
**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 25, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lautenschleger called the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, California, to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Laguna Hills City Council Chamber, 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Carruth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Joel Lautenschleger, Mayor
 Randal Bressette, Mayor Pro Tempore
 Melody Carruth, Council Member
 R. Craig Scott, 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; David Reynolds, Deputy City Manager; Ron Blaul, Battalion Chief, Orange County Fire Authority; Melissa Au-Yeung, Management Analyst; Dan Meehan, Community Services Superintendent; and Sandi Mogan, Deputy City Clerk.

1. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1.1 INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY APPOINTED FIRE CHIEF FOR ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY (0240-05)

The City Council received a presentation from Chief Keith Richter, the newly appointed Fire Chief for the Orange County Fire Authority.

1.2 TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY AWARD (0500-25)

Mayor Lautenschleger recognized Judy Baber, Administrative Assistant II, and Todd Holmes, Community Services Coordinator, for ten years of service to the City of Laguna Hills, and presented a Certificate of Recognition and gift to Judy Baber and Todd Holmes.

1.3 APPOINTMENT OF LAGUNA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LIAISON LISA MCCORKELL AND STUDENT LIAISON ALTERNATE JASON BROWER FOR THE FALL 2009 SEMESTER (0930-40)

The City Clerk issued the Oaths of Office to Laguna Hills High School Student Liaison Lisa McCorkell and Student Liaison Alternate Jason Brower and Mayor Lautenschleger presented Certificates of Appointment.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

2.1 FENCE ON CITY EASEMENT (0810-05)

Jay Ajaltouni, Laguna Hills, indicated that he had lived on Gallup Circle since 1997 and never had a need for a fence on his property. However, in the last eight months, he had three coyote attacks on his dogs in his backyard. Mr. Ajaltouni reported he had two small children and was concerned about their safety. Mr. Ajaltouni had hired a property surveyor who gave him the boundaries for his property; unfortunately, the surveyor failed to show that there was a small City easement on the downhill slope on the backside of his property off La Paz Road that belonged to the City. He had spent more than \$15,000 installing a chain link fence and covering the fence with plants. Over the last four to five months the fence was almost completely covered with plants, and Mr. Ajaltouni indicated that he had always maintained his property and had even installed irrigation on the slope. Mr. Ajaltouni stated the City had notified him that he was encroaching on City property, and met with Public Services Director Rosenfield who explained that the company that performed the survey was at fault to not have included the City easement. Mr. Ajaltouni indicated that the fence only encroached into the easement by five feet, and requested that he be allowed to keep the fence on the easement.

Public Services Director Rosenfield indicated Mr. Ajaltouni did some work in the City landscape maintenance easement area and the City had notified him in April of his encroachment into the City area. Mr. Rosenfield indicated that he reviewed with Mr. Ajaltouni the fact that the City Council had discussed a similar case about two years ago, which was a request by Mark Jones to make a similar encroachment on the La Paz slope. The City Council had voted not to allow that encroachment. Mr. Rosenfield indicated that Mr. Ajaltouni wanted to address the City Council to request that they revisit that policy. The encroachment was not consistent with the City Council direction and staff had requested that Mr. Ajaltouni remove his materials.

3. MINUTES

3.1 SPECIAL MEETING, JULY 14, 2009 (0410-50)

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEMPORE, SECONDED BY MAYOR LAUTENSCHLEGER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2009, SPECIAL MEETING, AS PRESENTED.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3.2 REGULAR MEETING, JULY 14, 2009 (0410-50)

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEMPORE BRESSETTE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2009, REGULAR MEETING, AS PRESENTED.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Scott removed Item No. 4.2, Mayor Lautenschleger removed Item No. 4.4, Mayor Pro Tempore Bressette removed Item No. 4.7, and City Manager Channing removed Item No. 4.10 from the Consent Calendar.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEMPORE BRESSETTE, SECONDED BY MAYOR LAUTENSCHLEGER, THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS BE ACCEPTED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM NO. 4.2, ITEM NO. 4.4, ITEM NO.4.7, AND ITEM NO. 4.10.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carruth, Scott, Songstad, Mayor Pro
Tempore Bressette, and Mayor Lautenschleger
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.

- 4.3 DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS (0170-50)

Written report from the City Clerk's Department indicated that in accordance with the City's Records Retention/Disposition Schedule, adopted on December 12, 1995, and amended on September 28, 1999, October 14, 2003, and November 14, 2006, City records were ready for destruction. The City Attorney had reviewed Exhibit "A" to the Resolution listing the files to be destroyed and approved the destruction of these records. Department Heads had also reviewed the records listed and had consented to their destruction.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2009-08-25-1, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS WITH A DESTRUCTION DATE OF AUGUST 26, 2009, PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNMENT CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

- 4.5 2009 MEMORIAL DAY HALF MARATHON AND 5K POST EVENT REPORT AND TWO YEAR EVENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH RENEGADE RACING FOR THE 2010 AND 2011 RACE EVENTS (0400-10)

Written report from the Community Services Department indicated that the 11th annual City of Laguna Hills Memorial Day Half Marathon and 5K took place on Monday, May 25, 2009. Approximately 2,700 runners participated in the event. A course change for the half marathon—which eliminated the loop around the mall and extended it into the Laguna Woods Village—was well received by participants, Laguna Woods Village staff and residents. Total 2009 event expenditures were \$138,445 and event revenues were \$126,817 for a net loss (or General Fund Impact) of \$11,628. The original budget for this event anticipated a \$12,500 net loss for the event. Since the City took over the race event two years ago, Renegade Racing had produced two

successful events for 2008 and 2009. Because of Renegade Racing's success and its experience with the City's event, staff recommended that the City Council approve a two year contract with Renegade Racing for event management services for both the 2010 and 2011 Memorial Day Half Marathon and 5K events. The cost for Renegade Racing's event management services was within the Biennial 2009-2011 Budget for the race events. The total estimated cost of \$51,000 per year for Renegade Racing services, which included a base fee of \$46,000 and an estimated total of \$5,000 in commission fees, was within budget for the 2010 and 2011 events.

AUTHORIZED THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN
EVENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT,
APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE CITY ATTORNEY, WITH
RENEGADE RACING FOR THE 2010 AND 2011 RACE
EVENTS.

4.6 2009 FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION (0910-50)

Written report from the Community Services Department indicated that the City of Laguna Hills held the annual Fourth of July celebration at the Laguna Hills Sports Complex on Saturday, July 4, 2009. The special event took place between the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and included a number of activities in addition to the fireworks show. Pyro Spectaculars again provided the fireworks with an elimination this year of low level fireworks in favor of larger aerial shells designed to be more visible for those in attendance. The Laguna Hills High School track and field were subjected to fireworks fallout, however the school district had indicated that they would not bill the City for costs of repair for the very minimal damage that occurred. The total expense of \$47,447 for this year's Fourth of July event was under the FY 09/10 event budget of \$48,105. The FY 2009-2010 adopted budget included \$48,105 for the City's 2009 Fourth of July Celebration event, which included a cost of \$21,450 for the fireworks show. Total expenditure for the 2009 Fourth of July Celebration equaled \$47,447. Net costs totaled \$44,247, which accounted for \$3,200 in ticket sales revenue.

RECEIVED AND FILED THE REPORT.

4.8 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 6 FOR EL TORO ROAD STREETSCAPE AND
MEDIAN ISLAND IMPROVEMENTS, CIP NO. 313 (0400-10)

Written report from the Public Services Department indicated that work on the El Toro Road Streetscape and Median Island Improvements, CIP No. 313, began on January 12, 2009, and was being performed by ValleyCrest Landscape Development, Inc. Work performed in June and July included concrete and garden wall installation, turf installation, and installation of bike racks. The project was placed on the 90-day maintenance at the end of May.

The progress payment was within the Capital Improvement Program Budget for the El Toro Road Streetscape and Median Island Improvements, CIP No. 313.

APPROVED CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND
PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 6, IN THE NET AMOUNT OF
\$49,574.10 TO VALLEYCREST LANDSCAPE
DEVELOPMENT, INC., FOR EL TORO ROAD STREETSCAPE
AND MEDIAN ISLAND IMPROVEMENTS, CIP NO. 313.

- 4.9 SPEED LIMIT CHANGE ON (1) AVENIDA DE LA CARLOTA BETWEEN PASEO DE VALENCIA AND RIDGE ROUTE DRIVE AND ON (2) PASEO DE VALENCIA BETWEEN AVENIDA DE LA CARLOTA AND EL TORO ROAD (0860-20)

Written report from the Public Services Department indicated that staff requested the City's Consulting Traffic Engineers of Hartzog & Crabill, Inc., review the existing established speed limits on two arterial highway segments based upon concerns that these speed limits were not representative of the prevailing speed of traffic for the conditions of the roadway. Hartzog & Crabill, Inc., completed this review and, based upon the data results and field conditions, recommended changes to the speed limits on Avenida de la Carlota between Paseo de Valencia and Ridge Route Drive and on Paseo de Valencia between Avenida de la Carlota and El Toro Road. The Traffic Commission recommended the approval of the speed limit changes at the meeting of May 20, 2009. The potential change of speed limits on the two arterial highway segments of Avenida de la Carlota and Paseo de Valencia would result in the change of approximately four speed limit signs at an estimated cost of \$1,000. Funds were available for this work in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Public Works Maintenance Budget.

INTRODUCED AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 11-20.010 OF THE LAGUNA HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING SPEED LIMITS ON SEGMENTS OF AVENIDA DE LA CARLOTA AND ON PASEO DE VALENCIA.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4.2 APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER FOR PERIOD ENDED AUGUST 25, 2009 (0300-30)

Council Member Scott removed this item from the Consent Calendar to state one of his clients was a vendor on the Warrant Register and it was not appropriate for him to vote on this item.

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.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SCOTT, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEMPORE BRESSETTE, TO APPROVE THE BALANCE OF THE WARRANT REGISTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,399,459.90 WITHOUT THE A-THRONE CO. INC., ITEMS ON PAGE 1.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Council Member Scott recused himself from the dais and left the meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SONGSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH, TO APPROVE THE INDIVIDUAL ITEMS, A-THRONE CO., INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,459.60 ON THE WARRANT REGISTER.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Council Member Scott returned to the meeting.

4.4 ADOPTION OF ZONING TEXT/MAP ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE (0630-05)

Mayor Lautenschleger removed this item from the Consent Calendar to state that due to the proximity of his property to the Moulton Parkway/ La Paz Road proposed zoning change, he could not vote on this item.

Written report from the Community Development Department indicated that at the City Council meeting of July 14, 2009, Resolution No. 2009-07-14-1 was approved, which adopted the 2009 Comprehensive Update of the Laguna Hills General Plan and certified the associated Environmental Impact Report as complete. As part of the General Plan Update, an Ordinance was also introduced (for a first reading) at the July 14, 2009, City Council Meeting,

providing zoning amendments associated with the three Opportunity Areas identified in the Update. The Opportunity Areas were: "Moulton & La Paz," "Alicia Gateway," and "Via Lomas." The Ordinance delineated the zoning text amendments necessary to implement the new zoning districts that were established for these Opportunity Areas. The proposed zoning text amendments for each new zoning district generally provided the purpose and intent of the new zoning districts, a list of permitted uses, applicable development standards, precise plan requirements, land use compatibility standards, special standards, and (in some cases) special design principles, as appropriate for each zoning district. In addition, the Community Commercial (CC) zone encompassing the Moulton-La Paz Shopping Center had been expanded by approximately 2.27 acres.

Mayor Lautenschleger recused himself and left the dais.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SCOTT, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2009-3, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 9 "ZONING AND SUBDIVISIONS" OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, TO ESTABLISH A PLANNED COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL (PCR) DISTRICT AND A NEIGHBORHOOD MIXED USE (NMU) DISTRICT, TO AMEND THE REGULATIONS RELATING TO PRECISE PLANS, TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION ON APPROXIMATELY 40.4 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF ALICIA PARKWAY AND PASEO DE ALICIA FROM MIXED USE AND COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL TO NEIGHBORHOOD MIXED USE, TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION ON APPROXIMATELY 39 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE VIA LOMAS AREA FROM MEDIUM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO PLANNED COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL, AND TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF APPROXIMATELY 2.27 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF MOULTON PARKWAY AND LA PAZ ROAD FROM OPEN SPACE TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Lautenschleger returned to the meeting.

4.7 ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (OCCOG) JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT (0400-10)

Mayor Pro Tempore Bressette removed this item to discuss the importance of OCCOG and indicated it would be very important that the SCAG Delegate be the representative to OCCOG with the objective of being on the Board of Directors of OCCOG. Mayor Pro Tempore Bressette indicated that would be a good way for the City of Laguna Hills to be firmly implanted in all of the planning issues that affected the City of Laguna Hills. Mayor Pro Tempore Bressette proposed that the City change the Delegate from the current Mayor to the SCAG Delegate for this term.

City Manager Channing suggested that at a future City Council meeting the Appointment List be brought back to the City Council and make that proposal at that time.

Written report from the Administrative Services indicated that the City of Laguna Hills was one of 40 members of the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG). Participation in OCCOG allowed the City to achieve economies of scale and cost effectiveness in monitoring and addressing a myriad of state and regional concerns, as well as maintaining a coordinated Orange County voice through OCCOG's representatives while confronting issues such as a new cycle of Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocations, updated growth forecasts, and a 2012 regional transportation plan under technical development at the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). Given the new requirements imposed by SB 375, which mandates that land use, RHNA, and transportation planning be integrated and accomplished within a framework of air quality and greenhouse gas emissions reductions, the City's participation in OCCOG continued to be increasingly important. The OCCOG Board of Directors recently completed an overdue revision to its original Joint Powers Agreement. The amended and restated OCCOG Joint Powers Agreement included a number of updates, most notably establishing annual membership dues to assist in its financial operation and broadening the powers of OCCOG to be able to retain staff and consultants to conduct its responsibilities as a SCAG subregion. These updates were adopted by the OCCOG Board of Directors at the June 25, 2009, meeting and needed to be approved by each Member Agency through the adoption of a Resolution.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEMPORE BRESSETTE,
SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH, TO ADOPT
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-08-25-2, A RESOLUTION OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS,
CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED

ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (OCCOG)
JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carruth, Scott, Songstad, Mayor Pro
Tempore Bressette, and Mayor Lautenschleger

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

4.10 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG)
MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT AND CITY COUNCIL DELEGATE
APPOINTMENTS (0400-10)

City Manager Channing indicated that there were two Agreements that had been removed from the Consent Calendar; one was for the Amended Agreement related to the by-laws and membership to the Orange County Council of Governments Joint Powers Agreement (OCCOG). This was a separate action from Item No. 4.10 which was related to the City joining the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). Mr. Channing indicated that in the case of Item No. 4.10, staff had put this item on the Consent Calendar and had forgotten that as part of the action there was a proposal to designate a Delegate and Alternate to the SCAG General Assembly. With respect to OCCOG, the City Council had already made prior appointments to committees and commissions that were done in December. Mr. Channing indicated with regard to SCAG, City Council would need to take that action separately, and that was the reason to remove it from the Consent Calendar, not only for the City Council's consideration to approve the Agreement, but also to make a selection of a Delegate and an Alternate.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bressette recommended Council Member Songstad as the Delegate to SCAG with his current regional leadership and his Presidency of the Orange County Division of the League. Mayor Pro Tempore Bressette indicated that he would gladly serve as the Alternate.

Written report from the Community Development Department indicated that recent State legislation, such as Assembly Bill 32 and Senate Bill 375, had generated a more significant movement towards regional planning than had been experienced for many years. That trend had contributed to many of the global issues (energy supplies and costs, global warming, green-house-gases, etc.), real or not, that had become more prominent over the past few years. While it seemed preferable to attempt to address community-wide issues on a local-control basis, many of these issues were not easy to address by cities individually taking actions that they determined to be in their own best interest. SCAG was the designated regional agency covering Southern California, including Orange County, charged with regional

cooperation and collaboration. The City Council recently adopted the FY 2009-2011 budget, which included annual funding to become a member of SCAG.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEMPORE BRESSETTE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH, TO APPROVE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS' MEMBERSHIP IN SCAG, DESIGNATE COUNCIL MEMBER SONGSTAD AS THE DELEGATE AND MAYOR PRO TEMPORE BRESSETTE AS THE ALTERNATE TO THE SCAG GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

5. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.1 PROPOSED RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN UPDATED SCHEDULE OF PENALTIES FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS AND LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES AND INCREASING PARKING PENALTIES TO REFLECT THE INCREASED STATE-MANDATED SURCHARGE IMPOSED BY SB 1407 FOR STATE COURT FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION (0260-35)(0400-10)

Chief of Police Services Doan indicated in 2008, the California State Legislature enacted Senate Bill 1407 which amended the Government Code that added a \$3.00 increase on the court construction surcharge that was assessed to every parking violation issued in the State of California. Lieutenant Doan indicated they were notified of the increase by parking administration in October. The choices were to absorb the cost or to amend the parking bail schedule to reflect the increase. Lieutenant Doan indicated that historically the City had utilized the County's parking violation bail schedule and he felt that now would be the appropriate time to adopt the City's own bail schedule of penalties for parking violations and late payment penalties.

Lieutenant Doan introduced Attorney Kendra Carney, from Woodruff, Spradlin and Smart Law Offices, who presented a review of the proposed Resolution that would reflect the increase state mandated surcharge imposed by Senate Bill 1407.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEMPORE BRESSETTE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2009-08-25-3, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING AN UPDATED SCHEDULE OF PENALTIES FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS AND LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES WITH REVISED EXHIBIT "I".

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

PLANNING AGENCY

Mayor Lautenschleger recessed the City Council meeting to the Planning Agency meeting at 7:46 p.m. and reconvened the City Council at 7:46 p.m. All Council Members were present.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6.1 City Manager

The City Manager made no reports.

6.2 Assistant City Manager

A. DOG LICENSE CAMPAIGN (0200-10)

Assistant City Manager White indicated he had nothing to add to the report but would be glad to answer any questions of the City Council. The 2009-11 Biennial Budget included a major plan to develop and implement a dog license campaign which would be the most effective way to increase the number of licensed dogs in the City. This in turn would increase the number of altered dogs and would ensure that more dogs were up to date on their rabies vaccinations, and would, as a result, increase license fee revenue for the City.

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

6.3 Community Development Manager

A. CONTRACT(S) WITH COUNTY OF ORANGE AND ALISO MEADOWS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008-2009 AND 2009-2010 (0400-10)

Community Development Director Jones indicated that the City Council was familiar with Aliso Meadows Community Development Block Grant Program. It was a program that had been funded the last five years by the County of Orange and the City had been awarded approximately 1.5 million dollars since the 2004-2005 start of the program. The program had been very successful and the City had rehabilitated approximately 100 units over that time frame. Mr. Jones indicated that the item was usually placed under the Consent Calendar but this year it was under the Administrative Reports because in the past year there was a new requirement that family units that benefited from rehabilitation now were required not to have their rent increased for a period of one year. HUD had audited the County in the last year including this specific project and HUD was supportive of the project. They had requested that the additional provision be added to the contract. Mr. Jones indicated that City Council had received a memo identifying that the 2008-2009 contracts would be brought back to the City Council at the September 8, 2009, meeting since the contracts needed to be amended and were not correctly listed on the Agenda. Mr. Jones indicated that the Homeowners' Association was anxious to have the project move forward.

Art Recalde, Laguna Hills, wanted to thank the City Council and staff for their work on the project. Mr. Recalde indicated that for the past four years the City had helped the members of Aliso Meadows with renovation of their homes, which to date had completed 100 units from a substandard condition. The units were now sanitary and secure for the residents and their children. This work had enabled the low income residents to have a home that they could be proud of. It had greatly assisted the community in changing the living conditions while instilling hope and offering a brighter future for the residents.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SONGSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH, TO APPROVE INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE AND THE ALISO MEADOWS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION FOR UTILIZATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR, AND AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACTS.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

6.4 Deputy City Manager/Community Services

A. COMMUNITY SERVICES, HISTORICAL, AND ARTS COMMISSION NAME CHANGE (0120-20)

Deputy City Manager Reynolds indicated staff recommended that City Council adopt a Resolution to change the name of the Community Services, Historical, and Arts Commission to the Parks and Recreation Commission and to revise the duties of the Commission.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SCOTT, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2009-08-25-4, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING RESOLUTIONS NO. 2006-01-10-1 AND NO. 96-02-13-1; AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 92-04-14-5 TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES, HISTORICAL, AND ARTS COMMISSION TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION; AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 92-04-14-5 TO REVISE THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no Other Business.

8. MATTERS PRESENTED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

8.1 Mayor Lautenschleger

A. CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (0330-05)

Mayor Lautenschleger indicated that this award was for the City's annual financial report ending for the year 2008. This award was the highest recognition in the area of government accounting and the attainment of receiving the award represented significant accomplishment by staff and the City. Mayor Lautenschleger stated the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) had been judged by an impartial panel to meet the highest standards of the program but also included that the City demonstrated a constructive spirit of full disclosure to clearly communicate its financial story and motivated potential users and user groups to read the CAFR. Mayor Lautenschleger was glad to hear of the full disclosure because there were some cities that didn't offer full disclosure, and to receive this award the City had to be very cooperative and willing to open their books. Mayor Lautenschleger congratulated staff and the entire Accounting Department for receiving this award and for all of their hard work.

B. LAGUNA HILLS CITY VIEWS (0160-45)

Mayor Lautenschleger indicated he received the City Views brochure in the mail today which had some excellent articles on the City's General Plan Update, budget, and animal services. Mayor Lautenschleger thanked staff for a job well done.

C. SUMMIT ON GOVERNMENT ISSUES (0140-15)

Mayor Lautenschleger indicated that he and Council Member Songstad attended the Summit on government issues on July 17 and 18, 2009. Mayor Lautenschleger wanted to thank Council Member Songstad for the work he did in leading the Orange County Division of the League of Cities and speaking with lobbyist and other officials to demand that the State not take any of the money they were threatening to take. Mayor Lautenschleger stated it was significant that the State Assembly did not ratify their plans to raid over a billion dollars in the Highway Users Tax. They were planning to borrow approximately \$2 billion that would have affected the City in the amount of approximately \$800,000. Mayor Lautenschleger thanked Council Member Songstad for his diligent effort with that issue and to note that partly because of his work on that matter and his work on the League, he had been appointed Vice Chair of the State League of Cities 2009 General Resolutions Committee.

8.2 Council Member Songstad

A. SUMMIT ON GOVERNMENT ISSUES (0140-15)

Council Member Songstad stated that the organization of Cities, Counties, and School Board Associations, was a partnership called CCS and had put together a task force. Council Member Songstad was fortunate to have participated in that task force, and out of that, came the idea of the Summit, which was a remarkable event. There were over 500 local elected officials representing cities, counties, and school districts all meeting in Sacramento to discuss ways in which this extremely broken State system could be fixed, and ways to protect local prerogatives and local revenues. The consensus of that meeting was that what needed to be done was decentralization of government out of the State; move the government closer to the people through cities, counties, and schools. There was also going to be some possible initiatives for the next ballot that would strengthen protections for local revenue from State incursions. Council Member Songstad indicated if anyone was interested in seeing what the comments were on the items discussed, they could visit the CCS website which contained a lot of material. The Summit had good presentations from several groups that had been mentioned in the newspaper including a presentation from the Bay Area Council, which was

the primary group pushing for a Constitutional Convention. There was also a presentation by California Forward which was essentially a kind of "think tank" to analyze governance in California and how it could be improved. California Forward had some very interesting ideas and had already submitted some initiatives for a ballot title and summary which would be on the 2010 Ballot.

8.3 Council Member Carruth

A. CIVIC CENTER PUBLIC ART PROGRAM (0910-40)

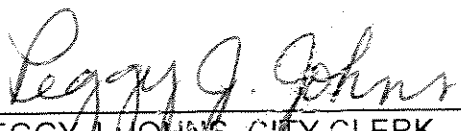
Council Member Carruth indicated that the panels had been installed in the Civic Center lobby depicting the history of Laguna Hills as it had evolved during the history of the land and the people who had occupied that land. Council Member Carruth thanked Kim Monach for a great job on the Nellie Gail Moulton exhibit in the foyer. Ms. Monach had collected some wonderful artifacts from Nellie Gail Moulton's family.

9. CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

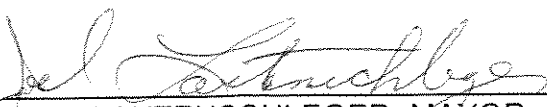
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Lautenschleger declared the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



PEGGY J. JOHNS, CITY CLERK

ATTEST:



JOEL LAUTENSCHLEGER, MAYOR

APPROVED AT MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2009.