

LAGUNA NIGUEL CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Davies at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Laurie Davies– Present
Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Slusiewicz – Present
Council Member Elaine Gennawey – Present
Council Member Jerry McCloskey – Present
Council Member Fred Minagar – Present

INVOCATION - was given by Monsignor John Urell, Saint Timothy Roman Catholic Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – was led by Junior Girl Scout Troop 2770

PRESENTATIONS

1. Resolution Commending American Legion Laguna Niguel Post 281

Mayor Davies and the City Council presented a Resolution to members of the American Legion Laguna Niguel Post 281.

2. Proclamation Declaring January 24 – 30, 2016 as School Choice Week in Laguna Niguel

Mayor Pro Tem Slusiewicz read the Proclamation declaring the week of January 24 - 30, 2016 as School Choice Week in the City of Laguna Niguel.

3. Presentation of Plaques to Outgoing Commission and Committee Members

Mayor Davies and the City Council presented plaques to the following outgoing City Commission and Committee Members:

Richard Starratt, Investment, Banking and Audit Committee Member; Dennis Mulvaney, Parks and Recreation Commissioner; John Pointer, Senior Citizens Committee Member; Elizabeth Winston, Senior Citizens Committee Member; James McGinley, Sports Advisory Committee Member; and Richard Riegler, Sports Advisory Committee Member.

The following outgoing City Commission and Committee Members were not present:

Addison Devone, Investment, Banking and Audit Committee Member; John Kinney, Traffic and Transportation Commissioner; Dan Abrams, Military Support Committee Member; Tom Tews, Military Support Committee Member; Barbara Perrella, Senior Citizens Committee Member; and Martin C. Brhel, Jr., Traffic and Transportation Commissioner.

4. Presentation to Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade Executive Committee Volunteers

Mayor Davies and the City Council recognized the Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade Executive Committee members for their volunteer work.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Louise Dawson, resident, spoke regarding safety issues at Yosemite Park.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Slusiewicz, seconded by Council Member Gennaway, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Motion carried 5-0.

- 1. Warrants of January 5, 2016 and January 19, 2016**
Approved as written.
- 2. Payroll Summary Register**
Approved as written.
- 3. Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting (City Commission/Committee Interviews) of December 8, 2015 – 4:00 p.m.**
Approved as written.
- 4. Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting (City Commission/Committee Interviews) of December 9, 2015 – 4:00 p.m.**
Approved as written.
- 5. Investment Report as of November 30, 2015**
Received and filed the City of Laguna Niguel Investment Report as of November 30, 2015.
- 6. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-180 (Amendment to Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance)**

Adopted Ordinance No. 2016-180:

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-180

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA NIGUEL, CALIFORNIA,
AMENDING THE WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPING REGULATIONS

7. Agreement with Real Green Inc. to provide Northern Neighborhood Parks and Facilities Landscape Maintenance

Approved the base Agreement for Northern Parks and Facilities Landscape Maintenance with Real Green, Inc. for three years, including two optional one-year additional extension years, and authorized the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

8. Agreement with Nieves Landscape, Inc. to Provide Medians, Slopes and Facilities Landscape Maintenance

Approved the base Agreement for Medians and Slopes and Facilities Landscape Maintenance with Nieves Landscape, Inc. for three years, including two optional one-year additional extension years, and authorized the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

9. Agreement with Landscape West Management Services, Inc. to Provide Schools Joint Use Sports Fields and Facilities Landscape Maintenance

Approved the base Agreement for Schools Joint Use Sports Fields and Facilities Landscape Maintenance with Landscape West Management Services, Inc. for three years, including two optional one-year additional extension years, and authorized the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

10. Adoption of Resolution to Submit Applications to CalRecycle Payment Programs

Adopted Resolution No. 2016-1185, authorizing the submittal of applications to CalRecycle for payment programs.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Follow up to Annual Review of Traffic Controls and Suggested Routes to School Maps

Public Works Director Abbaszadeh provided information as stated in the staff report. He reported that on August 18, 2015 the City Council considered the Annual Review for Traffic Controls and Safety Route to School Maps. He stated that additional review by the Traffic and Transportation Commission was requested for Moulton Elementary and St. Anne School. He reviewed the Traffic and Transportation Commission's recommendations and answered questions by the City Council.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Pro Tem Slusiewicz suggested approving the request by St. Anne's School for additional red curb painting along Bear Brand Park Road.

A MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Slusiewicz, seconded by Council Member McCloskey, to:

- a. Approve the installation of signage to prohibit right turns onto Tamarron from Highlands Avenue and disallow left turns onto Highlands Avenue from Tamarron from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM and 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM;
- b. Approve the relocation of school signage on Highlands Avenue to provide more notice;
- c. Approve the installation of "No Right Turn on Red" signs on westbound Camino del Avion at Bear Brand Road from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM and 2:15 PM to 3:15PM;
- d. Install additional red curb along Bear Brand Park Road;
- e. Direct Police Services to continue their enforcement efforts in and around the schools as time and resources permit.

Motion carried 5-0.

2. Somerset Point Homeowners Association Permit Parking Request

Public Works Director Abbaszadeh provided information as stated in the staff report. He stated that the Somerset Point Homeowners Association (HOA) requested permit parking for all public streets within the community. He stated that the City received the required petitions from the HOA and completed the initial investigation of the parking conditions. He stated that the Traffic and Transportation Commission (Commission) reviewed and accepted the petitions in September 2015 and directed staff to formulate final recommendations for presentation to the Commission in December. He stated that staff met with nearby apartment complex property managers to discuss on-site parking and reviewed parking alternatives on the surrounding public streets. He stated that the Commission reviewed the request for permit parking at their meeting on December 16, 2015, received testimony from residents and concluded that approximately 50 to 60 vehicles per night need offsite parking.

PUBLIC SPEAKER

Dan Gara, Board Member of the Somerset Point Homeowners Association, spoke regarding the Somerset Point Homeowners Association Permit Parking conditions. He brought attention to timeframes added by City staff since the Traffic and Transportation Commission meeting, specifically, only restricting the no overnight parking on Weatherwood and Springwood from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and extending the review period from 120 days to 180 days. He stated that while this permit parking option is not the option originally favored by the majority of homeowners, the Somerset Point HOA is willing to accept the compromise at this time and monitor the results. He thanked City staff, the Traffic and Transportation Commission and the City Council for working with the Somerset Point HOA to determine an equitable solution.

Council Member McCloskey commented on the parking conditions and restrictions. He stated that the proposed recommendations are on a trial basis. He stated his support for reducing the review period from 180 days to 120 days and asked staff if a 120 day review period was adequate time.

Public Works Director Abbaszadeh responded that staff could bring this item back sooner but felt that 180 days provides adequate time to review the parking conditions.

Council Member Gennaway stated her support for reducing the review period from 180 days to 120 days. She suggested increasing the overnight parking hours on Marina Hills from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. and increasing the restriction hours of no overnight parking on the west side of Weatherwood and the west side of Springwood from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Slusiewicz stated his support for reducing the review period from 180 days to 120 days. He suggested that if parking problems still persist during the review period, that the HOA come back to a City Council meeting and inform the City Council so staff could review the parking conditions sooner. He stated his support for increasing the overnight parking hours on Marina Hills from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. and increasing the restriction hours of no overnight parking on the west side of Weatherwood and the west side of Springwood either from 10:00 or 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Mr. Gara stated that the Somerset HOA would be agreeable for the overnight parking restriction on the west side of Weatherwood and the west side of Springwood to be from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Slusiewicz commented that he received calls from residents of the Somerset HOA expressing concerns that there may be fire hazards and code violations in the Laguna Serrano and Hidden Hills Apartments. He suggested that the City and Orange County Fire Authority work together with the property managers to review those concerns.

Council Member Minagar stated his support for the review period of 120 days, the increase of the overnight parking hours on Marina Hills from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., the increase in the restriction hours of no overnight parking on the west side of Weatherwood and the west side of Springwood from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. He suggested that staff work with the Orange County Fire Authority and the property managers for the Laguna Serrano and Hidden Hills Apartments to review fire hazards and code enforcement concerns.

Mayor Davies thanked Mr. Dan Gara and commented that the parking recommendations were a good compromise. She stated her support for the review period of 120 days, the increase of the overnight parking hours on Marina Hills from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., She also stated her support for the restriction hours of no overnight parking on the west side of Weatherwood and the west side of Springwood be from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. She also stated that she supported having staff work with the Orange County Fire Authority to review fire hazards and code enforcement concerns at the Laguna Serrano and Hidden Hills Apartments.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minagar, seconded by Council Member McCloskey, to:

- a. Determine vehicles from the multi-family complexes including, but not limited to, Laguna Serrano Apartments and Hidden Hills Condominium Rentals are parking on Weatherwood and Springwood and “substantially interfere with the normal and expected use of available public street parking spaces at regular daily or weekly intervals” on Weatherwood and Springwood;
- b. Approve the removal of no parking signs on a segment of Hidden Hills to provide for on-street parking on the north side of Hidden Hills between Weatherwood and Springwood;
- c. Approve overnight parking on Marina Hills Drive (Tessier to 500 feet west of Tessier) from 6:00 PM to 8:00 AM every night of the week;
- d. Approve the installation of “No Overnight” parking signs on the west side of Weatherwood and the west side of Springwood (Hidden Hills to Shadywood). The restriction shall be from 11:00 PM to 6:00 AM every day of the week;
- e. Direct Police Services to continue to provide parking enforcement in the areas off Hidden Hills, Marina Hill Drive, and Tessier Street as time and personnel permits and also direct staff to coordinate with Code Enforcement Department and Orange County Fire Authority; and
- f. Direct staff to review the parking conditions for 120 days following implementation of permit parking and report the findings to the Traffic Commission.

City Attorney Dixon suggested that the motion be amended and changed to adopt a resolution to provide for the different things that were enumerated by Council Member Minagar.

Council Member Minagar and the Council agreed that the motion include the adoption of a resolution adopting all these items as stated.

Motion carried 5-0.

3. Street Name Sign Replacement Project

Public Works Director Abbaszadeh provided information as stated in the staff report. He gave a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed the current street signs in the City and the options to replace them.

Discussion ensued, including the street sign options. Director Abbaszadeh, Assistant Manager Fox and City Manager Foster answered questions posed by the City Council.

Council Member McCloskey stated his support for Option 2, which displays the street name with the City logo and suggested adding the name of the City of Laguna Niguel under the street name.

Council Member Gennaway stated her support for Option 1, noting that her main concern was to be able to read the name of the street.

Council Member Minagar stated his support for Option 2 to include the City logo, and adding the name of the City of Laguna Niguel under the street name.

Council Member Slusiewicz stated he wanted confirmation that the name of the street was legible with both the logo and the name of the City of Laguna Niguel underneath the street name. He also expressed preference for the color of the signs being blue instead of green. He stated that his first choice was Option 1, with the street name and the name of the City of Laguna Niguel underneath it.

Mayor Davies stated her support for Option 2, with the color of the street signs being green. She noted that being able to see the name of the City of Laguna Niguel was more important than the logo. She stated that she approved of both the name of the City and the logo if possible.

Council Member McCloskey commented that there is an adequate signage system in the City and street signs in the medians are reinforcement to drivers as they are approaching streets. He also commented on the alignment of the information on the street sign and stated his support for Option 2 with the name of the City of Laguna Niguel under the street name with the City logo.

Council Member Gennaway commented that she was concerned with the visibility of the street name and asked if the font could be larger and the logo smaller.

Council Member Minagar commented that the street signs are internally illuminated and will be bright and legible at night.

A MOTION was made by Council Member McCloskey, seconded by Council Member Minagar, to approve Option 2 to include the City logo with the name of the City of Laguna Niguel under the street name, and that additional funds be appropriated to change all of the signs in the City of Laguna Niguel.

Motion carried 5-0

CITY MANAGER

1. Continuation of the Appointment Process for the Senior Citizen Committee

City Manager Foster provided information as stated on the staff report. He reviewed the appointment options in accordance with the Municipal Code and the costs involved for the application process. He stated that Ms. Janice Rosenquist was on a list of qualified applicants and has expressed an interest in being appointed to the Senior Citizens Committee. Both Dennis Mulvaney and Joyce Woolf did not wish to be considered at this time.

Discussion ensued. City Manager Foster answered questions posed by the City Council.

A MOTION was made by Council Member McCloskey, seconded by Council Member Minagar, to appoint Janice Rosenquist to the Senior Citizens Committee to serve a two year term ending December 31, 2017.

Motion carried 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS/COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Council Reports

Mayor Davies provided an update on sober living facilities. She reported that she was working with Senator Pat Bates, State Assemblyman Bill Brough, the ACC-OC and the League of California Cities on sober living facilities. She announced that staff was working on placing information regarding sober living facilities on the City Website.

Council Member Minagar reported he attended a Traffic and Transportation Commission meeting, a Southern California Association of Governments meeting, a World Affairs Council of Orange County meeting and a Memorial Service for Gwen Brown, wife of former Mayor Dr. Joe Brown.

Mayor Pro Tem Slusiewicz reported he attended a Vector Control meeting, an Installation Ceremony of the new Commander for the First Battalion Fourth Marines at Camp Pendleton, a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and a Memorial Service for Gwen Brown, wife of former Mayor Dr. Joe Brown. He thanked Public Works Director Abbaszadeh for doing a great job with the Utility Cabinets Program.

Council Member McCloskey reported he attended various OCFA meetings and a Moulton Niguel Water District meeting. He reported he presented Certificates from the City of Laguna Niguel to the Junior Lyons Club at Aliso Niguel High School.

Council Member Gennaway announced a Literary Orange event on April 2, 2016. She reported she attended a conference organized by Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchens regarding the effect that marijuana legalization has on a community. She reported she and Mayor Davies conducted interviews for the Military Support Committee on January 13, 2016. She reported she participated in a "Rolling Red Truck Tour" to look at different on-going projects in the City of Laguna Niguel and reported on the recently held Junior Civic Workshop. She thanked City Clerk Gomez for completing the project of putting the City Council agenda and staff reports on the City Website.

2. City Manager/Department Reports

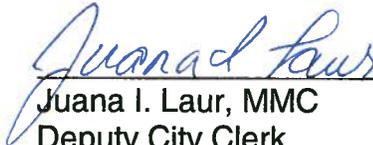
City Staff reported on various events and activities in their departments.

City Manager Foster announced that the American Society of Civil Engineers was awarding the City of Laguna Niguel a Bikeway and Trail Project of the Year Award for the Oso Creek Multi-Use Trail on February 18, 2016. He also announced that representatives from the State Water Resources Control Board will be attending the grand opening of the Oso Creek Multi-Use Trail on March 3, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Davies adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m. in memory of Gwendolyn G. Brown.

Prepared by:



Juana I. Laur, MMC
Deputy City Clerk

Respectfully submitted by:



Eileen C. Gomez
City Clerk