



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM - Tuesday, February 14, 2023
via Videoconference and In Person

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

At 7:02 p.m. Mayor Meadows called the meeting to order.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Councilmembers Fligor, Lee Eng (via Zoom), Dailey (via Zoom), Vice Mayor Weinberg, Mayor Meadows

ABSENT: None

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Melissa Marti, Camila Lagar-Garcia, Krisha Diggi, and Eva Bruled with Troop 61911 led the pledge of allegiance.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

There were no changes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

SPECIAL ITEM

- i. Black History Month Proclamation

Mayor Meadows presented the Black History Month Proclamation to the Council and the community.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Notice of Completion:** Adopt Resolution No. 2023-XX for On-Call Sanitary Sewer Spot Repairs and CCTV Inspection Services for FY 21/22 (G. Grant)
2. **Emergency Declaration Resolution:** Adopt a Resolution terminating the local emergency declaration due to the COVID-19 pandemic (J. Maginot)

3. **Amendment No. 3 to the Contract with Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc. for Traffic Signal and Streetlight Maintenance Services:** Adopt a resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute contract Amendment No. 3 with Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc. to extend the term through FY 22/23 and add funds in the amount of \$75,000 for a total not to exceed maintenance budget of \$381,000 for on-call traffic signal and streetlight maintenance services. (N. S. Majd)
4. **Approve the Updated Fiscal Year 2022/23 Pay Schedule:** Adopt Resolution 2023-XX to adopt the Updated Fiscal Year 2022/23 Pay Schedule to Comply with California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Statutory and Regulatory Requirements for Compensation Earnable and Publicly Available Pay Schedules (I. Silipin)
5. **Minutes:** Approve Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of January 24, 2023. (A. Rodriguez)

A motion by Councilmember Fligor, seconded by Councilmember Dailey, to approve the consent calendar as presented was approved with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Fligor, Lee Eng, Dailey, Vice Mayor Weinberg, Mayor Meadows
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. **Consider a Resolution to Adopt a Policy Implementing SB 743 and Finding the Council's Action Exempt from Review Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** Adopting a resolution that would implement a policy establishing thresholds of significance, using Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT), to analyze transportation impacts under CEQA, consistent with SB 743; consider a finding that the City Council's action in adopting the resolution is not subject to review under CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21065 (definition of a CEQA "project"), CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.7 (requirements for adopting thresholds of significance), and CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (commonsense exemption).

Erik Ramakrishnan, Assistant City Attorney, and Stephanie Williams, Planning Services Manager, presented to Council.

There was no public comment.

The Council engaged in discussions.

A motion by Vice Mayor Weinberg, seconded by Councilmember Fligor, to adopt a policy the implementing California Senate Bill No. 743 regarding transportation analysis under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and finding that the adoption of this resolution is exempt from review under CEQA was approved with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Fligor, Lee Eng, Dailey, Vice Mayor Weinberg, Mayor Meadows
 NOES: None

ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

7. FY22/23 Budget Appropriations: Approve and Adopt a Resolution for Adjustments to FY22/23 Budget Appropriations (J. Du)

Finance Director June Du presented to Council.

Councilmembers Dailey, Fligor and Lee Eng asked clarifying questions and Director Du and City Manager Engeland responded.

The following members of the public spoke: Terry Couture, and Jeanine Valadez.

A motion by Councilmember Fligor, seconded by Vice Mayor Weinberg, to approve the recommended adjustments to Fiscal Year 22/23 budget appropriations as presented and adopt the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Final Operating Budget was approved with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Fligor, Lee Eng, Dailey, Vice Mayor Weinberg, Mayor Meadows
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

8. Housing Element Implementing Resolutions: Elimination of Third Party Independent Architectural Review and Elimination of Story Pole Requirement. The proposed resolutions are exempt from environmental review pursuant to General Rule, 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. (N. Zornes)

Development Services Director Nick Zornes presented to Council.

Councilmembers Lee Eng and Fligor asked clarifying questions and Director Zornes and City Attorney Houston responded.

The following member of the public spoke: Joe Beninato.

A motion by Vice Mayor Weinberg, seconded by Mayor Meadows, to adopt a resolution eliminating the requirement for third party independent architectural review for projects in the downtown and finding that the adoption of this resolution is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act passed with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Fligor, Dailey, Vice Mayor Weinberg, Mayor Meadows
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Lee Eng

A motion by Vice Mayor Weinberg, seconded by Mayor Meadows, to adopt a resolution amending the Open Government Policy and finding that the adoption of this resolution is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act passed with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Fligor, Dailey, Vice Mayor Weinberg, Mayor Meadows
NOES: None

ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Lee Eng

At 8:10 pm, Mayor Meadows called for a recess and reconvened the meeting back to order at 8:20 pm.

9. Commission Appointment Process: Amend the "Membership of City Commissions" section from the Los Altos Commission Handbook (A. Carnesecca)

Economic Development Administrator Anthony Carnesecca presented the item to Council.

Councilmembers Lee Eng, Fligor and Mayor Meadows asked clarifying questions and Mr. Carnesecca responded.

The was no public comment.

The Council engaged in discussion. City Manager Engeland provided additional comments.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Weinberg, seconded by Councilmember Dailey, to continue this item until after the Council retreat.

Council provided direction to staff and wants further direction from the Council retreat to be reflected on the final version and to be brought back on the consent calendar.

Vice Mayor Weinberg withdrew his former motion.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY

10. Tentative Council Calendar

Mayor Meadows reminded the public about the upcoming Council retreat on February 21, 2023.

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Council reported out on several events that they attended or took part of.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Meadows adjourned the meeting at 9:09 pm.

Sally Meadows, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Angel Rodriguez, INTERIM CITY CLERK