

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015, BEGINNING AT  
7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, 1 NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD,  
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

PRESENT: Mayor Pepper, Mayor Pro Tem Bruins, Councilmembers Mordo, Prochnow and Satterlee

ABSENT: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Daisy Girl Scout Troop 61427 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

There were no changes to the order of the agenda.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Mayor Pepper recognized the Margaret Thompson Historical Essay Contest winners.

Mayor Pepper presented a Proclamation to Patty Grimm recognizing Bob Grimm (posthumously) as the recipient of the Historic Preservation Award.

Santa Clara County Assessor Lawrence Stone presented information regarding SB 661 (Hill) and encouraged the Council to oppose the bill.

Stan Ferraro of California Water Service presented the CalWater Services Drought Plan.

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

Los Altos residents Nancy Brémeau and Larry Lang encouraged the undergrounding of utilities in Lincoln Park to protect the trees.

Los Altos resident Chip Lion encouraged the Council to incorporate the Community Center redevelopment as part of a Downtown specific plan.

Los Altos resident Ross Lapin presented the Citizens for Responsible Trails' response to the Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility Study.

Los Altos resident Chris Hansen encouraged the Council to schedule a special meeting to review the Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility Study.

Los Altos resident Sebina Hobson encouraged the implementation of a moratorium on swimming pools in Los Altos.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Satterlee pulled item number 11.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bruins, seconded by Councilmember Satterlee, the Council unanimously approved the Consent Calendar, with the exception of item number 11, as follows:

1. Approved the minutes of the April 28, 2015 regular meeting.
2. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-06, setting the FY 2015/16 Fee Schedule.
3. Authorized the City Manager to execute a law enforcement services and indemnity agreement between the City of Los Altos, Santa Clara Stadium Authority and City of Santa Clara for law enforcement services provided during Super Bowl 50.
4. Authorized the City Manager to enter into a memorandum of understanding and execute related documents between the City of Los Altos and the Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority, relating to the building and maintenance of the new Silicon Valley Regional Communications System.
5. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-07, terminating the City's Sister City status with Shih Lin, Taiwan and directed the Mayor to send a letter to the Mayor of Shih Lin stating such.
6. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-08, authorizing the City Manager to execute Program Supplement Agreement No. 002-MS under the Administering Agency-State Master Agreement No. 04-5309 for Federal Aid for the Fremont Avenue Bridge Replacement Project.
7. Appropriated \$825,613 to the Fremont Avenue Bridge Replacement Project 02-20, including approximately \$730,000 from federal grants and the balance from the Traffic Impact Fund; awarded the Base Bid for the Fremont Avenue Bridge Replacement Project TS-01020 to Granite Construction Company for \$2,000,490.10; awarded the construction management service agreement to Drake and Haglan for \$257,468.15; and authorized the City Manager to execute both contracts on behalf of the City.
8. Authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with the City of Mountain View for cost-sharing expense for work on El Monte Avenue in Mountain View; appropriated \$5,500 of the cost sharing from the City of Mountain View to Annual Street Resurfacing Project TS-01001; awarded the Base Bid and Add Alternates No. 1 and No. 2 for the Annual Street Resurfacing Project TS-01001 to G. Bortolotto & Company, Inc. in the amount of \$120,627.90; and authorized the City Manager to execute a contract on behalf of the City.

9. Authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with the City of Mountain View for cost-sharing expense for work on El Monte Avenue in Mountain View; appropriated \$12,700 of cost sharing from the City of Mountain View to Biennial Street Slurry Seal Project TS-01004; awarded the Base Bid and Add Alternates No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 for the Biennial Street Slurry Seal Project TS-01004 to Bond Blacktop, Inc. in the amount of \$189,889.50; and authorized the City Manager to execute a contract on behalf of the City.
10. Affirmed the appointment of Councilmember Prochnow and Councilmember Satterlee to the Council Youth Commission Interview Committee.
11. Pulled for discussion (see page 5).

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

12. Review and provide comments on the High Priority and School Improvement Projects lists of the draft Pedestrian Master Plan and support the proposed projects for consideration for the Active Transportation Grant-Cycle 2

Transportation Services Manager Novenario presented the report and Mary Stewart of Alta Planning and Design answered Council questions.

### Public Comments

Los Altos residents Steve Thomas, Jennifer Denebeim, Nancy Brémeau, Sally Hauser and Harry Guy supported pedestrian improvements along University Avenue.

Los Altos resident Laura Tekslar requested two projects relating to pedestrian safety near Egan Junior High School be added to the High Priority and School Improvement Projects lists.

Los Altos resident Michael McTighe encouraged the inclusion of four projects as part of the High Priority and School Improvement lists.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Satterlee, seconded by Councilmember Mordo, the Council unanimously supported the proposed projects for consideration for the Active Transportation Grant-Cycle 2.

13. Deny the appeal of Design Review application 15-SC-01 (1977 Churton Avenue) and uphold the approval subject to the listed findings and conditions

Assistant Planner Davis presented the report.

Councilmember Satterlee and Mayor Pro Tem Bruins disclosed individual ex parte site visits.

Afshin Faridjoo, appellant, presented the appeal.

Clifton Wu, applicant, presented the application.

Public Comments

Los Altos residents Abby Ahrens and Jeff Fallick opposed the appeal.

Design Review Commissioner Jude Kirik presented an overview of the Commission's discussion of the application.

Los Altos resident Elie Semaan supported the appeal.

Action: Motion made by Councilmember Satterlee to deny the appeal of Design Review application 15-SC-01 (1977 Churton Avenue) and uphold the approval subject to the listed findings and conditions and authorize staff to determine whether to move the house forward or not. The motion died for lack of a second.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Mordo, seconded by Councilmember Satterlee, the Council unanimously denied the appeal of Design Review application 15-SC-01 (1977 Churton Avenue) and upheld the approval subject to the listed findings and conditions, with the addition of a condition that the landscaping along the back fence will be a species that grows to a height of 12 feet.

*Mayor Pepper recessed the meeting at 9:37 p.m. The meeting resumed at 9:49 p.m.*

14. Deny the appeal of Tree Removal Permit denial for 279 Covington Road subject to the listed findings

Assistant Planner Gallegos presented the report.

Cameron Hamblin, appellant, presented the appeal.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bruins, seconded by Councilmember Mordo, the Council unanimously continued the appeal of Tree Removal Permit for 279 Covington Road to a date uncertain to allow the appellants the opportunity to provide additional evidence for the need to remove the tree.

15. Review the implementation of the Open Government Policy; adopt Resolution No. 2015-09, amending the Open Government Policy; and affirm the appointment of Mayor Pepper and Councilmember Prochnow to the Open Government Standing Committee

Continued to a future meeting.

16. Consider establishment of a joint City/LASD Public Lands ad hoc committee and appoint Mayor Pepper and Councilmember Mordo to serve on the City/LASD Public Lands ad hoc committee

Public Comments

Los Altos resident Vladimir Ivanovic reported that the Los Altos School District Board of Trustees approved the formation of a Public Lands ad hoc committee.

Los Altos residents Natalie Elefant, Manjita Bhaumik and Susan Russell supported establishing a Public Lands ad hoc committee.

Councilmember Mordo opposed establishing a committee if Hillview Park was not included in the discussions.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Satterlee, seconded by Councilmember Prochnow, the Council appointed Mayor Pepper and Mayor Pro Tem Bruins to serve on a City/LASD Public Lands ad hoc committee to discuss public lands excluding Hillview Park, by the following vote: AYES: Bruins, Pepper, Prochnow and Satterlee; NOES: Mordo; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

17. Consider a position on SB 661 (Hill) Property taxation: state assessment: commercial air carrier personal property and direct staff accordingly

Public Comment: Los Altos resident Vladimir Ivanovic reported SB 661 (Hill) has been placed in the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Satterlee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bruins, the Council unanimously opposed SB 661 (Hill) and directed the Mayor to send a letter to State Senator Hill.

**ITEM PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

11. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-09, affirming the City's commitment to the Brown Act for certain City created advisory subcommittees

City Attorney Houston presented the report.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Satterlee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bruins, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2015-09, affirming the City's commitment to the Brown Act for certain City-created advisory subcommittees.

**INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

18. Receive an update on City of Los Altos agency water conservation efforts
19. Receive Information Technology Roadmap Report

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

### Council reports

Councilmember Satterlee announced a meeting of the Downtown Buildings Committee on May 14, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Bruins requested that comments regarding the Valley Transportation Authority plan for State Route 85 Express Lanes be sent to Transportation Services Manager Novenario.

### Directions on future agenda items

At the request of Mayor Pepper and Councilmembers Mordo and Prochnow, the Council requested an item be placed on the May 26, 2015 agenda to discuss supporting the Environmental Protection Agency fine against Lehigh Quarry.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pepper adjourned the meeting at 11:49 p.m.

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Janis C. Pepper, MAYOR

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Jon Maginot, CMC, CITY CLERK