

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

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

CLOSED SESSION - CONVENING AT 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Heft.

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Janine Heft	Mayor	Present	
Dave Wheeler	Mayor Pro Tempore	Present	
Don Caskey	Council Member	Present	
Erica Pezold	Council Member	Present	
Joshua Sweeney	Council Member	Present	

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S)

A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6(a)

City Designated Representatives: Jarad Hildenbrand, City Manager

Employee Organization: Laguna Hills City Employee Association, City
Employee Organization

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 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Heft.

INVOCATION: Associate Pastor Jesus Cantu of Christ Community Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Sweeney

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Janine Heft	Mayor	Present	
Dave Wheeler	Mayor Pro Tempore	Present	
Don Caskey	Council Member	Present	
Erica Pezold	Council Member	Present	
Joshua Sweeney	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 Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) I-5 El Toro Road Interchange Project Update**

The City Council received a presentation from Niall Barrett, P.E., OCTA Program Manager, and Fernando Chavarria, OCTA Outreach Manager, on the I-5 El Toro Road Interchange project.

2. SCHEDULE OF FUTURE EVENTS**2.1 Schedule of Future Events**

City Clerk Lee announced the upcoming meetings and events.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individual submitted an electronic public comment on non-agendized items that was received, forwarded to the Council prior to the meeting, posted on the City's website, and announced into the record by City Clerk Lee:

Ana Tucci, Vice President of Parents Against School Shootings (PASS) submitted an electronic comment requesting more School Resource Officers at public schools.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar with Council Member Pezold removing Item No. 4.7 and Council Member Pezold and Mayor Heft removing Item No. 4.9.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Erica Pezold, Council Member
SECONDER:	Don Caskey, Council Member
AYES:	Janine Heft, Mayor; Dave Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tempore; Don Caskey, Council Member; Erica Pezold, Council Member; Joshua Sweeney, 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 23, 2023, Special Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the City Council Minutes for the May 23, 2023, Special Meeting.

4.3 Approval of Minutes for May 23, 2023, Regular Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the City Council Minutes for the May 23, 2023, Regular Meeting.

4.4 Ratification of June 13, 2023, Warrant Register

Recommendation: That the City Council ratify the accompanying Warrant Register for the period from May 12, 2023, to June 1, 2023, in the amount of \$524,571.23.

4.5 Proposed Professional Services Agreement with Eco/Nomics, Inc., for Solid Waste and Recycling Consulting Services

Recommendation: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a proposed Professional Services Agreement with Eco/Nomics, Inc., for Solid Waste and Recycling Consulting Services in the total maximum not-to-exceed contract amount of \$825,740 for a five (5) year Term.

4.6 Award of Professional Services Agreement to WSP USA Environment and Infrastructure, Inc., for NPDES Program Management and Inspection Consulting Services

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Award a Professional Services Agreement to WSP USA Environment and Infrastructure, Inc., for NPDES Program Management and Inspection Consulting Services in the total maximum contract amount of \$575,000 for an initial term of three years; and 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement.

4.8 Trash and Debris Capture Devices Maintenance Services Agreement with G2 Construction, Inc., for the Implementation of the City's Phase XI Water Quality Project, CIP No. 412-K

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Find and determine it is appropriate to waive formal bidding requirements of the Laguna Hills Municipal Code (LHMC) for the award of the Trash and Debris Capture Devices Maintenance Services Agreement to G2 Construction, Inc., because: a) The goods and supplies, equipment, materials, and contract services to be provided by G2 Construction, Inc., are of a unique, sole source nature because of their quality, durability, availability, or fitness for a particular use and are available only from one source (LHMC Section 3-08.110(A)); b) The goods and supplies, equipment, materials, or non-professional services are proprietary (LHMC Section 3-08.110(B)); c) A specific make, model, or brand is necessary to match existing City equipment or to facilitate the continuity of effective maintenance and support (LHMC Section 3-08.110(F)); and d) Compliance with procurement policies, procedures, and/or requirements is not in the best interest of the City (LHMC Section 3-08.110(J)); 2) Award the Trash and Debris Capture Devices Maintenance Services Agreement to G2 Construction, Inc.; and 3) Authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement.

4.10 Rejection of Bid Proposals for Citywide Sidewalk Repairs and Concrete Construction Project, CIP No. 106

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Reject all Bid Proposals received for the Citywide Sidewalk Repairs and Concrete Construction Project, CIP No. 106; 2) Approve the revised plans and specifications for the Citywide Sidewalk Repairs and Concrete Construction Project, CIP No. 106; and 3) Authorize the advertisement for bids Citywide Sidewalk Repairs and Concrete Construction Project, CIP No. 106.

4.11 Resolution Adopting a List of Street Maintenance Projects for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Funded By SB 1: the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-06-13-1: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A LIST OF STREET MAINTENANCE PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 FUNDED BY SB 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017."

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

4.7 Cooperative Agreement No. 12-XXX Between the State of California, Department of Transportation, and the City of Laguna Hills for General Traffic Signal Synchronization

Council Member Pezold removed Item No. 4.7 from the Consent Calendar to allow for discussion on the item.

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

Public Works Director/City Engineer Ames responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Approve Cooperative Agreement No. 12-XXX with the State of California, Department of Transportation, for General Traffic Signal Synchronization; 2) Authorize the City Manager to make minor edits as may be needed prior to execution of the final Agreement; and 3) Authorize the Mayor to sign the final Agreement.

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

4.9 Award of Public Works Construction Contract for the Community Center and Sports Complex Site Improvements Project, CIP No. 237

Council Member Pezold and Mayor Heft removed Item No. 4.9 from the Consent Calendar to allow for discussion on the item.

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

Public Works Director/City Engineer Ames responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

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

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Award the Public Works Construction Contract for the Community Center and Sports Complex Site Improvements Project, CIP No. 237, to the lowest responsive bidder, Oppenheimer National, in the amount of \$197,709; 2) Find that the Project is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Class 1 Existing Facilities, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301; 3) Reject all other bids; and 4) Authorize the Mayor to sign the Public Works Construction Contract.

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

5. PLANNING AGENCY

There were no separate Planning Agency Business Items for this meeting.

6. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

6.1 Introduction and First Reading of a Proposed Ordinance for Zoning Text Amendment No. RZNE-0008-2023, an Amendment to Title 9 (Zoning and Subdivisions) of the Laguna Hills Municipal Code to Clarify and Expressly Exempt City Owned or Operated Signs and Signs Located on City Property from the Regulations in Chapter 9-42 (Signs and Advertising Devices)

Community Development Director Longenecker reviewed the information provided in the staff report and responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

Mayor Heft opened the Public Hearing.

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

Mayor Heft closed the Public Hearing.

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Conduct a Public Hearing; 2) Find and determine that the proposed activity is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and 3) Introduce for first reading, read by title only, and waive further reading of an Ordinance entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. RZNE-0008-2023, AN AMENDMENT TO TITLE 9 (ZONING AND SUBDIVISIONS) OF THE LAGUNA HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO EXPRESSLY EXEMPT SIGNS OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS OR CONSTRUCTED OR OPERATED ON PROPERTY OWNED, LEASED, OR OPERATED BY THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS FROM REGULATION UNDER CHAPTER 9-42 (SIGNS AND ADVERTISING DEVICES)."

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Joshua Sweeney, Council Member
SECONDER:	Don Caskey, Council Member
AYES:	Janine Heft, Mayor; Don Caskey, Council Member; Erica Pezold, Council Member; Joshua Sweeney, Council Member
NAYS:	Dave Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tempore

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1. City Manager

The City Manager gave no Administrative Reports.

8. MATTERS AGENDIZED AND PRESENTED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

There were no matters agendized and presented by City Council Members.

9. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Committee Assignment Reports

The City Council received reports from City Council Members on the City Council Committee Assignments listed in the staff report.

10. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no City Council Member comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Heft declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Jennifer Lee, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Janine Heft, Mayor

Approved at meeting of June 27, 2023