

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 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**

None

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Mayor Mordo presented a proclamation recognizing DeMartini Orchard.

Information Technology Manager Tseng presented an update on the Information Technology Roadmap.

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

The following individuals provided comments on items not on the agenda: Los Altos residents Virginia Roman, Linda Hsi, David Deatherage, Ed Saadi, Viviana Bardina, Jane Osborn, Ronn Coldiron, Sarah Chang, Randy Kriegh, Henry More, Rebecca Sarabia, Michele Coldiron, Leo Torreano, Marge Haley, Trina Weller, Bob Jacobsen, Mary Hardy and Jonathan Shores.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Bruins pulled item number 5.

Public Comment: Los Altos resident Richard Clark presented public comments on item number 2.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Bruins, seconded by Vice Mayor Lee Eng, the Council unanimously approved the Consent Calendar, with the exception of item number 5, as follows:

1. Council Minutes: Approved the minutes of the June 12, 2018 regular meeting and joint study session with the Planning Commission.

2. Professional Services Agreement: Redwood Grove stewardship: Authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with Grass-Roots Ecology (formerly Acterra) in the amount of \$77,710 for Fiscal Year 2018/19 and including four one-year extensions to manage and restore Redwood Grove.
3. Professional Services Agreement: On-Call City-wide Tree Maintenance Services: Authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2018/19 for On-Call City-wide Tree Maintenance Services.
4. Quarterly Investment Portfolio Report – Quarter Ended March, 2018: Received the Investment Portfolio Report through March 31, 2018.
5. City Investment Policy: Adopt the revised Investment Policy – *pulled for discussion (see page 2)*.

#### **ITEM PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

5. City Investment Policy: Adopt the revised Investment Policy

Councilmember Bruins asked a question regarding the rationale behind a change in the Investment Policy.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Bruins, seconded by Councilmember Pepper, the Council unanimously adopted the revised Investment Policy.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

6. Ordinance No. 2018-445: Sanitary Sewer Rates: Introduce and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2018-445 establishing the rates of the Sewer Service Charge for Fiscal Year 2018-19 and subsequent Fiscal Years

Engineering Services Manager Lamm presented the report.

Mayor Mordo opened the public hearing.

Public Comments: The following individual provided public comments: Los Altos resident John Caulfield.

Mayor Mordo closed the public hearing.

City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager Maginot reported that the City had received 17 protest letters.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Bruins, seconded by Vice Mayor Lee Eng, the Council unanimously introduced and waived further reading of Ordinance No. 2018-445 establishing the rates of the Sewer Service Charge for Fiscal Year 2018-19 and four subsequent Fiscal Years.

*Mayor Mordo recessed the meeting at 8:27 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:33 p.m.*

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

7. City-owned land measure: Discuss a potential ordinance to be submitted to voters regarding the sale or transfer of City-owned land and provide direction to staff

Public Comments: The following individuals provided public comments: Los Altos residents Maddy McBirney, Sue Russell, Abigail Ahrens, Dennis Young, Tom Ferry and Gary Hedden.

Direction: Council directed staff to prepare a measure to be submitted to voters requiring voter approval for the sale or transfer of City-owned parcels of land and the re-designation of City-owned land from Parks and/or Other Open Space, and requiring a supermajority vote of the Council for the approval of leases.

8. North County Library Authority Library Redevelopment Task Force update: Receive an update from the North County Library Authority Library Redevelopment Task Force

City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager Maginot presented the report and Cindy Hill, President of North County Library Authority answered Council questions.

Action: Council received the update and asked clarifying questions regarding the process.

9. Ordinance No. 2018-446: Public Art Development Fee: Introduce and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2018-446 establishing a development fee of 1% for public art, creating a Public Art Fund and establishing requirements for inclusion of public art in development projects

Public Comments: The following individuals provided public comments: Los Altos residents Maddy McBirney, Abigail Ahrens and Valerie Lauterbach.

Vice Mayor Lee Eng expressed concerns with the timing of the creation of the fee and adding another fee for development projects. Councilmember Bruins expressed concerns with requiring residential developments to pay the fee.

Action: Motion made by Councilmember Prochnow, seconded by Councilmember Pepper, to introduce and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2018-446 establishing a development fee of 1% for public art, creating a Public Art Fund and establishing requirements for inclusion of public art in development projects.

Councilmember Bruins offered an amendment, which was accepted, to direct staff to look at the use of the word “applicant” in Section 3.52.070 and 3.52.090 and to revise those sections as appropriate. The motion, as amended, passed by the following vote: AYES: Mordo, Pepper and Prochnow; NOES: Bruins and Lee Eng; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

*Mayor Mordo recessed the meeting at 10:13 p.m. The meeting resumed at 10:18 p.m.*

12. Los Altos-Los Altos Hills Joint Community Volunteer Service Awards Committee: No staff recommendation (Taken out of order)

Mayor Mordo suggested the idea of turning the function over to the Los Altos Community Foundation.

Public Comment: The following individual offered public comments: Los Altos resident Dennis Young.

Action: No action was taken.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

10. Ordinance No. 2018-447: Accessory Structures: Introduce and waive further reading or Ordinance No. 2018-447 to amend Title 14 of the Los Altos Municipal Code pertaining to an 800 square-foot size limit for accessory structures in residential districts

Planning Services Manager Dahl presented the report.

Mayor Mordo opened the public hearing.

Public Comments: The following individuals offered public comments: Los Altos residents Sue Russell, representing League of Women Voters, and Jeremy Macaluso.

Mayor Mordo closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Lee Eng supported increasing the required setbacks from what is being proposed. Councilmember Pepper opposed including basements in square footage calculations.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Bruins, seconded by Mayor Mordo, the Council introduced and waived further reading of Ordinance No. 2018-447 to amend Title 14 of the Los Altos Municipal Code pertaining to an 800 square-foot size limit for accessory structures in residential districts, by the following vote: AYES: Bruins, Mordo and Prochnow; NOES: Lee Eng and Pepper; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

11. Ordinance No. 2018-448: Accessory Dwelling Units: introduce and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2018-448 amending those Chapters and Subsections of the Los Altos Municipal Code that regulate accessory dwelling units

Mayor Mordo opened the public hearing.

Public Comments: The following individual offered public comments: Los Altos resident Sue Russell, representing League of Women Voters.

Vice Mayor Lee Eng opposed increasing the maximum allowed size.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Pepper, seconded by Councilmember Prochnow, the Council introduced and waived further reading of Ordinance No. 2018-448 amending those Chapters and Subsections of the Los Altos Municipal Code that regulate accessory dwelling units, with the following modifications: 1) amend Section 14.14.060.G.1 to increase the maximum square footage to 1,200; 2) amend Section 14.14.060.G.2 to increase the maximum square footage to 1,200 inclusive of basement areas; 3) amend Section 14.14.060.D.1.C to change “in conjunction with” to “for the purposes of;” by the following vote: AYES: Bruins, Mordo, Pepper and Prochnow; NOES: Lee Eng; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

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

Councilmember Pepper reported she attended the following meetings: the City/Cupertino Union School District Issues Committee with Vice Mayor Lee Eng on June 14, 2018, the Cities Association of Santa Clara County Legislative Action Committee on June 14, 2018, the Cities Association of Santa Clara County Board on June 14, 2018 and the North County Library Authority on June 25, 2018.

Mayor Mordo reported he attended a meeting with John Vidovich and staff regarding 4896 El Camino Real on June 25, 2018.

Vice Mayor Lee Eng announced Cupertino Union School District had hired a new superintendent. She further reported she attended the SPUR Small House event and the Waymo Open House with Councilmembers Bruins and Pepper.

Councilmember Bruins reported Silicon Valley Clean Energy is looking at Senate Bill 237. She also requested asking Waymo staff come and present an informational session regarding their plans. She further requested information regarding several future agenda items.

Assistant City Manager Logan reported on the Disaster Service Workers swearing-in event on June 23, 2018.

City Manager Jordan reported a quarterly update on the City Council’s 2018 Priorities is online and provided an update on the scheduling of certain future Council agenda items.

#### Future agenda item

The Council requested a future agenda item regarding the City’s planning for City trees.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Mordo adjourned the meeting at 11:42 P.M. in memory of former Los Altos Mayor Jim Thurber.

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Jean Mordo, MAYOR

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Jon Maginot, CMC, CITY CLERK