
**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 25, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bressette 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 Lautenschleger 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; David Reynolds, Deputy City Manager; Jon Jones, Battalion Chief, Orange County Fire Authority; Melissa Au-Yeung, Management Analyst; and Sandi Mogan, Deputy City Clerk.

1. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

There were no Presentations and Proclamations.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

2.1 BICYCLE AND SAFETY AWARENESS (0860-40)

Kelly Crean, resident and business owner, introduced her new business, OC Bicycle Service and Garage, to the City Council. Her business handled bicycle safety and roadside assistance, which was the first time ever in the nation this type of service had been offered to bicyclists. Ms. Crean reported they also had three self-help work stations in their shop where people could come to work on their bicycles, and they would also be conducting classes and workshops. Ms. Crean stated that the reason they were before the City Council was they wanted their business to help make the City of Laguna Hills more bicycle friendly, and for Laguna Hills to become a model City for other cities to follow. They wanted to partner with the Laguna Hills Police Department to get all bicycles registered. They also wanted to partner with the Parks and Recreation Department to create a bicycle roadside assistance

program where signs could be posted along bike routes, with their business phone number in the event a bicyclist broke down. The stranded bicyclist could call to be picked up, which would give them a safe means of getting themselves and their bicycle back to their car or to a safe place. Ms. Crean indicated if her business could partner with the City of Laguna Hills in these various ways, her company on a small scale could help bring something bigger to the nation.

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

The City Council received an oral report from Laguna Hills High School Student Liaison Jason Brower.

3. MINUTES

3.1 REGULAR MEETING, MAY 11, 2010 (0410-50)

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SONGSTAD, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 11, 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

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LAUTENSCHLEGER, THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS BE ACCEPTED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

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 MAY 25, 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 \$936,660.15.

4.3 FY 2010-2011 LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT (0400-10)

Written report from the Police Services Department indicated that the City of Laguna Hills had provided police services for general law enforcement and traffic enforcement under an Agreement with the Orange County Sheriff's Department since FY 1992-1993. That arrangement remained both effective and cost efficient. Renewing the Agreement would provide the City with an equivalent police department of 43.22 full-time employees, as well as access to specialized Sheriff's personnel. The total cost for law enforcement services for FY 2010-2011 was \$6,457,708. This represented an increase of \$77,558 (1.22%) over the FY 2009-2010 adjusted Law Enforcement Agreement of \$6,380,150, and was within the adopted budget for public safety.

AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE FY 2010-2011
LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF ORANGE AND THE CITY OF LAGUNA
HILLS.

4.4 PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 11 FOR OSO PARKWAY LANDSCAPE PROJECTS, NORTH SIDE CIP NO. 603 / SOUTH SIDE CIP NO. 604 (0400-10)

Written report from the Public Services Department indicated that work on the Oso Parkway Landscape Projects, North Side CIP No. 603 / South Side CIP No. 604, was being performed by Marina Landscape, Inc., and began on October 13, 2008. The project was substantially completed and entered into the one-year maintenance period in May 2009. The contractor had submitted the eleventh progress payment request for approval covering on-going maintenance services. The progress payment was within the Capital Improvement Program Budget for the Oso Parkway Landscape Projects, North Side CIP No. 603 / South Side CIP No. 604.

APPROVED PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 11, IN THE NET AMOUNT OF \$2,612.09, TO MARINA LANDSCAPE, INC., FOR OSO PARKWAY LANDSCAPE PROJECTS, NORTH SIDE CIP NO. 603 / SOUTH SIDE CIP NO. 604.

4.5 CALIFORNIA JOBS INITIATIVE (0480-60)

Written report from the Administrative Services Department indicated that the California Jobs Initiative recently qualified for the November 2010 ballot. Given the current dire condition of the State and the resulting rise in unemployment, the measure would delay the implementation of AB 32 until such time that the State's unemployment rate decreased to 5.5% for four consecutive quarters. Pursuant to the Council's request, staff had prepared a Resolution in support of the California Jobs Initiative.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2010-05-25-1, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE "CALIFORNIA JOBS INITIATIVE."

5. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.1 2010 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING (0240-50)

Public Services Director Rosenfield indicated this was the time and place published and posted for the Public Hearing for the annual Weed Abatement program. Mr. Rosenfield indicated that the residents and property owners responded well to the notices. Mr. Rosenfield indicated that this was the time for the Public Hearing in which property owners could become liable for charges should they not complete the weed abatement in a timely manner.

Mayor Bressette opened the Public Hearing, and upon seeing no one rise, closed the Public Hearing.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LAUTENSCHLEGER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARRUTH, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2010-05-25-2, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, ISSUING AN ABATEMENT ORDER AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES/CITY ENGINEER TO COMMENCE ENFORCING WEED, RUBBISH, AND REFUSE ABATEMENT AGAINST SPECIFIED PARCELS OF LAND

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

PLANNING AGENCY

Mayor Bressette recessed the City Council meeting to the Planning Agency meeting at 7:10 p.m. and reconvened the City Council at 7:11 p.m. All Council Members were present.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6.1 City Manager

The City Manager indicated that Deputy City Manager Reynolds would be giving an update on the Memorial Day 5K and Half Marathon event.

6.2 Deputy City Manager

A. MEMORIAL DAY 5K AND HALF MARATHON (0400-10)

Deputy City Manager Reynolds indicated the Memorial Day Run was scheduled for Monday, May 31, 2010, and staff was busy getting ready for the event. The race would begin at 7 a.m. This year the 5k run and Half Marathon would begin at the same time. Mr. Reynolds reported that to date there were over 1,600 race participants, 60-70 more than last year. Staff was anticipating between 2,800 - 3,000 runners. There would also be a diaper dash and a kids' run at the Laguna Hills Community Center. This year there would also be a Food Drive, as the City had partnered with South County Outreach for race participants and spectators to bring canned food and non-perishable goods to either the starting line or the finish line at the Community Center to help those in need.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no Other Business.

8. MATTERS PRESENTED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

8.1 Council Member Carruth

A. LAGUNA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LIAISON INTERVIEWS (0930-40)

Council Member Carruth indicated that the Student Liaison interviews were held on Friday, May 21, 2010, and Council Member Lautenschleger had served on the interview panel along with Principal Sean Boulton, and Mary King, who served on the General Plan Committee. The students interviewed were exceptionally strong students this year. Council Member Carruth reported that Mike Spain would be the Student Liaison for the fall of this year, and his Alternate would be Lyndsey Kaan. Lyndsey Kaan's Alternate for the spring 2011 would be Kylie West.

B. OSO PARKWAY PROJECT (0400-10)

Council Member Carruth noted on the Warrant Register a payment for Marina Landscaping, inquired if they were still on schedule for weeding, and if they would get the project under control before turning it over to the City. Public Services Director Rosenfield answered in the affirmative. Council Member Carruth also reported that Nieves Landscaping was doing a great job for the City.

C. CELL TOWER EQUIPMENT UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT BECKENHAM STREET (0610-55)

Council Member Carruth asked for clarification about the process that might include notification to residents when projects, such as cell towers, would begin construction for the purpose of giving residents the opportunity to voice their concerns. Council Member Carruth had a number of calls and e-mails from concerned residents and asked for a report back from staff.

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO DIRECT STAFF TO BRING BACK A REPORT AT A FUTURE MEETING.

D. TERM LIMIT ORDINANCE REPORT (0430-50)

Council Member Carruth asked when the term limits ordinance report would be presented to the City Council. City Manager Channing indicated the report would be presented at the June 8, 2010, meeting.

8.2 Council Member Lautenschleger

A. LAGUNA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LIAISON INTERVIEWS (0930-40)

Council Member Lautenschleger indicated that there was great leadership at Laguna Hills High School and part of that stemmed from the families, but the students that applied this year for the Student Liaison program were incredible. It was very difficult to choose from the nine candidates, all of who had four plus grade point averages, almost all of them in the Model United Nations and Advanced Placement Programs. The candidates were involved in many extracurricular activities; the school should be commended for offering many opportunities for students to expand their knowledge. Council Member Lautenschleger thanked the PTA and City Clerk Johns for their efforts in the Student Liaison Program.

8.3 Mayor Bressette

A. CITIZEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (0120-40)

Mayor Bressette reported that on April 7, 2010, the Parks and Recreation Commission sent the City Council a memorandum regarding their recommendation of the implementation of the Citizen Volunteer Program. The purpose of the program was to assist the City in enforcing the City's Municipal Code in Parks and also serve in other volunteer capacities. It was not appropriate to discuss the issue tonight, but the Mayor asked for City Council consensus to direct staff to draft a response to the Parks and Recreation Commission that acknowledged receipt of the Memorandum and to convey to the Park and Recreation Commission that the appropriate time for this matter would be at the budget cycle in 2011.

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO DIRECT STAFF TO DRAFT A RESPONSE TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION THAT ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF THE MEMORANDUM BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND TO CONVEY TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION THAT THE APPROPRIATE TIME FOR THIS MATTER WOULD BE AT THE BUDGET CYCLE IN 2011.

B. PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL CEREMONY (0160-60)

Mayor Bressette indicated that on Wednesday, May 26, 2010, the Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony would be held in Santa Ana, followed by a luncheon at Original Mike's Restaurant, followed later in the day by the fund raising event by the Orange County Traffic

Officers' Association. This was an opportunity for everyone to remember and give thanks to those men and women of law enforcement, specifically the Sheriff's Department, and to thank them for the sacrifices that many of their fellow officers had made. Mayor Bressette also thanked the friends in the audience wearing T-shirts supporting Project 999. Project 999 was a police escorted Memorial Ride through Orange County, with the goal of raising funds to assist the families of Orange County Police Officers killed or injured in the line of duty.

9. CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

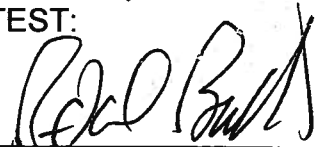
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Bressette declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



PEGGY J. JOHNS, CITY CLERK

ATTEST:



RANDAL BRESSETTE, MAYOR

APPROVED AT MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2010.