



**CITY OF LOS ALTOS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023
7:00 p.m.
1 N. San Antonio Rd. ~ Los Altos, CA**

*Sally Meadows, Mayor
Jonathan Weinberg, Vice Mayor
Pete Dailey, Councilmember
Neysa Fligor, Councilmember
Lynette Lee Eng, Councilmember*

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Sally Meadows, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM – All Councilmembers were present.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – Sally Meadows, Mayor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION – There was no report on the Closed Session meeting of November 28, 2023.

CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

None

SPECIAL ITEMS

New Los Altos Police Captain Introduction

Angela Averiett, Police Chief, introduced Captain Joe Ledoux to the City of Los Altos.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no speakers during Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following members of the public spoke regarding items on the Consent Calendar:

- Lili Najimi (Item 4)
- Teresa Morris (Item 4)

Motion by Dailey and Seconded by Fligor to approve the Consent Calendar. **Motion for Items 1-3 carried unanimously by roll call vote. Motion 4 carried unanimously on Ordinance 1, and Ordinances 2 and 3 carried 4-1 with Councilmember Lee Eng opposed.**

1. Quarterly Investment Portfolio Report – Quarter Ended September 30, 2023
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Mills Act agreement with property owners of 41 Hawthorne Avenue. This project is categorically exempt from environmental review under Section 15331 (“Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation”) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
3. Consider authorizing Addendum No. 12 to the Regional Water Quality Control Plant Basic Agreement; and consider finding that the Council’s action is exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 and that none of the circumstances in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies.

4. Waive Second Reading and Adopt Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments which implement programs identified in the adopted housing element, Program 1.A: Rezone for RHNA Shortfall; Program 1.B: Facilitate Higher Density Housing in the Commercial Thoroughfare (CT) District; Program 1.C: Allow Housing in the Office Administrative (OA) District; Program 1.E: Update the Loyola Corners Specific Plan; Program 1.F: Rezone Village Court Parcel; Program 1.G: Rezone Housing Sites from Previous Housing Elements; Program 3.I: Allow Residential Care Facilities Consistent with State law; Program 3.J: Explicitly Allow Manufactured Homes Consistent with State law

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Introduce and waive further reading of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos amending Chapter 11.08 Tree Protection Regulations

Tania Katbi, Sustainability Coordinator, presented the report.

The following members of the public spoke regarding the item:

- Teresa Morris
- Jeanine Valadez

The City Council provided staff with amendments to the ordinance, and directed staff to bring the item back at a future meeting to re-introduce the ordinance. No motion taken.

The City Council took a recess at 9:17 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 9:31 p.m.

6. Report Out on Shared Police Services Study with Los Altos Hills: Discuss the initial analysis and information in this staff report and provide direction as to whether the City Council would like to further study shared Police services with Los Altos Hills

Gabriel Engeland, City Manager, presented the report.

The following members of the public spoke regarding the item:

- Teresa Morris
- Jeanine Valadez

The City Council directed staff to not proceed further with the study for shared police services with Los Altos Hills.

7. Authorization by City Council for the use of Civic Center Land for the Construction of Outdoor Library Patio and send to Planning Commission for Final Design Approval. The project is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)

Nick Zornes, Development Services Director, presented the report.

The City Council took a recess at 11:19 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 11:27 p.m.

The following members of the public spoke regarding the item:

• Alice Mensel	• Larry Lang
• Catherine Nunes	• Elizabeth Ward
• Chip Leon	• Katherine Lang
• Teresa Morris	• Jeanine Valadez

Motion by Dailey and Seconded by Weinberg to authorize the use of Civic Center Land for the Construction of Outdoor Library Patio and send to Planning Commission for Final Design Approval. **Motion carried 3-2 by roll call vote with Councilmembers Fligor and Lee Eng opposed.**

8. Approve the restated employment agreement for City Manager which includes a base salary of \$284,595

Jolie Houston, City Attorney, gave an oral report on the salary details.

There were no speakers for this item.

Motion by Meadows and Seconded by Weinberg to approve the restated employment agreement for City Manager Engeland, which includes a base salary of \$284,595, retro-active to July 2023. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9. Tentative Council Calendar and Housing Element Update Calendar

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Pete Dailey, Councilmember** – Requested a future agenda item:
 - Urban Forest Master Plan (*Supported by Fligor and Lee Eng*)
- **Lynette Lee Eng, Councilmember** – Requested future agenda items:
 - City Attorney Review (*No support*)
 - Creating a public comment policy on redacting personal information on written public comments (*No support*)
 - Establishing a specific plan for the neighborhood behind Village Court (*No support*)

ADJOURNMENT – The regular meeting adjourned at 12:58 a.m. on November 29, 2023

The meeting minutes were prepared by Melissa Thurman, City Clerk, for approval at the special meeting of December 5, 2023.

Sally Meadows,
Mayor

Melissa Thurman, MMC
City Clerk

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