

LAGUNA NIGUEL CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting
April 16, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Jennings called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION - Chaplain Serena Cummins, Orange County Sheriff's Department

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Cub Scout Pack 771

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation Declaring April 22, 2019 as Earth Day

Mayor Jennings and the City Council presented the proclamation to Monty McDivitt, President of the Laguna Niguel Botanical Preserve, declaring April 22, 2019 as Earth Day.

2. Special Presentation to State Senator Pat Bates (First Mayor of the Laguna Niguel City Council) for her Past and Present Public Service

Mayor Jennings and the City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation, a 30 Year Anniversary Mayor's Coin and a City pin to State Senator Pat Bates (First Mayor of the Laguna Niguel City Council) for her past and present public service.

Mayor Jennings requested that a portion of the Council Reports be moved to this point in the City Council Meeting in consideration of members of the public that were present to speak on the homelessness situation.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Jennings provided an update on the homelessness situation. He reviewed the City's efforts in addressing the homelessness and near-homelessness situation in

Laguna Niguel and the region, including homeless prevention, formation of a Homeless Task Force, and funding a Homeless Liaison Officer position.

Mayor Pro Tem Davies spoke on the City's efforts in addressing the homelessness and near homelessness situation, maintaining the low number of homeless individuals, and preventive measures being taken including outreach to homeless individuals.

Council Member Gennaway spoke on the City's efforts in addressing the homelessness and near homelessness situation, including preventive measures being taken and homeless outreach organizations that the City supports to assist individuals in need.

Council Member Rains spoke on the City's efforts in addressing the homelessness and near homelessness situation, including the City's focus on homeless prevention citywide and in the region.

Council Member Minagar stated that the City Council is unified in their support of efforts to address the homeless and near homeless situation in the City.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Bill Taormina provided an update on regional efforts and challenges in addressing the homelessness situation.

David Salahi, resident, expressed concerns regarding the challenges that homeless individuals face when dealing with their homelessness situation.

Debbie Salahi, resident, expressed concerns regarding the challenges that homeless individuals face when dealing with their homelessness situation.

Martha McNicholas, resident and Board Member of the Capistrano Unified School District, thanked the City Council for their sponsorship of the Dana Hills High School Robot Dolphins From Outer Space Team, and John Malcom Elementary School's two NextGen Robotic Teams. She announced a Relay for Life Event on September 14, 2019.

Clarence Wurdock, resident, thanked the City Council for providing the updates on the homelessness situation. He expressed concerns regarding homeless housing facilities and requested that if the City was expected to provide housing, the City Council should ensure there are no homeless facilities in the neighborhoods throughout the City.

John Pointer, Past Commander of the American Legion Post 281, announced an American Legion 100th Anniversary Celebration on May 19, 2019.

Helen Di Panni, resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed study to add a second Dog Park.

Roger Mouton, resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed study to add a second Dog Park.

Ajit Thinn, Board Member of the Orange County Human Relations Organization, spoke about the services they provide and presented Mayor Jennings with a certificate of appreciation for the City's membership.

Mayor Jennings requested that the Consideration of a City Historical Commission be moved to this point in the City Council meeting for discussion.

CITY MANAGER

1. Consideration of a City Historical Commission

Deputy City Manager Bell provided information as stated in the staff report. She stated that at the February 5, 2019 City Council meeting, Council Members Rains and Minagar requested that an item to consider a City Historical Commission be placed on a City Council agenda for discussion. She provided information on neighboring communities with similar commissions, and on State and County resources available for historic preservation.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Senator Pat Bates, President of the Laguna Niguel Historical Society (Society), provided background information on the establishment of the Society. She spoke about the Society's focus on archiving, education, services provided, and their mission to preserve the past, enrich the present, and promote the future of the City.

Nancy Kurtz, Archive Co-Chair for the Laguna Niguel Historical Society, spoke about the Historical Society Archives Committee which oversees the collection of artifacts.

Paul Whitlock, Education Chair for the Laguna Niguel Historical Society Education Committee, spoke about the educational services they provide to students.

Senator Pat Bates suggested that the City Council consider a more formalized partnership between the Society and the City. She also spoke about the limitations and restrictions that the Brown Act poses on City Commissions and Committees, and rules related non-profit organizations.

Discussion ensued regarding establishing a more formal partnership with the Historical Society.

By consensus, the City Council directed staff to review the different options to establish a partnership with the Laguna Niguel Historical Society and report back to the City Council at a future Council meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Gennaway pulled Item Nos. 6 and 9 for discussion.

Council Member Rains pulled Item No. 4 for discussion.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minagar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davies, to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar as presented.

Motion carried 5-0.

1. Warrants of April 16, 2019

Approved as written.

2. Payroll Summary Register

Approved as written.

3. Sponsorship of the Robot Dolphins From Outer Space Team (Dana Hills High School) and two NextGen Robotic Teams (John Malcom Elementary School)

Provided sponsorship funds in the amount of \$1,000 per team to Team 5199 Robot Dolphins From Outer Space Team (Dana Hills High School) and NextGen Robotics Team 1802A and 1802B (John Malcom Elementary School) for national competitions.

5. Adoption of Resolution No. 2019-1280 and Approval of an Interim City Manager and City Manager Transition Consultant Employment Agreement

Adopted Resolution 2019-1280 approving an Interim City Manager and City Manager Transition Consultant Agreement between the City of Laguna Niguel and Robert W. Hall.

7. Approval of Second Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for “On-Call” Public Works Inspection Services with Willdan Engineering

- a. Approved the Second Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Willdan Engineering for “On-Call” Public Works Inspection Services at a rate of \$110 per hour for a not-to-exceed amount of \$63,800; and
- b. Authorized the City Manager to execute the Second Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Willdan Engineering.

8. Approval of Fiscal Year 2019-20 List of Projects for the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, Senate Bill 1

- a. Approved the recommended List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 to be funded by SB 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017; and
- b. Adopted Resolution No. 2019-1279, List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 funded by SB 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

ITEMS PULLED

4. Updates to City Council Policies and Procedures

Council Member Rains requested additional information regarding the Gateway Pylon Signs Business Identification Policy. She stated that the only policy that was excluded from the update was the Facility Use Policy and requested that the new Civic Center be included in the Facility Use Policy.

Community Development Director Orduña provided additional information regarding the eligibility for participation by businesses in the Pylon Sign Program.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Rains, seconded by Council Member Gennawey, to approve the updates to the City Council Policies and Procedures.

Motion carried 5-0.

6. Analysis of Contract Law Enforcement Services Costs and Methodology for Contract Cities – Matrix Consulting Group Final Report

Council Member Gennawey requested additional information regarding the analysis of the Police Services cost per capita.

Chief of Police Services McDaniel provided additional information as requested.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Gennawey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davies, to receive and file the Analysis of Contract Law Enforcement Services Costs and Methodology for Contract Cities.

Motion Carried 5-0.

9. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with RJM Design Group, Inc. for Architectural Services to Provide Concepts for Renovation of the Existing Pooch Park and Conduct Needs Assessment and a Feasibility Study to Add a Second Dog Park

Council Member Gennawey requested additional information regarding the allocation of funds for the Architectural Services to Provide Concepts for Renovation of the Existing Pooch Park and Conduct Needs Assessment and a Feasibility Study to Add a Second Dog Park.

City Manager Ridge provided additional information regarding the allocation of funds for the proposed projects.

Council Member Rains requested clarification regarding the sequence of the preparation of the architectural services for the renovation of the pooch park, and the needs assessment and feasibility study to add a second dog park.

City Manager Ridge responded that the proposed plan is for the consultant to work on both projects concurrently.

Discussion ensued regarding the cost savings of doing the architectural services for the renovation of the pooch park and the feasibility study to add a second dog park concurrently, having the concepts for the renovation of the existing pooch park prepared first, and after completion, making a determination whether a needs assessment to add a second dog park is necessary.

A MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Davies, seconded by Mayor Jennings, to:

- a. Approve the Architectural Services to Provide Concepts for Project 1, Renovation of the Existing Pooch Park, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$37,600; and after completion, make a determination whether to approve Project 2, Conduct a Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study to add a Second Dog Park within the City, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$38,800; and
- b. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Professional Services Agreement with RJM Design Group, Inc.

Motion carried 5-0.

CITY MANAGER

1. Consideration of a City Historical Commission

This item was moved up on the agenda.

2. Adoption of Resolution No. 2019-1281 Relating to the Orange County Housing Finance Trust Joint Powers Authority Agreement

City Manager Ridge provided information as stated in the staff report. She stated that the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-1281 would allow the City to be a participant in the Orange County Housing Finance Trust through the execution of a joint powers agreement. She gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Orange County Housing Finance Trust.

Discussion ensued regarding the regional housing shortage, the benefits of the City's participation in the Orange County Housing Finance Trust, and maintaining local control.

A MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Davies, seconded by Council Member Rains, to adopt Resolution No. 2019-1281 relating to participation in the Orange County Housing Finance Trust through the City's execution of the Joint Powers Authority Agreement which implements the Trust's shared powers and activities.

Motion carried 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS/COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Council Reports

Council Member Minagar reported he attended an Executive Administrative Committee meeting of the Southern California Association of Governments, where they selected Kome Ajise as the new Executive Director. He reported he chaired a joint board meeting of the San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency, represented several cities at the General Assembly of Orange County Council of Governments, met with the developers of the Orange County Court House property, and met with Congressman Harley Rouda.

Council Member Gennaway reported she attended a meeting with the proposed developers of the Orange County Court House property, a Military Support Committee meeting, the Junior Civic Workshop Graduation Ceremony, the Medal of Valor Luncheon, and the State of the County Address.

Council Member Rains announced a National Drug Take Back Event on April 27, an Odyssey Sustainable Fair on April 29, and a new Disney Aspire Education Program. She thanked City Manager Ridge for her service and welcomed incoming Interim City Manager Bob Hall.

Mayor Pro Tem Davies reported she attended the State of the County Address, and a meeting with developers of the Orange County Court House property. She thanked City Manager Ridge for her service and wished her the best in her new position in Santa Ana.

Mayor Jennings congratulated new Interim City Manager Bob Hall. He thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for doing a great job on the Bunny Bonanza. He reported he attended a meeting with the proposed developers of the Orange County Court House property.

2. City Manager/Department Reports

City Staff reported on various events and activities in their departments, thanked City Manager Ridge for her service, and wished her the best in her new position in Santa Ana.

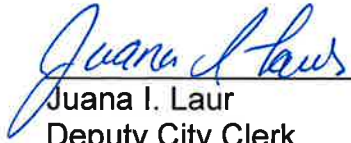
City Manager Ridge thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as City Manager for the City.

Mayor Jennings closed the meeting by thanking City Manager Ridge for her service and wished her the best in her new position in Santa Ana.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jennings adjourned the Regular City Council meeting at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Juana I. Laur
Deputy City Clerk