

**LAGUNA NIGUEL CITY COUNCIL**  
Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting  
March 3, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.

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**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Davies called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Mayor Laurie Davies – Present**  
**Mayor Pro Tem Fred Minagar – Present**  
**Council Member Elaine Gennawey – Present**  
**Council Member John Mark Jennings – Present**  
**Council Member Sandy Rains – Present**

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

There were no public communications on Closed Session items.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Ennis read the Closed Session title into the record.

- 1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**  
Potential initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9  
One potential case

Mayor Davies and the City Council recessed to Closed Session at 6:31 p.m.

Mayor Davies and the City Council reconvened from the Closed Session at 7:00 p.m.

City Attorney Ennis announced there was no reportable action from the Closed Session.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – 7:00 P.M.**

**INVOCATION** – Farshad Jahed, Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Laguna Niguel

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Daisy Girl Scout Troop 7582 and Brownie Girl Scout Troop 5476

## PRESENTATIONS

### 1. Resolution Honoring “Nowruz” Persian New Year on March 19, 2020

Mayor Davies and the City Council presented a Resolution to honor Nowruz Persian New Year on March 19, 2020. Mayor Pro Tem Minagar announced he would be presenting resolutions at various Nowruz events.

## PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Joann Curtin, representing the Save the Library Committee, spoke in opposition to the relocation of the Laguna Niguel Library.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Davies requested that Discussion Item No. 1, a Pilot Program to Evaluate Potential Modifications to City Zoning Regulations for Temporary Residential Real Estate Signs, be moved to this point in the City Council meeting in consideration of the members of the public that were present to hear this item.

### 1. Pilot Program to Evaluate Potential Modifications to City Zoning Regulations for Temporary Residential Real Estate Signs

Senior Planner Erich List provided information as stated in the staff report. He stated that in September 2019, the City received complaints from residents and realtors about open house sign blight. He stated staff began proactive enforcement efforts including the removal of signs and later changed the process to an educational approach. He stated this included calling and/or texting the realtor listed on the sign and informing them of the current sign regulations. He stated that in January 2020, enforcement was suspended due to concerns from the real estate community. He stated staff has been meeting with individual realtors and the Orange County Association of Realtors to discuss potential changes to the sign regulations. He stated staff will work with the real estate community to develop a pilot program to test open house sign regulations. He stated based on the results of the Real Estate Sign Pilot Program (Pilot Program), staff will draft an ordinance that will be submitted to the Planning Commission for recommendation to the City Council.

## PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Dave Wilkinson, resident and realtor, spoke in support of the Pilot Program.

Wayne Chang, resident and realtor, spoke in support of the Pilot Program.

Terri Bruno, resident and realtor, spoke in support of the Pilot Program.

Chip McAllister, resident and Board Member of the Orange County Association of Realtors, spoke in support of the Pilot Program.

Bob DePew, resident and realtor, spoke in support of the Pilot Program.

Matt Clements, resident and realtor, spoke in support of the Pilot Program.

William Sundin, resident and realtor, spoke in support of the Pilot Program.

Arna Freedman, resident and realtor, spoke in support of the Pilot Program.

Sari Ward, resident and realtor, spoke in support of the Pilot Program.

Discussion ensued.

**A MOTION** was made by Council Member Jennings, seconded by Council Member Gennaway, to endorse the initiation of a pilot program to evaluate potential modifications to City zoning regulations for temporary residential real estate signs.

**MOTION carried 5-0.**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A MOTION** was made by Council Member Rains, seconded by Council Member Gennaway, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**1. Warrants of March 3, 2020**

Approved as written.

**2. Payroll Summary Register**

Approved as written.

**3. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on February 18, 2020**

Approved as written.

**4. Investment Report as of January 31, 2020**

Received and filed the City of Laguna Niguel Investment Report as of January 31, 2020.

**5. Adoption of the 2019-2021 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Laguna Niguel and the Orange County Employees Association (OCEA) for the Maintenance, Clerical and Technical Unit and the Middle Management, Professional and Supervisory Unit and Related Salary Resolution No. 2020-1312; and Adoption of Resolution No. 2020-1313, Relating to Updated Compensation for Unrepresented Executive and Management Employees**

1. Approved and Adopted the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Laguna Niguel and the Orange County Employees Association (OCEA) for the Maintenance, Clerical and Technical Unit;
  2. Approved and Adopted the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Laguna Niguel and the Orange County Employees Association (OCEA) for the Middle Management, Professional and Supervisory Unit;
  3. Adopted Salary Resolution No. 2020-1312 relating to the MOU between the City of Laguna Niguel and the Orange County Employees Association (OCEA) for the Maintenance, Clerical and Technical Unit and the Middle Management, Professional and Supervisory Unit;
  4. Authorized the City Manager and members of the City's Negotiation Team to execute the MOU documents; and,
  5. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-1313 relating to updated compensation for unrepresented Executive and Management Employees.
- 6. Approval of Youth Sports Sponsorship Request for the Laguna Niguel Lightning 12U Baseball Club**

Approved funding in the amount of \$1,000 to sponsor the Laguna Niguel Lightning 12U Baseball Club to compete in the Cooperstown All Star Village Tournament.

- 7. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2020-204, Amending the Laguna Niguel Municipal Code to Alter and Clarify the Authority of the City Council, Traffic and Transportation Commission, and Traffic Engineer**

Conducted second reading, by title only and Adopted Ordinance No. 2020-204:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-204

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF  
LAGUNA NIGUEL AMENDING THE LAGUNA NIGUEL  
MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALTER AND CLARIFY THE  
AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL, TRAFFIC AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AND TRAFFIC  
ENGINEER FOR THE REGULATION AND INSTALLATION  
OF TRAFFIC CONTROLS AND OTHER DEVICES AND  
MAKING A FINDING OF EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA IN  
CONNECTION THEREWITH

- 8. City's Position on Delta Conveyance Project**

Supported the Delta Conveyance Project.

9. **Approval of Plans and Specifications for the Yosemite Park Pedestrian Bridge Replacement and Landscape Improvement Project, Cash Contract No. 19-11 and Authorization to Advertise the Project for Bids**
  1. Approved the Plans and Specifications for the Yosemite Park Pedestrian Bridge Replacement and Landscape Improvement Project, Cash Contract No. 19-11; and,
  2. Authorized staff to advertise the project for bids.
  
10. **Approval of Professional Services Agreement with GMU Geotechnical, Inc., for Update of the City's Pavement Management Plan**
  1. Approved the Professional Services Agreement with GMU Geotechnical, Inc. for Update of the City's Pavement Management Plan in the not-to-exceed amount of \$73,396; and,
  2. Authorized the City Manager to execute the Professional Services Agreement with GMU Geotechnical, Inc., subject to the City Attorney making non-substantive changes.

Mayor Davies left the dais at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Minagar conducted the City Council meeting from this point.

## **OTHER BUSINESS/COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **1. Council Reports**

Council Member Gennaway reported she attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for the street renaming of Paseo de Escuela to Shark Bay at Niguel Hills Middle School and thanked the City Council and staff for their work. She announced the Laguna Niguel Community Development Department and the Laguna Niguel Chamber of Commerce would be presenting the next Jr. Civic Workshop on March 10, 2020.

Council Member Rains stated the best line of defense against the Coronavirus is to wash hands constantly and to stay home if they are sick. She announced that the grazing goats that are part of the City Weed Abatement Program have arrived in Laguna Niguel.

Council Member Jennings wished everyone a happy Election Day and welcomed Finance Director Eric Hendrickson. He thanked Chief of Police Services Matt McDaniel and Sergeant Jack Songer for their work in keeping the City safe.

Mayor Pro Tem Minagar announced he would be attending a Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) meeting on March 5, 2020 and would be voting against the proposed Regional Housing Needs Assessment Allocation (RHNA) Methodology on behalf of the City.

**2. City Manager/Department Reports**

City Manager Letourneau and City staff welcomed Finance Director Eric Hendrickson to the City Team.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Minagar adjourned the Regular City Council meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Eileen C. Gomez  
City Clerk