



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022**

Held Via Video/Teleconference Per California Executive Order N-29-20.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:17 p.m., Mayor Enander called the meeting to order.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present: Mayor Enander, Vice Mayor Meadows, Council Members Fligor, Lee Eng, and Weinberg

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Jilly Jaros of Girl Scout Troop 60199 led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case: *Satish Ramachandran v. City of Los Altos, et al.*
United States District Court, Northern District of California
Case No. 5:18-cv-01223-VKD
2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case: *Satish Ramachandran v. City of Los Altos, et al.*
Santa Clara County Superior Court
Case No. 21CV391414
3. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case: *Satish Ramachandran v. City of Los Altos, et al.*
Santa Clara County Superior Court
Case No. 21CV386694

Mayor Enander reported that the Council held a Closed Session earlier in the evening and stated that no action was taken and there was nothing to report out.

CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

There were no changes made.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Frank Martin, Janet Corrigan, Roberta Phillips, Anne Paulson, and Joe Beninato provided comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. City Council Minutes:** Approve the (amended) Minutes of the December 14, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting. (A. Chelemengos)
- 2. Professional Services Agreement Amendment:** Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Alta Planning + Design for Complete Streets Master Plan in a not-to-exceed amount of \$14,000 for a total contract value of \$179,426; and find that the amendment is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act. (M. Lee)
- 3. Professional Services Agreement Amendment:** Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Bellecci and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$120,090 for consulting and support services for various engineering tasks for FY 2021-2022. (T. Nguyen)
- 4. Los Altos Summer Internship Program:** Approve the program outlined in the Los Altos Summer Internship Program and authorize program implementation. (I. Silipin)
- 5. Extension of Local Emergency:** Adopt Resolution extending the declaration of a local emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (J. Maginot)

Council Member Fligor moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Meadows and the motion passed 5-0 with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Fligor, Lee Eng, Weinberg, Vice Mayor Meadows, and Mayor Enander
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 6.** Item removed from agenda per applicants request 01.05.2022

Mayor Enander announced that Agenda Item number 6 had been removed from the agenda at the applicant's request.

- 7. Establishment of Permanent Dog Parks:** Consider development of one fenced-in dog park in north Los Altos located adjacent to the Civic Center Soccer Field and one fenced-in dog park in south Los Altos at McKenzie Park West; make findings that the (Project) is

exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15061(b)(3) , 15301, 15304, and 15305; that none of the exceptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 to the availability of the foregoing categorical exemptions applies to the Project; and direct the City Manager or designee to prepare and file a notice of exemption in connection with this project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062 and increase the current fiscal year budget by \$100,000 allocated from Park in Lieu funds. If approved by Council, staff will return with changes to the City's Municipal Code, policies and procedures, and appropriate findings as required. (D. Legge/M. Hernandez)

City Manager Engeland provided introduction of the item and introduced Facilities Director Hernandez and Recreation and Community Services Director Legge who provided a report and answered questions from the Council.

The following members of the public commented on the matter: Frank Martin, Teresa Morris, Bette Houtchens (with time cede from Steven Houtchens) Diane, Barbara Adey Alon Amit, Lisa Deegan, David Stiff, Millie Squire, Larry Baron, Linda White, call in speaker identified last digits 9493, Jeanine Valadez, Bill Sheppard, and Jim Sweeney.

City Attorney Houston clarified that the matter would be back before the Council in an ordinance form.

Council discussion commended. Neighborhood notification was discussed as well as possibly staggering the opening of multiple dog parks.

Following Council discussion, Council Member Weinberg moved that the Council find the project to be exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15061(b)(3) , 15301, 15304, and 15305; that none of the exceptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 to the availability of the foregoing categorical exemptions applies to the Project and direct staff to proceed with the necessary process, including City outreach to the residents of the area, to establish a fenced in dog park adjacent to the Civic Center Soccer Field including bringing back to Council for review and approval specific siting areas within the designated field to place a fenced in dog area. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee Eng and the motion passed 5-0 with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Fligor, Lee Eng, Weinberg, Vice Mayor Meadows, and Mayor Enander
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Council Member Weinberg moved that the Council find the project to be exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15061(b)(3) , 15301, 15304, and 15305; that none of the exceptions set forth in CEQA

Guidelines Section 15300.2 to the availability of the foregoing categorical exemptions applies to the Project and direct staff to proceed with the necessary process to establish a fenced in dog park in McKenzie Park West, per the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mayor Enander and the motion passed 4-1 with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Lee Eng, Weinberg, Vice Mayor Meadows, and Mayor Enander
NOES: Council Member Fligor
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Council Member Fligor stated she voted No because she preferred a delayed opening of the second dog park.

Council Member Lee Eng moved that the Council direct staff to proceed with the implementation of the parks as directed and return to the Council for adoption of the necessary ordinances and formal authorization to increase the current fiscal year budget by \$100,000 allocated from Park in Lieu funds for use toward implementation of the dog parks. The motion was seconded by Council Member Weinberg and the motion passed 5-0 with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Fligor, Lee Eng, Weinberg, Vice Mayor Meadows, and Mayor Enander
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY

- Tentative Council Calendar

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Lee Eng reported that a collective effort to place an initiative on the ballot opposing SB 9 and 10 is underway and she would like the Council to place the matter on a future agenda of whether to join or somehow support the effort. Mayor Enander stated that she may be willing to support the request after she has had time to discuss the matter with the City Manager.

Council Member Fligor, supported by Council Member Weinberg, requested an agenda item to discuss the nature of the Council Legislative Subcommittee as a Standing committee.

In addition, Council Member Fligor reported the existence of a meeting conflict relative to her 2022 Council assignments. She requested a reassignment. Mayor Enander advised Council Member Fligor to work with another Council member on an agreeable trade of assignments and asked that staff place the matter on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:14 p.m., Mayor Enander adjourned the meeting.

Anita Enander MAYOR

ATTEST:

Andrea M. Chelemengos MMC, CITY CLERK

DRAFT