



**LARKSPUR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

Larkspur City Council Chambers
400 Magnolia Avenue, Larkspur CA
And Via Videoconference Per AB 361 (2021)

November 2, 2022

For full video/audio of the meeting, go to <http://www.cityoflarkspur.org>
(Quick Links – Watch City Council Meetings)

REGULAR MEETING

Vice Mayor Paulson called the regular meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCIL PRESENT: Scot Candell, Kevin Haroff, Catherine Way, and Vice Mayor Gabe Paulson

COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor Dan Hillmer

STAFF PRESENT: City Clerk Alison Foulis, Public Works Administrative Analyst Rita Schoch, City Manager Dan Schwarz, Community Development Director Elise Semonian, Public Works Director Julian Skinner, and City Attorney Sky Woodruff

Vice Mayor Paulson led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Council received public comment from:

- John Prado
- David Moller
- James Holmes

3. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

None

4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Haroff requested that Item 4.7 be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion by Councilmember Candell, and seconded by Councilmember Way, the City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of Item 4.7, in one motion. The vote was unanimously in favor (Mayor Hillmer absent). The approved consent calendar consisted of the following items:

- 4.1 Approve warrants.
- 4.2 Approve minutes of the October 19, 2022, regular meeting.
- 4.3 Approve minutes of the October 26, 2022, special meeting.
- 4.4 Adopt Resolution 78/22 authorizing City Council and City Advisory Body meetings to be held via teleconference for the 30-day period beginning November 11, 2022, and making related findings pursuant to AB 361.
- 4.5 Adopt Resolution 79/22 accepting the Magnolia Avenue ADA Improvements Project (CIP 14-004).
- 4.6 Adopt Ordinance 1061 adding Chapter 18.100 to the Larkspur Municipal Code to adopt regulations for housing development to comply with 2021 State housing legislations and more specifically Senate Bill 9 (2021).

AGENDA ITEM 4.2

- 4.7 Authorize execution of a legal services agreement with Sher Edling LLP for the purpose of participating as a plaintiff in *County of Marin, et al. v. Monsanto Company, et al.*

City Manager Schwarz provided a staff report and answered questions from the Council.

Upon motion by Councilmember Way, seconded by Councilmember Candell, the Council authorized the execution of a legal services agreement with Sher Edling LLP for the purpose of participating as a plaintiff in *County of Marin, et al. v. Monsanto Company, et al.* The vote was unanimously in favor (Hillmer absent).

5. CITY MANAGER'S ORAL REPORT

City Manager Schwarz gave his oral report.

6. COUNCILMEMBERS' ORAL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Councilmember Haroff reported on the following items:

1. The Commons Foundation Meeting
2. Larkspur Chamber of Commerce

Vice Mayor Paulson reported on the following items:

1. Daylight Savings Time Neighborhood Response Group (NRG) Drills

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

- 8.1 NIVEN PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PLAYGROUND UPGRADE
Council to consider adoption of Resolution 80/22 approving the plans and authorizing bid advertisement for the Niven Park Improvement Project, Playground Upgrade (CIP 18-202).

Public Works Director Skinner introduced Public Works Administrative Analyst Schoch who provided a presentation and answered questions from the Council.

Niven Park Playground Donors Eric and Dayna Quanbeck were present and the Council expressed their gratitude for the Quanbeck's donation.

No one from the public wished to comment.

Upon motion by Councilmember Haroff, and seconded by Councilmember Candell, the City Council adopted Resolution 80/22 adopting the plans and authorizing bid advertisement for the Niven Park Improvement Project, Playground Upgrade Project (CIP 18-202). The vote was unanimously in favor (Mayor Hillmer absent).

- 8.2 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET AMENDMENT TO ADD STORM DRAIN REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT 2023 (CIP 23-303)
Council to consider adoption of Resolution 81/22 amending the FY22/23 Capital Improvement Program budget to add Storm Drain Repair and Replacement 2023 (CIP 23-303).

Public Works Director Skinner provided a presentation and answered questions from the Council.

The Council received public comment from:

- Joan Weinberg

Upon motion by Councilmember Way, and seconded by Councilmember Haroff, the City Council adopted Resolution 81/22 amending the adopted Fiscal Year 2022/23 Capital Improvement Program to add \$740,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to create the Storm Drain Repair and Replacement Project 2023 (CIP 23-303). The vote was unanimously in favor (Mayor Hillmer absent).

AGENDA ITEM 4.2

8.3 UPDATES FROM AD-HOC COMMITTEES ON RENT STABILIZATION AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Council to receive updates and provide direction and feedback as warranted.

Vice Mayor Paulson and Councilmember Haroff provided an update from the Rent Stabilization Ad Hoc Committee. Councilmember Candell and Councilmember Way provided an update from the Rental Assistance Programs Ad Hoc Committee.

The Council received public comment from:

- Pat Vegsund
- John Prado
- Joan Weinberg
- Diana Brown
- Kevin Carroll
- Kate Failand
- Kristen Powell Honda
- Dorothy O'Leary
- Richard
- Anne
- Mary Beth Pascale
- Stacia Thompson
- Steven Rajninger

8.4 APPOINTMENT TO THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Council to make an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

City Manager Schwarz provided a staff report.

Upon motion by Councilmember Haroff, and seconded by Councilmember Way, the Council appointed Reide Baxter to the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill the seat vacated by Sandy Blauvelt for the remainder of her term through June 30, 2024. The vote was unanimously in favor (Mayor Hillmer absent).

9. ADJOURN

The Council adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Attested

Alison Foulis, City Clerk