



**CITY OF LOS ALTOS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 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 – All Councilmembers were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Neysa Fligor, Councilmember, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

There was no reportable action taken for the Closed Session meeting of May 28, 2024 at 4:45 p.m.

CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the order of the agenda.

SPECIAL ITEM

Issue Proclamation Recognizing Historical Preservation Award

Jonathan D. Weinberg, Mayor, presented the proclamation to **Liz Nyberg, City of Los Altos Historic Preservation Award Recipient**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following members of the public spoke during Public Comment:

- Patricia
- Susan Bassi

CONSENT CALENDAR

Lynette Lee Eng, Councilmember, requested to pull Item 2 for discussion.

Jonathan D. Weinberg, Mayor, moved Item 2 of the Consent Calendar to the end of the Discussion Items section of the agenda.

Motion by Dailey and Second by Fligor to approve Item 1 of the Consent Calendar. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

1. Approve Draft Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2024

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Introduce and waive further reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos adding Chapter 14.64 to Title 14 (Zoning) of the Los Altos Municipal Code

enacting regulations for dual opportunity developments (SB9) and find the Ordinance exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and Adopt a Resolution rescinding Resolution 2021-57 establishing objective standards for single-family residences to implement Senate Bill 9 and find the Resolution exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Stephanie Williams, Deputy Director of Development Services, presented the report.

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

There were no speakers during the Public Hearing.

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

Motion by Meadows and Second by Fligor to Introduce and waive further reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos adding Chapter 14.64 to Title 14 (Zoning) of the Los Altos Municipal Code enacting regulations for dual opportunity developments (SB9) and find the Ordinance exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). **Motion carried 4-1 by roll call vote with Councilmember Lee Eng opposed.**

Motion by Meadows and Second by Fligor to adopt a Resolution rescinding Resolution 2021-57 establishing objective standards for single-family residences to implement Senate Bill 9 and find the Resolution exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). **Motion carried 4-1 by roll call vote with Councilmember Lee Eng opposed.**

4. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Los Altos Adopting a Nexus Study for Development Impact Fees in Compliance with Assembly Bill 602 (AB 602) and find that this action is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15273 of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970

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

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

There were no speakers during the Public Hearing.

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

Motion by Fligor and Second by Dailey to adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Los Altos Adopting a Nexus Study for Development Impact Fees in Compliance with Assembly Bill 602 (AB 602) and find that this action is exempt from environmental review pursuant to

Section 15273 of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Review non-profit and civic organization contribution applications and direct staff to incorporate funding into the budget for FY24-25

Anthony Carnesecca, Assistant to the City Manager, presented the report.

The following members of the public spoke regarding the item:

- Susan Bassi
- Patricia
- Karen Zucker
- Art Whipple
- Maddy McBirney
- Margaret Petros
- Freddie Wheeler
- Jeanine Valadez

The City Council took a recess at 9:11 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 9:21 p.m.

The City Council took the following actions regarding funding for civic organization contribution applications for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget:

- Directed a grant of \$10,000 to Arts Los Altos
 - Directed staff to meet with Resilient Los Altos and incorporate their request into the Operating Budget for emergency preparedness
 - Did not issue grants to any other non-profit applicants
6. Adopt a Resolution Declaring Intent to Transition from an At-Large Election System to a District-Based Election System Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10010, with the Transition Taking Effect at the November 2026 and 2028 Elections

Melissa Thurman, City Clerk, and Kimon Manolius, Outside Legal Counsel, presented the report.

The following members of the public spoke regarding the item:

- Christopher Roat
- Freddie Wheeler
- Jeanine Valadez

Motion by Weinberg and Second by Meadows to Adopt a Resolution Declaring Intent to Transition from an At-Large Election System to a District-Based Election System Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10010, amending the proposed resolution to eliminate Paragraph 7 in the “Now Therefore” section, with the Transition Taking Effect at the November 2026 and 2028 Elections. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

2. Adopt a Resolution in Support of Childcare for All

This item was moved from the Consent Calendar.

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

Sally Meadows, Councilmember, recommended the following amendment to the resolution:

- Removing the word “all” from the title of the Resolution, as well as in the first item in the “Now Therefore” section

Motion by Meadows and Second by Lee Eng to adopt a resolution in Support of Childcare for All. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY

There will be no discussion or action on Informational Items

- 7. Tentative Council Calendar and Housing Element Update Implementation Calendar**
- 8. Memo on the County of Santa Clara Weed Abatement Program**

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Jonathan D. Weinberg, Mayor** – Requested future agenda items:
 - Formation of a Subcommittee to conduct the City Manager’s Performance Review (*Supported by Fligor and Meadows*)
 - Discussion item on how the city can assist businesses in the Parklet Program (*Supported by Fligor and Dailey*)
 - Direct staff to conduct an internal investigation on an allegation of accusation of bias of the commission process (*Supported by Fligor and Dailey*)
- **Neysa Fligor, Councilmember** – Requested future agenda items:
 - Discussion item regarding a childcare program (*Supported by Weinberg*)
 - Consent item to adopt a policy that Council should not involve themselves in foreign policy (*Supported by Weinberg and Lee Eng*)
- **Lynette Lee Eng, Councilmember** – Requested future agenda items:
 - City Attorney Annual Review (*No support*)
 - Discussion item on the scope of the Parks, Arts, Recreation & Cultural Commission (*No support*)
 - Discussion item on remote public participation (*No support*)

ADJOURNMENT – The regular meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

The meeting minutes were prepared by Melissa Thurman, City Clerk, for approval at the regular meeting of June 11, 2024.

Jonathan D. Weinberg
Mayor

Melissa Thurman, MMC
City Clerk

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