



**CITY OF LOS ALTOS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024  
7:00 p.m.  
1 N. San Antonio Rd. ~ Los Altos, CA**

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

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Jonathan D. Weinberg, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ESTABLISH QUORUM** – Pursuant to AB2449, **Sally Meadows, Councilmember**, announced she would attend the meeting remotely due to illness.

Motion by Fligor and Second by Lee Eng to approve the remote attendance of Councilmember Meadows. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – **Melanie Ercoli, Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution Los Altos Chapter**, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

The City Council unanimously approved Councilmember Meadows' remote attendance during the Closed Session meeting.

There were no public comments during the Closed Session meeting.

There was no reportable action taken for the Closed Session meeting of September 10, 2024 at 5:45 p.m.

### **CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

There were no changes to the order of the agenda.

### **SPECIAL ITEMS**

Issue Proclamation Recognizing September 17 - 23, 2024 as Constitution Week

**Jonathan D. Weinberg, Mayor**, presented the proclamation to **Melanie Ercoli, Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution Los Altos Chapter**.

Issue Proclamation Recognizing September as Emergency Preparedness Month

**Jonathan D. Weinberg, Mayor**, presented the proclamation to **Arthur Whipple, Resilient Los Altos**.

Receive Presentation from Resilient Los Altos on Emergency Preparedness

**Arthur Whipple, Resilient Los Altos**, gave the presentation.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

The following members of the public spoke during public comment:

- Frank Cano
- Eshu Vinnakota
- Teresa Morris
- Freddie Wheeler

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Lynette Lee Eng, Councilmember**, requested to pull Items 6 and 9 from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

**Jonathan D. Weinberg, Mayor**, moved Item 6 to after Item 11 on the agenda, and moved Item 9 to immediately following the Consent Calendar on the agenda.

Motion by Fligor and Second by Dailey to approve the Consent Calendar, excluding Items 6 and 9. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

1. Approve the Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 27 and August 28, 2024
2. Move to adopt a Resolution accepting completion of the On-Call Sanitary Sewer Spot Repairs and CCTV Inspection Services for FY 23/24 and authorize the Public Works Director to record a Notice of Completion as required by law, and find that this action is Exempt from Environmental Review pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State Guidelines Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970
3. Adopt an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos Adding Chapter 3.60 to Title 3 Revenue and Finance of the Los Altos Municipal Code Enacting Regulations for Development Impact and In-Lieu Fees and find that this Ordinance is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) and 15273(a)(1) and (a)(2) of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970.
4. Two separate actions for City Council consideration:
  - Adopt an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos Repealing in its Entirety the Traffic Impact Fee Ordinance, Chapter 3.48 of the Los Altos Municipal Code and find that this Ordinance is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) and 15273(a)(1) and (a)(2) of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970; and
  - Adopt an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos Amending Chapter 3.49 to Title 3 Revenue and Finance of the Los Altos Municipal Code for Affordable Housing Fees and find that this Ordinance is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) and 15273(a)(1) and (a)(2) of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970

5. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Subdivision Improvement Agreement and approve the Final Map for the project located at 5150 El Camino Real.
  
7. Two separate actions for City Council consideration:
  - Allocation additional funding in the amount of \$131,000 into fiscal year 2024/25 Parks & Recreation operating budget for the median and roadway shoulder maintenance agreement; and
  
  - Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Del Conte's Landscaping in the amount not to exceed \$208,116 annually for median and roadway shoulder maintenance
  
8. Re-adopt a Resolution accepting the Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP), including Volume 1 and the Los Altos Annex
  
9. Adopt a Resolution awarding the construction contract for the Lincoln Park Drinking Fountains Project CF-01030 to EPS, Inc. of San Mateo, California as the lowest responsible bidder submitting a responsive bid with a Base Bid amount not-to-exceed \$98,000, and up to 15% contingency, if needed, in the amount not-to-exceed \$14,700, for a total construction amount not-to-exceed \$112,700

**Lynette Lee Eng, Councilmember**, explained why she requested to pull the item for further discussion.

There were no public comments regarding the item.

Motion by Weinberg and Second by Dailey to adopt a Resolution awarding the construction contract for the Lincoln Park Drinking Fountains Project CF-01030 to EPS, Inc. of San Mateo, California as the lowest responsible bidder submitting a responsive bid with a Base Bid amount not-to-exceed \$98,000, and up to 15% contingency, if needed, in the amount not-to-exceed \$14,700, for a total construction amount not-to-exceed \$112,700. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

10. Appeal the Approval of Tree Removal Permit (24-0062) for twenty-five (25) Apricot Trees located behind the Los Altos Police Department at 1 N. San Antonio Road

**Jonathan D. Weinberg, Mayor**, opened the item and explained the appeal process.

**Catherine Nunes, Appellant**, presented the reason for the submission of the appeal.

**Nick Zornes, Assistant City Manager of Land Use**, presented the staff report.

**Jonathan D. Weinberg, Mayor**, opened the Public Hearing.

The following members of the public spoke during the Public Hearing:

- Teresa Morris
- Nancy Martin
- Chip Lion
- Maria Bautista
- Robert Specker
- Kate Disney
- Jeanine Valadez

**Catherine Nunes, Appellant**, made rebuttal comments to the staff presentation.

**Jonathan D. Weinberg, Mayor**, closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Weinberg and Second by Dailey to deny the appeal and uphold the decision of the Development Services Department to allow the removal of twenty-five (25) apricot trees in the secured rear yard of the Los Altos Police Department at 1 N. San Antonio Road. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 11.** Accept Environmental Commission Recommendations #1, #2, and #5 for Accelerating Building Electrification

**Nick Zornes, Assistant City Manager of Land Use**, presented the report.

The following member of the public spoke regarding the item:

- Laura Tekler

Motion by Dailey and Second by Fligor to accept the Environmental Commission recommendation #1. **Motion carried 4-1 with Councilmember Lee Eng opposed.**

Motion by Dailey and Second by Lee Eng to accept the Environmental Commission Recommendation #2. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

- 6.** Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Los Altos suspending enforcement of the City of Los Altos Municipal Code, local laws and regulations imposing all-electric requirements for new construction or otherwise prohibiting use or installation of gas appliances contained within City of Los Altos Municipal Code Title 12 and find that this action is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061 of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970

**Lynette Lee Eng, Councilmember**, explained why she requested to pull the item for further discussion.

There were no public comments regarding the item.

Motion by Lee Eng and Second by Dailey to adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Los Altos suspending enforcement of the City of Los Altos Municipal Code, local laws and regulations imposing all-electric requirements for new construction or otherwise prohibiting use or installation of gas appliances contained within City of Los Altos Municipal Code Title 12 and find that this action is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061 of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY**

*There will be no discussion or action on Informational Items*

12. Update on RFP for community engagement and design services for downtown park with underground parking
13. Tentative Council Calendar and Housing Element Update Implementation Calendar

#### **COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- **Pete Dailey, Vice Mayor** – Requested a future agenda item:
  - Discussion regarding a potential electric bicycle ordinance. *(Supported by Weinberg and Lee Eng)*
- **Jonathan D. Weinberg, Mayor** – Requested a future agenda item:
  - Discussion regarding a Climate Action Plan *(Supported by Fligor and Meadows)*

**ADJOURNMENT** – The regular meeting adjourned at 11:39 p.m.

The meeting minutes were prepared by Melissa Thurman, City Clerk, for approval at the regular meeting of September 24, 2024.

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Jonathan D. Weinberg  
Mayor

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Melissa Thurman, MMC  
City Clerk

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