



**CITY OF LOS ALTOS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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 7:00 p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM – All Councilmembers were present and in person.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – **Neysa Fligor, Councilmember**, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION – No reportable action was taken during the Closed Session meeting of September 12, 2023.

CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the order of the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following members of the public spoke during Public Comment:

- Jacob Sterling-Silver
- Kim Mosley
- Jennifer Lantz
- Nancy Martin
- Roberta Phillips
- Shrikanth Shankar

SPECIAL ITEMS

Presentation from Silicon Valley Clean Energy on the Electric Showcase Awards

Justin Zagunis, SVCE's Director of Decarbonization Programs and Policy, announced the Electric Showcase Award Winner as Los Altos resident Tom Twiddell.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following members of the public spoke regarding Item 9 of the Consent Calendar:

- Roberta Phillips

Lynette Lee Eng, Councilmember, requested to pull Item 9 from the Consent Calendar.

Neysa Fligor, Councilmember, requested to pull Item 4 and Item 10 from the Consent Calendar.

Sally Meadows, Mayor, announced that Items 9, 4 and 10 would be heard after Item 13 on the Discussion Item.

Motion by Dailey and Seconded by Weinberg to approve the Consent Calendar, excluding pulled Items 4, 9 and 10. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote for Items 1-6 and Items 8-11. Motion for Item 7 carried 3-2 with Councilmembers Fligor and Lee Eng opposed.**

1. Approve the Special and Regular Meeting Minutes for the meetings of August 22, 2023
2. Quarterly Investment Portfolio Report – Quarter Ended June 30, 2023
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute a not-to-exceed contract with C2R Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$100,000 to provide on-call sanitary sewer spot repairs and CCTV inspection services
4. Waive second reading and adopt Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments implementing programs identified in the adopted housing element, Program 4.C Allow Low Barrier Navigation Centers consistent with AB 101, Program 4.D Allow transitional and supportive housing consistent with State law, Program 4. E Allow employee/farmworker housing consistent with State law, Program 4.F Reasonably accommodate disabled persons’ housing needs. The proposed amendments are exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines since there would be no possibility of a significant effect on the environment
5. Waive second reading and adopt an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos Adding Chapter 12.72 Penalty for Expired Permits and amending Chapter 12.08 and 12.10 of the Los Altos Municipal Code and find that this action is Exempt from Environmental Review Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970
6. Waive second reading and adopt an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos Adding Chapter 11.14 Mechanical Equipment to Title 11 Miscellaneous Property Regulations of the Los Altos Municipal Code and find that this action is Exempt from Environmental Review Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970
7. Authorize the City Manager to execute a five-year funding agreement with Community Services Agency in the amount of \$25,000 annually
8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 1 to Joint Exercise Powers Agreement and Cooperation Agreement to undertake or to assist in the undertaking of essential activities pursuant to Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the period of October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2020 and subsequent automatic renewals unless terminated

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. Introduce and waive further reading of an ordinance of bidding procedures under the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act; find that the adoption of the ordinance is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061

June Du, Finance Director, presented the report.

There were no speakers regarding the item.

Motion by Weinberg and Seconded by Dailey to waive the first reading and introduce an ordinance of bidding procedures under the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act; find that the adoption of the ordinance is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

10. Authorize the City Manager to sign a new contract with the Los Altos History Museum in the initial amount of \$120,000 annually for five years

Anthony Carnesecca, Assistant to the City Manager, and **Dr. Elizabeth Ward, Los Altos History Museum Director**, presented the report.

There were no speakers regarding the item.

Motion by Fligor and Seconded by Lee Eng to authorize the City Manager to sign a new contract with the Los Altos History Museum in the initial amount of \$120,000 annually for five years.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

11. Authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$67,500 annually for five years as previously directed during the budget process (*Previously Item 9 on the Consent Calendar*)

Motion by Dailey and Seconded by Weinberg to authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$67,500 annually for five years as previously directed during the budget process. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement for a Downtown Parking Strategy (*Previously Item 4 on the Consent Calendar*)

Motion by Weinberg and Seconded by Dailey to authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement for a Downtown Parking Strategy. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

The City Council took a recess at 8:50 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 9:02 p.m.

13. Approve amendments to the Commission Handbook sections on ad hoc subcommittees, Council liaisons, and conflicts of interest (*Previously Item 10 on the Consent Calendar*)

Neysa Fligor, Councilmember, requested an amendment to the Commission Handbook:

- In the event that a Commission is not able to select a Commission member as a liaison to another board, commission, or agency and a staff member cannot serve in that capacity, the Commission may recommend an individual resident to represent the Commission upon approval by the Commission and City Council.

Motion by Fligor and Seconded by Lee Eng to approve amendments to the Commission Handbook sections on ad hoc subcommittees, Council liaisons, and conflicts of interest, as amended.

14. Consider the Public Arts Commission recommendation to purchase and place three sculptures by artist Matthew Duffy at locations within the City

Jon Maginot, Assistant City Manager, presented the report.

The following members of the public spoke regarding the item:

- Eric Steinle
- Monica Waldman
- Roberta Phillips

Motion by Meadows and Seconded by Dailey to approve the purchase of one heart-art sculpture, and to direct the PARC to identify a location in Los Altos that is deficient of public art, to place the sculpture. **Motion carried 4-1 with Vice Mayor Weinberg opposed.**

15. Discuss the recommended appointment process and schedule and make changes as appropriate

Sally Meadows, Mayor, opened the item.

There were no speakers regarding this item.

The City Council provided the following direction regarding the Commission appointment process:

- Commission interviews will be held on September 19, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
- Applicants will be given three questions prior to the meeting
- Applicants will be given three self-managed minutes to answer the three questions
- Council may ask additional questions, if necessary

16. Discuss the California Business Roundtable (CBRT) Measure and Provide Direction to the City of Los Altos Voting Delegate regarding potential petitioned resolutions at the CalCities Annual Conference in Sacramento, CA on September 20-22, 2023

Neysa Fligor, Councilmember, presented the report and announced she would abstain from voting on the item due to her position on CalCities

Motion by Meadows and Seconded by Weinberg to provide direction to the City of Los Altos Voting Delegate (Mayor Meadows) to oppose the California Business Roundtable Measure (CBRT) at any meeting the Voting Delegate would be taking a position. **Motion carried 3-0-2 by roll call vote with Councilmembers Lee Eng and Fligor abstained.**

Motion by Fligor and Seconded by Meadows to authorize the City of Los Altos Voting Delegate (Mayor Meadows), or future Voting Delegates, to vote in opposition to any measure that is similar to the 2022 CalCities Annual Conference resolution that was brought forth by petition. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

17. Determine whether the City wishes to provide a donation to an organization in the wake of the wildfires in Maui

Lynette Lee Eng, Councilmember, presented the report and to announce an event held at the Los Altos History Museum raising funds for Lahaina and to rescind the request for city funds for a donation.

There were no speakers for this item.

Due to the item being rescinded, no motion was taken.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY

18. Tentative Council Calendar and Housing Element Update Calendar

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Jonathan Weinberg** – Requested a future agenda item for discussion regarding remedial action of Planning Commissioner Kate Disney for violation of the Commission Handbook pursuant to Council Norms and Procedures, Section 4.5. (Supported by Dailey and Meadows)

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 10:54 p.m.

The meeting minutes were prepared by Melissa Thurman, City Clerk, for approval at the regular meeting of September 26, 2023.

Sally Meadows,
Mayor

Melissa Thurman, MMC
City Clerk

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