

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018,  
BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, 1 NORTH SAN  
ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

PRESENT: Mayor Mordo, Vice Mayor Lee Eng, Councilmembers Bruins, Pepper and Prochnow

ABSENT: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Mordo led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

The Council moved agenda item number 5 to immediately before item number 4.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

The following individual provided comments on items not on the agenda: Los Altos resident Anita Enander.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Bruins pulled item number 2.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Bruins, seconded by Councilmember Pepper, the Council unanimously approved the Consent Calendar, with the exception of item number 2, as follows:

1. Council Minutes: Approved the minutes of the November 16, 2017 joint meeting with Los Altos Hills City Council and January 9, 2018 regular meeting.
2. Aircraft Noise: Authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement between the Cities of Los Altos and Mountain View and CSDA Design Group in total contract amount not to exceed \$89,000 with each City contributing 50% of the total cost for consultant services for airplane noise generated by South Flow Arrivals to San Jose International Airport and appropriate \$44,500 from the General Fund for the City's portion of the contract – *Pulled for discussion (see page 2).*
3. Sanitary Sewer Root Foaming: Authorized the purchase of material and equipment rental from WECO Industries in an amount not to exceed \$195,000 for Sanitary Sewer Root Foaming.

## **ITEM PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

2. Aircraft Noise: Authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement between the Cities of Los Altos and Mountain View and CSDA Design Group in total contract amount not to exceed \$89,000 with each City contributing 50% of the total cost for consultant services for airplane noise generated by South Flow Arrivals to San Jose International Airport and appropriate \$44,500 from the General Fund for the City's portion of the contract

### Public Comments

The following individuals presented public comments: Palo Alto Councilmember Lydia Kou and Los Altos resident Marko Radojicic.

Motion: Motion made by Councilmember Bruins to authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement between the Cities of Los Altos and Mountain View and CSDA Design Group in total contract amount not to exceed \$89,000 with each City contributing 50% of the total cost for consultant services for airplane noise generated by South Flow Arrivals to San Jose International Airport, appropriate \$44,500 from the General Fund for the City's portion of the contract and direct the City's representative to the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on South Flow Arrivals to encourage the Committee to engage the services of an aircraft noise consultant to advise the Ad Hoc Committee as a whole. The motion died for a lack of second.

Action: Motion made by Councilmember Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Lee Eng, to authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement between the Cities of Los Altos and Mountain View and CSDA Design Group in total contract amount not to exceed \$89,000 with each City contributing 50% of the total cost for consultant services for airplane noise generated by South Flow Arrivals to San Jose International Airport, appropriate \$44,500 from the General Fund for the City's portion of the contract and to direct the City's representative to the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on South Flow Arrivals to work with his counterpart from Mountain View to determine if Mountain View is interested in adding the Cities of East Palo Alto, Los Altos Hills and/or Palo Alto to the contract.

Vice Mayor Lee Eng offered an amendment, which was not accepted, to direct the City's representative to the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on South Flow Arrivals to invite the Cities of East Palo Alto, Los Altos Hills and Palo Alto to participate in the contract.

The motion, as originally stated, passed unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

5. Appeal of Design Review Application – 571 Cherry Avenue: Adopt Resolution No. 2018-02 denying Design Review Application No. 17-SC-30 (571 Cherry Avenue) subject to the recommended findings (taken out of order)

Mayor Mordo opened the public hearing.

Associate Planner Gallegos presented the report.

Walter Chapman, representing the applicant, presented the appeal.

Mayor Mordo, Vice Mayor Lee Eng, and Councilmembers Bruins and Pepper disclosed ex parte communications with Walter Chapman.

#### Public Comments

The following individuals presented public comments: Los Altos residents Minxin Gui, Haifeng Gong, and Larry Lang (representing the Historical Commission).

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Lee Eng, seconded by Councilmember Bruins, the Council unanimously approved the appeal of denial of Design Review Application No. 17-SC-30 (571 Cherry Avenue) subject to the findings coming back to Council for approval.

4. Halsey House Feasibility Study: Develop a Capital Improvement Project to conduct an Initial Study which will evaluate environmental impacts associated with alternatives for the Halsey House

Engineering Services Manager Lamm presented the report.

#### Public Comments

The following individuals presented public comments: Los Altos residents Larry Lang (representing the Historical Commission), Scott Miller (as read by Walter Chapman), Runzhen Huang, Bruce Beck, Jack Tooley, Michael Ellerin, Nomi Trapnell, Marie Backs, Walter Chapman, Jon Baer, Pradeep Parmar (representing the Parks and Recreation Commission), Roberta Phillips, Margo Horn, Kurt Seifert, Larry Baron, Nancy Breneau, Gary Hedden and Jim Wing, Katherine Halsey Buss, Elisabeth Ward (representing the Los Altos History Museum), and Santa Clara County Heritage Commissioner April Halberstadt.

Mayor Mordo and Councilmember Prochnow supported conducting the Initial Study.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Lee Eng, the Council directed staff to use the \$25,000 intended for the Initial Study to take protective measures for the Halsey House, directed the Historical Commission to work with community members and staff to develop an application for the 2018 Santa Clara County Historical Heritage Grant for an initial project towards preserving the Halsey House, and directed the Historical Commission to make a recommendation on the next steps following the initial preservation measures, by the following vote: AYES: Bruins, Lee Eng and Pepper; NOES: Mordo and Prochnow; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT:

*Mayor Mordo recessed the meeting at 9:43 p.m. The meeting resumed at 9:50 p.m.*

6. Ordinance No. 2017-437: Historic Preservation Code Amendments: Introduce and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2017-437 amending Chapter 12.44 of the Los Altos Municipal Code

Associate Planner Gallegos presented the report.

#### Public Comment

Los Altos resident Larry Lang (representing the Historical Commission) provided public comments.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Bruins, seconded by Vice Mayor Lee Eng, the Council unanimously introduced and waived further reading of Ordinance No. 2017-437 amending Chapter 12.44 of the Los Altos Municipal Code, with the following amendments: 1) retain the phrase “and structures” in Section 12.44.040; 2) remove the definition for “Contributing resource” from Section 12.44.030; 3) add the word “or” in front of “a historic landmark” in Section 12.44.170; 4) determine if references to Planning Commission should include reference to the Design Review Commission as well throughout the Ordinance; 5) modify Section 12.44.050.A to read “the owner or owners;” and 6) add a Whereas to state that the Ordinance is being adopted due to the lack of potential historic districts within the City and the fact that the current Code language is not needed.

7. Appointment to Cities Association of Santa Clara County: Accept the Mayor’s appointment to the Cities Association of Santa Clara County Board

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Mordo, seconded by Councilmember Bruins, the Council unanimously accepted the Mayor’s appointment of Councilmember Pepper to serve on the Cities Association of Santa Clara County Board with Councilmember Bruins as alternate and Councilmember Bruins to serve on the Cities Association of Santa Clara County City Selection Committee with Councilmember Pepper as alternate.

## **COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Pepper reported she attended the Cities Association of Santa Clara County Board meeting on January 11, 2018.

Councilmember Bruins announced that Silicon Valley Clean Energy would be inviting high school students to participate in the Bike to the Future event on May 5, 2018. She further reported she attended the community meeting on the Miramonte Path project on January 22, 2018 and a BART ribbon cutting event.

Mayor Mordo reported he attended a ribbon cutting for an artistic bike rack in Loyola Corners on January 19, 2018.

City Manager Jordan reported the City received a letter from various downtown organizations regarding the City conducting a feasibility study for a potential downtown business improvement district and that the Council would meet in a joint session with the Public Arts Commission on February 13, 2018.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Mordo adjourned the meeting at 10:14 P.M.

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Jean Mordo, MAYOR

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Jon Maginot, CMC, CITY CLERK