

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Dave Wheeler, Mayor

Approved at meeting of September 27, 2022