



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM - Tuesday, February 28, 2023
via Videoconference and In Person

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m. Mayor Meadows called the meeting to order.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

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

ABSENT: None

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Diya Venuprakash, Sarah Du, Elodie Guy, Stella Berger-Morris, Adithi Kaza, Aliyah Lazar with Troop 60078 led the pledge.

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

The following members of the public spoke: Bebe, and Kim Mosley.

SPECIAL ITEM

- i. 2023 March as Youth Arts Month Proclamation

Mayor Meadows presented the Youth Arts Month Proclamation and Sofia Fojas, Arts Coordinator with the Santa Clara County Office of Education, spoke to the item.

- ii. Los Altos 2022 STEM Winners

Forrest Williams with the Santa Clara Valley Science and Engineering Fair Association presented the item to Council and Mayor Meadows recognized the Los Altos 2022 STEM Winners.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Minutes:** Approve Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of February 14, 2023. (A. Rodriguez)

2. **Commission Appointment Process:** Amend the "Membership of City Commissions" section from the Los Altos Commission Handbook (A. Carnesecca)
3. **Rescind the Los Altos Open Government Policy and terminate the City Council Legislative Subcommittee and the Council Open Government Subcommittee:** Adopt Resolution 2023-XX repealing Resolution No. 2019-30 regarding Open Government Policy in its entirety and terminate the City Council Legislative Subcommittee (A. Rodriguez)

Consent item 2 was pulled by Councilmembers Lee Eng and Consent item 3 was pulled by Roberta Phillips, a member of the public.

A motion by Councilmember Fligor, seconded by Vice Mayor Weinberg, to approve item 1 from the Consent calendar 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

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

Councilmember Lee Eng addressed the Council.

A motion by Vice Mayor Weinberg was seconded by Councilmember Fligor, with a friendly amendment to remove the word 'only' from the proposed language on page three of the staff report, which was accepted by Vice Mayor Weinberg, to amend the recruitment section of the Commission Handbook.

Councilmember Lee Eng made a substitute motion to continue this agenda item until meetings are held with the Commission Chairs, but the substitute motion failed as it received no second.

Changes to recruitment section of the Commission Handbook as discussed were approved with the following roll call vote:

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

3. **Rescind the Los Altos Open Government Policy and terminate the City Council Legislative Subcommittee and the Council Open Government Subcommittee:** Adopt Resolution 2023-XX repealing Resolution No. 2019-30 regarding Open Government Policy in its entirety and terminate the City Council Legislative Subcommittee (A. Rodriguez)

Mayor Meadows provided some clarity to Council on this item. Councilmember Lee Eng commented. Councilmember Fligor, Lee Eng, Vice Mayor Weinberg asked clarifying questions and City Attorney and City Manager Engeland responded.

A motion by Councilmember Fligor, seconded by Vice Mayor Weinberg, to adopt a resolution amending resolution 2019-30 by terminating the City Council's Legislative Subcommittee and the Open Government Subcommittee with the amendments also submitted by staff and amendments to the title of the resolution 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

4. **Permanent Fenced-In Dog Park at Hillview:** Approve the use of \$75,000 from Park-In-Lieu Funds to Contract Design Consultant Services for the Permanent Fenced-In Dog Park at Hillview (M. Hernandez)

Park and Recreation Director Manny Hernandez presented the item to Council.

The Council asked clarifying questions and Director Hernandez responded.

The following members of the public spoke: David Smith, Jeannine Valadez, Freddie Park Wheeler, Roberta Philips, and Joe Beninato.

Councilmember Lee Eng commented, and City Manager Engeland responded. The Council engaged in discussion.

A motion by Councilmember Lee Eng, seconded by Councilmember Fligor, to approve the Park-In-Lieu funds for consultant services for the design process of the permanent dog park at Hillview Park and authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Verde Design for consultant services in the amount not to exceed \$75,000 for the design process of the permanent dog park at Hillview Park was adopted by Council with the following roll call vote:

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

5. **Housing Element Update Ordinance:** Approve an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos amending chapters 2.08, 12.44, 13.04, 14.76, and 14.78 of the Los Altos municipal code to implement certain provisions of program 3.h of the sixth cycle Housing Element Update, this ordinance is exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) of the state guidelines implementing the California environmental quality act of 1970. (N. Zornes)

Development Services Director Nick Zornes presented to Council.

Vice Mayor Weinberg, Councilmembers Dailey, Lee Eng, and Fligor asked clarifying questions to which Director Zornes responded.

The following members of the public spoke: Albert Luster, Mauricio Chavez, Stacy Banerjee, Dwight Wrench, and Teresa Morris.

At 9:12 pm, Mayor Meadows called for a recess and reconvened the meeting at 9:25 pm.

The Council engaged in discussion and City Attorney Houston, Development Services Director Zornes, and City Manager Engeland commented.

A motion by Councilmember Weinberg, seconded by Councilmember Dailey, to adopt an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos amending chapters 2.08, 12.44, 13.04, 14.76, and 14.78 of the Los Altos municipal code to implement certain provisions of program 3.H of the Sixth Cycle Housing Element Update with the amendments to chapter 14.78 that were discussed and waive further reading and return for adoption at the next Regular Meeting was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 6. Proposition 218 process/Sewer Rate Study Report:** Approve the Sewer Rate Study Report and direct staff to proceed with the Proposition 218 Notice Process (A. Fairman)

Environmental Services and Utilities Department Aida Fairman presented to Council with the help of Jordan Taylor and Allan Highstreet with NBS.

Councilmember Lee Eng asked clarifying question.

The following member of the public spoke: Roberta Phillips

A motion by Councilmember Fligor, seconded by Vice Mayor Weinberg, to approve the Sewer Rate Study Report and direct staff to proceed with the Proposition 218 Notice Process 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

Councilmember Lee Eng requested non rate revenue information and City Manager Engeland agreed to provide it to Council.

At 10:58 pm, Mayor Meadows called for a recess and reconvened the meeting at 11:08 pm.

- 7. Automated License Plate Reader Cameras:** Approve a one-year pilot program of Automated License Plate Readers for up to 25 cameras and up to \$75,000 (A. Averiett)

City Manager Engeland and Police Chief Angela Averiett presented the item to Council.

The Council asked clarifying questions and Chief Averiett and Hector Soliman-Valadez from Flock responded.

The following members of the public spoke: Eugene Hyman, Kim Mosley, Jeannine Valadez, Tania Maluf, Curtis Cole, Myra Orta, Brian Jones, Renee Rashid, Roberta Philips, Cindy Sidaris, Scott Spielman, and Maureen Griffin.

Council engaged in discussion and provided direction to staff to have this item come back to Council.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY

8. Tentative Council Calendar
9. Neighborhood Safety and Infrastructure Committee

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

City Manager Engeland reported that the COVID Emergency Measures have ended as of March 1.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Meadows adjourned the meeting at 1:21 am.

Sally Meadows, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Angel Rodriguez, INTERIM CITY CLERK