

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017,
BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, 1 NORTH SAN
ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

ESTABLISH QUORUM

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

ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Junior Girl Scouts, Troop 61861 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

1. Public Employment: City Attorney Performance Review
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) and 54957.6

Mayor Prochnow reported that no action was taken during the Closed Session meeting.

CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the order of the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Los Altos resident Elaine Wang raised concerns regarding traffic safety and parking near The Terraces at Los Altos.

Los Altos resident Adam Brown encouraged the City to conduct a contest to select a design for a new City flag.

Los Altos resident Roy Lave commented on the lack of drinkable water in the Community Meeting Chambers.

Los Altos resident Mrinalini Sharma raised concerns regarding traffic safety and encouraged making implementation of traffic calming measures a priority for the coming year.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Bruins pulled items number 2 and 3.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Bruins, seconded by Councilmember Pepper, the Council unanimously approved the Consent Calendar, with the exceptions of items number 2 and 3, as follows:

1. Council Minutes: Approved the minutes of the January 10, 2017 special meeting and regular meeting.
2. Resolution No. 2017-02: 210 Alta Vista Avenue Historic Landmark designation: Adopt Resolution No. 2017-02 designating the barn at 210 Alta Vista Avenue as a Historic Landmark – *pulled for discussion (see page 5).*
3. Resolution No. 2017-03: 1365 Grant Road Historic Landmark Designation and Mills Act agreement: Adopt Resolution No. 2017-03 designating 1365 Grant Road a Historic Landmark and authorizing the City Manager to execute a Mills Act agreement with the property owners – *pulled for discussion (see page 5).*

PUBLIC HEARING

4. Ordinance No. 2017-430: Lincoln Park Underground Utility District: Introduce and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2017-430 establishing the Lincoln Park Underground Utility District encompassing both sides of University and Lincoln Avenues from West Edith Avenue to approximately Sherman Street

Special Projects Manager Brees presented the report.

Mayor Prochnow opened the public hearing.

Public Comments

Los Altos residents Larry Lang and Nancy Bremeau supported forming the district.

Mayor Prochnow closed the public hearing.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mordo, seconded by Councilmember Pepper, the Council unanimously introduced and waived further reading of Ordinance No. 2017-430 establishing the Lincoln Park Underground Utility District encompassing both sides of University and Lincoln Avenues from West Edith Avenue to approximately Sherman Street.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Appointment of Ad hoc Committee to meet with Cupertino Union School District Board representatives: Approve the appointment of Mayor Prochnow and Councilmember Bruins to an ad hoc committee to meet with members of the Cupertino Union School District Board – *taken out of order*

Councilmember Bruins suggested appointing Councilmember Lee Eng to the ad hoc committee as she lives in the Cupertino Union School District.

Public Comment: Los Altos resident Stacy Banerjee encouraged the Council appointees to meet with parents at Montclair Elementary prior to meeting with Cupertino Unions School District Board members and to have the meetings open to the public.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Bruins, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mordo, the Council unanimously approved the appointment of Councilmembers Bruins and Lee Eng to an ad hoc committee to meet with members of the Cupertino Union School District Board.

5. Downtown Parking Management and City-wide Parking Committee recommendations: Receive a report on Downtown Parking Management strategies and the consultant analysis of the City-wide Parking Committee recommendations and direct staff to carry the recommendations of the City-wide Parking Committee and analysis by the consultant to the Planning and Transportation Commission for a recommendation

Mayor Prochnow recused herself due to a potential financial conflict of interest (owns property within the Downtown), stepped down from the dais and left the chamber. Mayor Pro Tem Mordo conducted the meeting.

Economic Development Manager Quinn and Community Development Director Biggs presented the report.

Councilmember Bruins noted her objection to having Councilmembers present their position on the issue prior to hearing public comments unless all Councilmembers presented their respective positions.

Councilmember Mordo, with help from David Rock and Mark Rogge, presented on the item.

Public Comments

Los Altos resident Anita Enander encouraged the Council to affirm that no waivers of parking requirements would be granted and to proceed with evaluating the recommendations of the City-wide Parking Committee in parallel with the Downtown Vision process.

Los Altos resident Gary Hedden encouraged the Council to seriously consider the recommendations from the City-wide Parking Committee Alternatives subcommittee.

Kim Cranston and Los Altos resident Ted Sorensen supported sending the recommendations of the City-wide Parking Committee to the Planning and Transportation Commission for recommendation.

Los Altos resident David Rock stated his position that past Brown Act violations were not pertinent to the results of the City-wide Parking Committee.

Mark Rogge expressed his opinion that the consultant would have brought up if there were problems with the recommendations of the City-wide Parking Committee.

Los Altos resident Jon Baer, representing Friends of Los Altos, expressed concerns that staff had not yet provided input on the recommendations of the City-wide Parking Committee and encouraged the Council to table further consideration of the recommendations.

Los Altos resident Ron Packard expressed concerns that staff was not allowed to review the data produced by the City-wide Parking Committee and raised concerns of Brown Act violations by Councilmember Mordo and encouraged the Council to cure these potential violations by re-posting the agenda item for a future Council meeting.

Los Altos resident Roberta Phillips expressed concerns about late information provided to the Council and the recommended parking ratios. She further expressed that additional questions regarding the City-wide Parking Committee recommendations needed to be answered.

Los Altos resident Andrea Eaton encouraged the Council to set a timetable for reviewing the City-wide Parking Committee recommendations and to finish the review.

Motion: Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mordo, seconded by Councilmember Pepper, to direct staff to carry the recommendations of the City-wide Parking Committee and analysis by the consultant to the Planning and Transportation Commission for a recommendation and to empower staff with a budget of up to \$25,000, if needed, to hire consultants to provide additional review of the recommendations. The motion failed by the following vote: AYES: Mordo and Pepper; NOES: Bruins and Lee Eng; ABSTAIN: Prochnow; ABSENT: None.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Bruins, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mordo, the Council directed staff to: 1) move forward with a review of the City-wide Parking Committee recommendations which includes determining which items to move forward to Planning and Transportation Commission and what timeframe for doing so; 2) move those items which have been reviewed by staff to the Planning and Transportation Commission individually once they are ready; 3) factor in the current state of parking in Los Altos as well as what may result from the Downtown Vision process; and 4) direct the Planning and Transportation Commission to forward their recommendations to Council as they are completed; by the following vote: AYES: Bruins, Lee Eng and Mordo; NOES: Pepper; ABSTAIN: Prochnow; ABSENT: None.

Councilmember Pepper stated that her reason for voting no was because she supported having the Planning and Transportation weigh in on which items should be reviewed prior to staff expending resources to review the recommendations of the City-wide Parking Committee.

Action: Councilmembers generally directed staff to engage consultants as needed to review the recommendations of the City-wide Parking Committee and to meet with Councilmember Lee Eng as needed to provide background information on parking in Los Altos.

Mayor Pro Tem Mordo recessed the meeting at 10:10 p.m. The meeting resumed at 10:17 p.m.

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Prochnow returned to the dais and resumed conducting the meeting.

2. Resolution No. 2017-02: 210 Alta Vista Avenue Historic Landmark designation: Adopt Resolution No. 2017-02 designating the barn at 210 Alta Vista Avenue as a Historic Landmark

Councilmember Bruins asked questions related to whether the barn is salvageable and the process of un-designating it as a Historic Landmark should it prove to not be.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Bruins, seconded by Councilmember Lee Eng, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2017-02 designating the barn at 210 Alta Vista Avenue as a Historic Landmark.

3. Resolution No. 2017-03: 1365 Grant Road Historic Landmark Designation and Mills Act agreement: Adopt Resolution No. 2017-03 designating 1365 Grant Road a Historic Landmark and authorizing the City Manager to execute a Mills Act agreement with the property owners

Councilmember Bruins and Mayor Pro Tem Mordo opposed authorizing the Mills Act agreement.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Bruins, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mordo, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2017-03 designating 1365 Grant Road a Historic Landmark as amended to remove reference to authorizing a Mills Act agreement.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Pepper, seconded by Councilmember Lee Eng, the Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Mills Act agreement with the property owners, by the following vote: AYES: Lee Eng, Pepper and Prochnow; NOES: Bruins and Mordo; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Bruins announced that Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority would begin rolling out service in April, July and October 2017 and would be holding a community meeting on March 1, 2017. She further announced that Valley Transportation Authority will hold a number of public meetings related to changes to their transit network. She also reported she attended a meeting of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County Selection Committee on January 12, 2017 at which meeting she was appointed to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Mordo reported he and Councilmember Pepper attended a presentation of a new community outreach software on January 22, 2017.

Councilmember Lee Eng reported she attended the League of California Cities New Mayors and Councilmembers Academy on January 18-20, 2017.

Councilmember Pepper reported she attended a meeting of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County Board on January 12, 2017 and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District annual Board retreat on January 18, 2017. She announced the Joint Venture Silicon Valley State of the Valley on February 17, 2017, a Disaster Response Training for Elected Officials on February 22, 2017 and an event at the Los Altos Main Library on February 18, 2017 celebrating the extension of library hours.

Mayor Prochnow reported she attended the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Washington, D.C. on January 17-19, 2017.

Staff reports

City Manager Jordan reported he participated in interviews for new community librarians for the Santa Clara County Library District and that the new Los Altos Librarian would start February 27, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Prochnow adjourned the meeting at 10:56 p.m.

Mary Prochnow, MAYOR

Jon Maginot, CMC, CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2017,
BEGINNING AT 8:00 A.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, 1 NORTH SAN
ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

ESTABLISH QUORUM

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

ABSENT: None

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

1. Public Employment: City Attorney Performance Review
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) and 54957.6

Mayor Prochnow reported that the City Council had taken action to terminate the contract with Berliner Cohen for City Attorney services.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Review of the Agenda and Workshop Outcome Statements

Workshop Facilitator Nadine Levin provided the review of the agenda and workshop outcome statements.

2. Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

Los Altos resident Margo Horn encouraged the Council to make affordable housing a 2017 priority.

Los Altos resident Pat Marriott encouraged the Council to direct staff to implement the recommendations of the Downtown Buildings Committee and to use management by objectives for the 2017 priorities.

Los Altos resident Roberta Phillips encouraged the Council to make maintenance of City facilities and roads a 2017 priority.

Los Altos residents Maria Lonergan, Barbara Loebner, Gary Hedden and Nancy Phillips, all representing the Community Center Alliance, encouraged the Council to meet with the Community Center Alliance regarding how to develop a plan for the City's Community Centers.

Senior Commissioner Gary Anderson reported that the Senior Commission would be making a recommendation to the City Council for the senior programs at Grant Park.

3. Discuss the Council Norms and Procedures

Councilmembers discussed revisions to the Council Norms and Procedures.

4. Review Status of 2016 Council Priorities

Councilmember Bruins and Mayor Pro Tem Mordo opposed authorizing the Mills Act agreement.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Bruins, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mordo, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2017-03 designating 1365 Grant Road a Historic Landmark as amended to remove reference to authorizing a Mills Act agreement.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Pepper, seconded by Councilmember Lee Eng, the Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Mills Act agreement with the property owners, by the following vote: AYES: Lee Eng, Pepper and Prochnow; NOES: Bruins and Mordo; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

5. Identify 2017 Council Strategic Priorities

Councilmembers discussed potential priorities for 2017.

Mayor Prochnow recused herself during discussions on a Downtown Plan due to a potential conflict of interest (owns property within the Downtown) and left the room. She returned to the room upon the conclusion of discussion on a Downtown Plan.

6. Discuss Ways to Enhance Council Meeting Effectiveness

Councilmembers discussed ways to enhance Council meeting effectiveness.

7. Review and Identify Next Steps

Councilmembers reviewed the outcomes of the workshop and discussed next steps.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Prochnow adjourned the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

Mary Prochnow, MAYOR

Jon Maginot, CMC, CITY CLERK