

LAGUNA NIGUEL CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Davies called the meeting to order 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 John Pointer, American Legion Post 281

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – was led by Cub Scout Pack 726

PRESENTATIONS

1. Resolution Honoring “Nowruz” Persian New Year on March 20, 2016

Mayor Pro Tem Slusiewicz announced a Nowruz celebration lunch on March 21, 2016 at the Sea Country Senior and Community Center.

Council Member Minagar presented a Resolution honoring “Nowruz” Persian New Year on March 20, 2016, and stated that he will be presenting the Resolution at a Nowruz celebration lunch on March 27, 2016 in the City of Irvine.

2. Recognition of Community Development Staff

Community Development Director Gibson introduced his staff. Mayor Davies and the City Council thanked Mr. Gibson and his staff for their service and recognized them for their accomplishments.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Nona Reimer, representing Malcom Elementary School, commented on the VEX Robotics Competition Foundation Program. She stated this year there are three Robotics Teams who have won numerous awards in regional competitions, and have qualified for the Worlds Competition to be held in Louisville, Kentucky on April 20 - 24, 2016. She requested that the City Council sponsor the three teams to attend and compete in the 2016 VEX Worlds Robotics Competition in Louisville, Kentucky.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Minagar pulled Item No. 4 for discussion.

A MOTION was made by Council Member McCloskey, seconded by Council Member Gennaway, to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar as presented.

Motion carried 5-0.

1. **Warrants of March 15, 2016**
Approved as written.
2. **Payroll Summary Register**
Approved as written.
3. **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on March 1, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.**
Approved as written.
5. **Golden Lantern/Adelanto Drive Intersection Safety Analysis**
 - a. Include Golden Lantern at Adelanto to the Traffic Signal Master plan update;
 - b. Directed staff to install two new intersection warning signs and two new advanced street name signs; and,
 - c. Directed Police Services to continue their enforcement efforts.
6. **Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Geotechnical Services (GMU and LGC)**

Approved, and authorized the City Manager to execute, the Professional Services Agreements with GMU and LGC.

ITEM PULLED

4. **Approval of Cooperative Agreement No. C-5-3586 for the Alicia Parkway Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Project (Project P)**

Council Member Minagar recommended that future similar projects include a map of the project and a list of hardware and software for the traffic signals.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minagar, seconded by Council Member McCloskey, to approve, and authorize the Mayor to execute, Cooperative Agreement No. C-4-1883, by and between Orange County Transportation Authority and the Cities of Laguna Hills, Aliso Viejo, Laguna Niguel, and Mission Viejo, for the Alicia Parkway Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Project.

Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. **Approval of Plans and Specifications for Tier 2 Entrance Improvements at Crown Valley Park - Cash Contract No. 15-04**

City Landscape Architect/Environmental Program Manager Nancy Palmer provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Tier 2 Entrance Improvements at Crown Valley Park which includes a new entry bridge, two new parking lots, entry monuments, recycled water service for the Niguel Botanical Preserve, and flood control channel improvements.

Discussion ensued.

Council Member McCloskey recommended that an alternate bid item be included to add the name "Laguna Niguel" and the City logo above the Crown Valley Park sign at the entry sign arch.

Council Member Minagar asked for additional information regarding the other construction support costs, design services and permit fees, and City inspectors' support during the construction of the project.

Ms. Palmer stated that the other construction support costs include the design addenda to the bid documents and any other clarification during construction, including geotechnical engineering, and biological monitoring on an as-needed basis. She stated that the design services and permit fees include the design for the entire project and the fees that the City pays to various agencies for the permits. She stated she did not include the cost of any City employee staff in the project costs.

Mayor Davies asked for additional information regarding the criteria for the construction schedule starting in July 2016.

Ms. Palmer stated that the construction of the project would take approximately one year to complete, and that staff and the Crown Valley Community Park Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee discussed when the best time to start construction would be, considering the summer concert series at the park, the nesting season, and the rainy season. She stated that the conclusion was that the best time to start was in July 2016 with the major heavy construction in the flood control channel occurring during the summer.

Mayor Pro Tem Slusiewicz recognized consultants Dave Frattone with Hunsaker & Associates and Tom Munoz with Nuvis Landscape, and stated that the proposed construction schedule was the most cost effective.

A MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Slusiewicz, seconded by Council Member McCloskey, to approve the plans and specifications for the Tier 2 Entrance Improvements at Crown Valley Park, authorize their release for bidding, an alternate bid item to include the cost of adding the name of "Laguna Niguel" and the City logo above the Crown Valley Park sign arch.

Motion carried 5-0.

2. Update of Speed Limits for Streets within Laguna Niguel

Public Works Director Abbaszadeh provided information as stated in the staff report. He stated that roadway speeds are required to be updated by state law every seven (7) years through engineering and traffic surveys. He stated that the surveys that were conducted targeted 85% of drivers who use the roadway, and that the surveys set the speed limit at or near that 85%. He stated that the City's engineering consultant conducted surveys on 45 street segments in the City and that the surveys indicated no change in the posted speed limit for 39 of the 45 street segments. He stated that the surveys provided a recommendation to reduce the speed limit on the remaining six (6) street segments; Seaglen Drive, Kite Hill Drive, Via Marini, Yosemite Drive, Camino Capistrano, and Parc Vista. He stated that the Traffic Commission reviewed this item on January 27, 2016 and recommended that the City Council approve the revised speed limits.

Discussion ensued.

Council Member McCloskey asked if staff had received complaints on these streets or if these new speed limits are being recommended solely based on the traffic study.

Mr. Abbaszadeh stated that the new speed limits are solely based on the studies that have been done, but at the same time the study also takes into consideration accidents on those streets as well as sight distance issues that may be present.

Mayor Davies inquired about the streets that are scheduled to be surveyed in the next few months. She also asked about staff installing signs to notify drivers ahead of time that the speed limits are changing.

Public Works Director Abbaszadeh stated that the next streets will be surveyed in the summer of 2016, and the results of those surveys will be brought back to the Traffic and Transportation Commission as well as the City Council. He also stated that staff would place radar trailers with the speed change information on the affected street segments.

Mayor Pro Tem Slusiewicz thanked Mr. Abbaszadeh and Police Services Department staff for their efforts in reducing speeds in City streets. He inquired about certain traffic conditions on the Camino Capistrano/Paseo de Colinas to South City Limit segment, such as the construction on the Paseo de Colinas Bridge, the turn lane for the In-N-Out Restaurant, and the truck parking on both sides of the streets.

Public Works Director Abbaszadeh responded that the traffic conditions did not affect the traffic surveys. He stated that the surveys were conducted during free flow conditions between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and outside rush hour, when most drivers feel safe to be on the road.

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

a. Introduce and read the title to the proposed Ordinance which is:

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-181

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA NIGUEL, CALIFORNIA,
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 91-45
BY REVISING THE SPEED LIMIT
ON SIX (6) STREETS WITHIN THE CITY

The title of the proposed Ordinance was read;

- b. Waive the reading of the full text of the proposed Ordinance (requires a majority vote);
- c. Consider the proposed Ordinance and make any desired changes to it; and,
- d. Direct that the proposed Ordinance, with any changes to it, be placed on the agenda for the April 5, 2016, City Council meeting and adopt the Ordinance at that meeting.

Motion carried 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS/COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Council Reports

Council Member Gennaway reported she attended the Oso Creek Trail Ribbon Cutting ceremony, a Youth Committee meeting, and a Joint Youth Committee-City Council meeting. She announced the 2016 Laguna Niguel High School Job & College Fair on April 16, 2016. She reported she attended the Court of Honor for Boy Scouts Troop 772 and the Jr. Civic Workshop held on March 8, 2016.

Council Member McCloskey reported he attended the Oso Creek Trail Ribbon Cutting ceremony, a Court of Honor for Boy Scouts Troop 772, and an OCFA Budget and Finance Committee meeting.

Council Member Minagar reported he attended the Oso Creek Trail Ribbon Cutting ceremony and a 2016 Legislative Reception at El Niguel Country Club.

Mayor Pro Tem Slusiewicz reported he attended a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. He also reported that the first Zika Virus case had been reported in Orange County and advised residents about the dangers of the Zika Virus. He suggested putting an item on the Agenda regarding sponsorship of the Robotics Teams to attend the Worlds Competition to be held in Louisville, Kentucky on April 20 - 24, 2016.

Mayor Davies reported she attended a Myths of Weed program put on by the City of Mission Viejo. She also reported she attended a South County Senior Day at the Community Center in Mission Viejo, and the Laguna Niguel Military Support Committee Baby Drive at Walmart. She announced a Meet the Mayor event on April 5, 2016 at the Laguna Niguel Botanical Preserve, and a Neighborhood Watch Program on April 11, 2016 at the Laguna Niguel Community Room.

2. City Manager/Department Reports

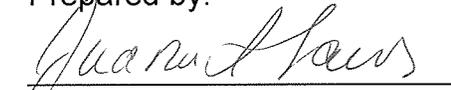
City Staff reported on various events and activities in their departments.

City Manager Foster thanked Community Development Director Gibson and his staff for their work. He announced that his International Exchange Student, Dave Haukkala, is a member of the Junipero Serra Varsity Hockey Team and that the Team had won the Anaheim Ducks High School Hockey League Championship. He stated that they are traveling to Virginia to compete for the national title.

ADJOURNMENT

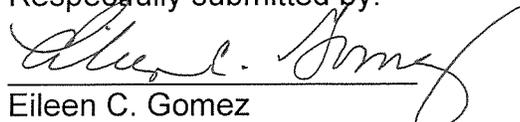
Mayor Davies adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Prepared by:



Juana I. Laur, MMC
Deputy City Clerk

Respectfully submitted by:



Eileen C. Gomez
City Clerk