

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

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, June 14, 2022**

GENERAL BUSINESS - CONVENING AT 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by Mayor Wheeler.

INVOCATION: Pastor Leland Lantz of Lutheran Church of the Cross

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Caskey

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	Present	
Don Sedgwick	Council Member	Present	

1. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1.1 Crime Prevention Specialist Presentation

The City Council received a PowerPoint presentation on Crime Prevention from Alyssa Rabas, Laguna Hills Crime Prevention Specialist.

2. SCHEDULE OF FUTURE EVENTS

2.1 Schedule of Future Events

Assistant City Clerk Lee announced the upcoming City events in the months of June and July 2022.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments on non-agendized items.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar with Council Member Pezold removing Item No. 4.13.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janine Heft, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Don Sedgwick, Council Member
AYES:	Dave Wheeler, Mayor; Janine Heft, Mayor Pro Tempore; Don Caskey, Council Member; Erica Pezold, Council Member; Don Sedgwick, 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 May 24, 2022, Regular Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the City Council Minutes for the May 24, 2022, Regular Meeting.

4.3 Approval of Minutes for June 2, 2022, Special Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the City Council Minutes for the June 2, 2022, Special Meeting.

4.4 Approval of Minutes for June 9, 2022, Special Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the City Council Minutes for the June 9, 2022, Special Meeting.

4.5 Ratification of June 14, 2022, Warrant Register

Recommendation: That the City Council ratify the accompanying Warrant Register for the period from May 13, 2022, to June 2, 2022, in the amount of \$1,148,802.

4.6 Direction Regarding Unscheduled Vacancy for Parks and Recreation Commission

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Accept the resignation of Julie Nassif, Parks and Recreation Commissioner, effective June 3, 2022; and 2) Direct Staff to proceed with the appointment process to fill the unscheduled vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission, per Government Code Section 54974, and Laguna Hills Municipal Code Section 2-28.080.

4.7 Proposed Civic Center Office Lease with Fay Blix, an Individual, for 24031 El Toro Road, Suite 301, Laguna Hills, California

Recommendation: That the City Council approve an office lease with Fay Blix, an Individual, for 24031 El Toro Road, Suite 301, Laguna Hills, California, and authorize the City Manager to execute the Lease.

4.8 Approval of the Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Cooling Tower System Replacement at the Laguna Hills Civic Center, CIP No. 505A

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Approve the plans and specifications and authorize the advertisement for bids for cooling tower system replacement at the Laguna Hills Civic Center, CIP No. 505A; and 2) Find that environmental review is not required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15301 as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption - Existing Facilities. The proposed project will result in replacement of existing cooling tower system equipment with a like unit at an existing City building constructed in 2004.

4.9 Purchase or Lease of an Electric Fleet Vehicle for the City Manager Pursuant to the City Manager Employment Agreement and Chapter 3-08 of the Laguna Hills Municipal Code

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Approve the purchase or lease of an electric vehicle pursuant to LHMC Sections 3-08.130 and 3-08.080; and 2) Authorize the appropriation and use of funds not-to-exceed \$50,000 from the City's AB 2766 Subvention Fund for the purchase or lease of an electric vehicle pursuant to LHMC Section 3-08.060.

4.10 Approval of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Law Enforcement Services Agreement with the County of Orange

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Law Enforcement Services Agreement between the County of Orange and the City of Laguna Hills and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement.

4.11 Legislative Update for the 2022 Legislative Session

Recommendation: That the City Council affirm the City Recommended Positions listed in the Legislative Update.

4.12 A Resolution to Support Temporary Gas Tax Suspension with No Loss of Revenue to Local Municipalities

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-06-14-1: "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, California, Requesting a Temporary, Six-Month Suspension of the State Gas Tax."

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**4.13 Proposed Business Attraction and Retention Contractual Services Agreement with the Laguna Hills Chamber of Commerce for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 and a Related Budget Amendment**

Council Member Pezold removed Item No. 4.13 from the Consent Calendar to request additional information and express her support for the item.

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Approve the proposed "Business Attraction and Retention Contractual Services Agreement" between the City of Laguna Hills and the Laguna Hills Chamber of Commerce; 2) Adopt Resolution No. 2022-06-14-2: "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laguna Hills, California, amending the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget by increasing the General Government Department Operating Budget for Business Attraction and Retention Services"; and 3) Authorize the Mayor or the Mayor Pro Tempore to execute the Agreement.

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

5. PLANNING AGENCY

Mayor Wheeler 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 7:13p.m.

5.1. ROLL CALL OF PLANNING AGENCY MEMBERS

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

5.2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

5.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no Planning Agency Minutes to approve.

5.4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

There were no Planning Agency Administrative Reports.

5.5. PLANNING AGENCY PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.5.1 Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. USE-0089-2022, a Request by John Ramirez to Establish a Veterinary Clinic, Rise Pet Care, in an Existing 20,000 Square-Foot Tenant Space Located at 24721 Alicia Parkway, Suite A

Community Development Director Longenecker reviewed the information provided in the staff report, provided a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to Agency Member requests for additional information.

Chair Wheeler opened the public hearing.

Project Architect, Niall F. Saunders and Rise Pet Care President/CEO, John Thompson, spoke in favor of the project, responded to Agency Member requests for additional information, and agreed to abide by the project's conditions of approval.

Chair Wheeler closed the public hearing.

Recommendation: That the Planning Agency: 1) Conduct a public hearing; 2) Find and determine that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 of Title 14, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations (Class 1, Existing Facilities); and 3) Adopt Resolution No. PA2022-06-14-1: “A Resolution of the Planning Agency of the City of Laguna Hills, California, approving Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. USE-0089-2022, a request by John Ramirez, on behalf of Rise Pet Care, to establish a veterinary clinic in an existing 20,000 square-foot tenant space located at 24721 Alicia Parkway, Suite A, including an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 of Title 14, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations (Class 1, Existing Facilities).”

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

PLANNING AGENCY ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wheeler adjourned the Planning Agency Meeting at 7:29 p.m. and reconvened the City Council Meeting. All Council Members were present in Chamber.

6. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

6.1 Residential and Commercial Rate Adjustments Relating to State Mandated (SB 1383) Organic Waste Recycling Requirements and Proposed Amendment No. 2 to Franchise Agreement with CR&R Incorporated

Mayor Wheeler opened the public hearing.

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

Assistant Clerk Lee provided an oral report on number of written protests received.

Chrystal Denning, Regional Vice President, CR&R, responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

William O'Toole, President, EcoNomics, Inc., responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

The following individuals addressed the City Council on the Public Hearing item:

Rose Gilbert, a resident of Laguna Hills, inquired about distribution of the kitchen bins.

Mayor Wheeler closed the public hearing.

Recommendation: That the City Council:

- 1) Receive staff presentation and report and receive City Clerk report on written property owner protests;
- 2) Ask questions of staff;
- 3) Open the public hearing;
- 4) Receive public testimony;
- 5) Close the public hearing; and
- 6) If less than 5,086 written protests were received by the City, by motion, approve Amendment No. 2 to the Contract for the Collection, Transportation and Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste and For the Collection and Transportation of Recyclable Materials to Processors for Diversion between the City of Laguna Hills and CR&R Incorporated.

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

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1. City Manager

The City Manager gave no Administrative Reports.

8. MATTERS AGENDIZED AND PRESENTED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**8.1 Laguna Hills Heritage Day**

Mayor Pro Tempore Heft reviewed the information provided in the staff report and responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

Recommendation: Mayor Pro Tempore Heft recommends that the City Council establish Heritage Day as its third signature annual event for the residents of and around Laguna Hills.

A motion to establish, Heritage Day, as an annual event on the 4th Saturday of September was moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Heft, seconded by Mayor Wheeler.

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

A motion to establish a Heritage Day Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Council Member Pezold and Mayor Pro Tempore Heft, for a duration through November 2023, was moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Heft, seconded by Council Member Pezold.

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

A motion to establish a budget of \$60,000 for the 2022 Heritage Day event, supplemented by local partner sponsorship, was moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Heft, seconded by Council Member Pezold. Mayor Pro Tempore withdrew the motion and no action was taken on this motion.

A motion to table the item to the next regular meeting for further discussion was made by Mayor Wheeler, seconded by Council Member Sedgwick.

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

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. Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors
(Council Member Sedgwick) May 26, 2022 Meeting.

Council Member Sedgwick provided a video presentation.

2. Association of California Cities - OC Legislative and Regulatory
Commission Meeting
(Mayor Dave Wheeler) May 26, 2022 Meeting.

Mayor Wheeler provided an oral report.

3. OC Public Libraries Library Advisory Board
(Mayor Wheeler) May 26, 2022 Meeting.

Mayor Wheeler provided an oral report.

4. South OC Watershed Management Area Executive Committee
(Mayor Wheeler) May 26, 2022 Meeting.

Mayor Wheeler provided an oral report.

10. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Pezold

Council Member Pezold requested a discussion on the rating system for budget item priorities be agendized for a future meeting and received a second from Council Member Sedgwick.

Council Member Pezold requested a discussion on increasing the strength of our municipal campaign finance laws and transparency be agendized for a future meeting and received a seconded from Mayor Wheeler

Mayor Pro Tempore Heft

Mayor Pro Tempore Heft thanked Council Member Sedgwick for the video he shared and thanked the City Council and City staff for the motto, In God We Trust, displayed in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Wheeler

Mayor Wheeler requested a discussion on short term rentals be agendized for a future meeting and received a seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Heft.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Wheeler declared the meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Melissa Au-Yeung, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Dave Wheeler, Mayor

Approved at meeting of June 28, 2022