

LAGUNA NIGUEL CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting
July 16, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Jennings called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:00 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

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no public comments for Closed Session.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

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

CLOSED SESSION

- A. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT APPOINTMENT**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Titles: City Manager

- B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
City's designated representative: Bob Hall, Interim City Manager
Unrepresented employee: Candidate for City Manager position

- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**
(Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
Name of Case: Colinas de Capistrano Community Association v. City of Laguna Niguel, et al.
Case No. 30-2019-01070843-CU-WM-CXC

Mayor Jennings and the City Council recessed to Closed Session at 6:03 p.m.

Mayor Jennings and the City Council reconvened from the Closed Session at 6:56 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 – Kian Afrookhteh, Baha'is of Laguna Niguel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Boy Scout Troop 734

PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation Declaring July 2019 as Parks and Recreation Month

Parks and Recreation Director Giglio, along with her staff, Parks and Recreation Commissioners, Senior Citizens Committee Members, and Sports Advisory Committee Members that were in attendance, accepted a proclamation from the Mayor and City Council declaring July 2019 as Parks and Recreation Month.

2. Presentation by Chief of Police Services McDaniel on the Orange County Sheriff's Department Take Me Home Program

Chief of Police Services McDaniel gave a PowerPoint presentation and provided information regarding the Orange County Sheriff's Department Take Me Home Program, a regional registry that promotes communication with law enforcement for those in the community who have certain disabilities, special needs, or medical conditions. He thanked Council Member Gennaway for bringing the idea for this program to the Orange County Sheriff's Department several years ago and for advocating for it ever since.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Jeff Jones, resident and Principal at Niguel Hills Middle School, introduced himself and announced he would be reaching out to the City Council to invite them to events at the school and to build an even stronger partnership.

Peggy Schwartz, resident and President of the Friends of the Laguna Niguel Library, presented Mayor Jennings with a copy of the book titled "The Library Book" by Susan Orlean and explained that the book is about the fire that destroyed the Los Angeles Central Library in 1986.

Melissa Caldwell, resident, requested a meeting with City leaders to discuss safety needs at Niguel Hills Middle School and to consider amending the agreement with the Orange County Sheriff's Department to provide a full-time safety resource officer for the school.

Michele Plossel-Campbell, resident, requested that the City invest in the safety of local youth by funding a full-time safety resource officer for Niguel Hills Middle School and requested a meeting with City leaders to discuss funding sources for that purpose.

Cindy Dopf, resident, spoke about the benefits of a safety resource officer at Niguel Hills Middle School and requested a meeting with City leaders, parents and community members to discuss those benefits.

Missy Wiesen spoke about a community meeting she attended where Mayor Jennings discussed the direction of the City. She spoke about the need for a full-time safety officer at Niguel Hills Middle School.

Madison Caldwell, resident, stated that a safety resource officer at Niguel Hills Middle School would help her and her peers feel safe and requested that the City Council consider scheduling a meeting to further discuss safety needs at the school.

Mayor Jennings thanked the speakers for coming forward and stated he would be requesting a roundtable meeting with the Capistrano Unified School District Board of Trustees to discuss this matter.

Chief of Police Services McDaniel stated that to date, deputies have visited 418 campuses during their assigned shifts in the last 6 months as part of a safety program. He stated that an administrative deputy currently serves as a liaison to local schools and is assigned to attend school functions to provide information on a regular basis.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Minagar abstained from voting on Item No. 1 due to a potential conflict.

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

Motion carried 5-0, with Council Member Minagar abstaining from voting on Item No. 1.

1. Warrants of July 2, 2019 and July 16, 2019

Approved as written.

2. Payroll Summary Registers

Approved as written.

3. Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting on June 18, 2019

Approved as written.

4. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on June 18, 2019

Approved as written.

5. Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting on June 28, 2019 for City Manager Interviews

Approved as written.

6. Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting on July 5, 2019 for City Manager Interviews

Approved as written.

7. Investment Report as of May 31, 2019

Received and filed the City of Laguna Niguel Investment Report as of May 31, 2019.

8. Approval of Revised Orange County Taxi Administration Program (OCTAP) Regulations

- a. Determined this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b. Adopted Resolution No. 2019-1294, Adopting Revised Orange County Taxi Administration Program Regulations pursuant to Division 6 of Title 5 of the Laguna Niguel Municipal Code.

9. Oppose ACA 14, a Constitutional Amendment Which Would Limit UC Irvine Contract Services

- a. Authorized the Mayor to send a letter opposing ACA 14, as submitted or revised; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to send additional opposition letters for other proposed legislation related to this subject.

CITY MANAGER

1. Appoint Tamara S. Letourneau as City Manager and Approve Employment Agreement in Connection Therewith

Interim City Manager Hall stated that a nationally advertised recruitment was conducted to fill the vacant position of City Manager which resulted in over 40 very qualified candidates. He reviewed the recruitment process and stated that Ms. Letourneau was selected by the City Council to be the City Manager. He provided information on her 26 years of public service and professional background.

Mayor Jennings and the City Council welcomed Ms. Letourneau to the City family and thanked Mr. Hall for conducting the recruitment process.

In accordance with California Government Code section 54953, Mayor Jennings made the following statement:

“As City Manager, Ms. Letourneau’s annual salary will be \$240,000. This salary is based on a number of factors including the salaries of local comparable

positions, relevant prior experience, prior city management salary and Ms. Letourneau's current salary and benefits. The City will contribute \$10,000 annually toward deferred compensation and Ms. Letourneau will receive the same health benefits the last City Manager was receiving. The agreement can be terminated by the City, at any time, with 3 months severance pay for termination without cause, or by Ms. Letourneau with 30 days notice. Ms. Letourneau will receive \$625 per month auto allowance, \$250,000 life insurance coverage, and annually 20 days of Vacation, 10 days of Executive Leave and 12 days of Sick Leave. There will be no housing loan or temporary housing allowance provided."

Newly appointed City Manager Tamara Letourneau introduced herself and her family members that were present. She expressed her enthusiasm on her appointment and thanked the Mayor and City Council for the opportunity.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Gennawey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davies, to adopt Resolution No. 2019-1295, and:

- a. Appoint Tamara S. Letourneau to the position of City Manager;
- b. Approve the Employment Agreement between the City of Laguna Niguel and Tamara S. Letourneau, subject to non-substantive changes approved by the City Attorney;
- c. Amend the City's salary schedule to set the City Manager salary; and
- d. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Employment Agreement on behalf of the City of Laguna Niguel.

Motion carried 5-0.

CITY COUNCIL

1. Possible Renaming of Niguel Hills Middle School and Paseo Escuela

Mayor Jennings stated this item is to provide the City Council with the opportunity to discuss changing the name of Niguel Hills Middle School (NHMS) to Laguna Niguel Middle School to better identify the school's location in the City. He stated he reached out to several NHMS alumni and they expressed their support of the name change. He stated changing the school name would build community ownership and would be consistent with Laguna Niguel Elementary School. For the street name, he suggested a few names such as Shark Alley after the school mascot, Ohana Way, or a name that the school district and the City Council could agree on.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Audrey Miller, resident, spoke in opposition to renaming Niguel Hills Middle School.

Brandon Dailey inquired about the name change process and timeline and

requested more public input.

Kirsten Vital, Superintendent of the Capistrano Unified School District, spoke on behalf of the district in support of a partnership with the City to begin the process to consider changing the name of Niguel Hills Middle School to Laguna Niguel Middle School.

Discussion ensued regarding the process to rename Niguel Hills Middle School to Laguna Niguel Middle School and possibly renaming Paseo Escuela.

A MOTION was made by Mayor Jennings, seconded by Council Member Gennaway, to authorize staff to prepare a letter from the Mayor inviting the Capistrano Unified School District Board of Trustees to further discuss and consider renaming Niguel Hills Middle School to Laguna Niguel Middle School.

Motion carried 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS/COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Council Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Davies reported she attended Sea Country's 25th Anniversary Celebration. She reported she and Mayor Jennings attended a Pooch Park Community Outreach meeting where design concepts were presented. She announced a Military Support Committee Car Wash on July 20th at 10:00 a.m. on the corner of La Paz Road and Pacific Park.

Council Member Gennaway reported she, Mayor Pro Tem Davies, and Council Member Rains attended an ACC-OC Legislative Committee meeting where ACA 14 was discussed. She congratulated Debbie Newman on retiring after 30 years of service to the Laguna Niguel Chamber of Commerce. She reported she and Mayor Pro Tem Davies attended a League of California Cities meeting where Assemblymember Quirk-Silva discussed AB 101 and AB 1295. She reported she attended an Orange County Housing Roundtable to discuss the need for housing for all different age groups. She reported she attended a Senior Citizens Advisory Council meeting. She congratulated the St. Timothy's Catholic Church congregation on the celebration of their 39th Anniversary. She encouraged the public to take their vehicles to the Military Support Committee Car Wash on July 20th to support activities for active duty military personnel and their families during deployment.

Council Member Rains reported she attended the 4th of July Pancake Breakfast and enjoyed the event.

Council Member Minagar reported he attended the Southern California Association of Governments quarterly audit committee meetings to discuss federal and state auditing procedures.

Mayor Jennings invited residents to attend the City's 30th Anniversary Carnival that will be held on August 16, 17 and 18, 2019, on the corner of El Lazo and Dorine.

2. City Manager/Department Reports

City Staff reported on various events, meetings and activities in their departments.

ADJOURNMENT – In Memory of Former Mayor Joe Brown, Russell Hall, Amber Orduña, and Cameron Boyce

At 8:16 p.m., Mayor Jennings adjourned the Regular City Council meeting in memory of Mayor Emeritus Joe Brown; Russell Hall, father of Interim City Manager Bob Hall; Amber Orduña, wife of Community Development Director Jonathan Orduña; and Cameron Boyce, Teen Celebrity Grand Marshal for the City's 2015 Holiday Parade.

Respectfully submitted by:



Eileen C. Gomez
City Clerk