

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2015, BEGINNING
AT 7:30 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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Gary Kremen, representing the Santa Clara Valley Water District, presented information regarding the Water District's Drought Plan.

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Review and consider the draft 2015/17 biennial operating budget and five-year Capital Improvement Program

City Manager Somers and Administrative Services Director Juran-Karageorgiou presented the draft 2015/17 biennial operating budget.

Action: Council members discussed and provided feedback on the draft biennial operating budget.

Mayor Pepper called for a recess at 9:23 p.m. The meeting resumed at 9:29 p.m.

Public Comment

Julie Rose, representing the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce, requested the Council designate funds for a downtown parking structure.

City Manager Somers and Administrative Services Director Juran-Karageorgiou presented the five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Action: Council members discussed and provided feedback on the CIP.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pepper adjourned the meeting at 11:19 p.m.

Janis C. Pepper, MAYOR

Jon Maginot, CMC, CITY CLERK

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 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

Mayor Pepper led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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

CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Item number 9 was continued to a future meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Los Altos residents Bruno Querenet, David Johnson and Sara Johnson requested the Council agendaize a discussion regarding the Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility Study.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Satterlee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bruins, the Council unanimously approved the Consent Calendar, as follows:

1. Approved the minutes of the May 26, 2015 regular meeting.
2. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-13, accepting completion of the Municipal Service Center Driveway, Project 13-06 and authorized the Public Works Director to record a Notice of Completion as required by law.
3. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-14, authorizing the increase of Solid Waste Collection Rates by 2.86% effective July 1, 2015.

4. Adopted Ordinance No. 2015-408, amending the zoning code to allow emergency shelters as a permitted use in the CT district and to establish parking requirements for such uses; and adopted Ordinance No. 2015-409, amending the zoning code to allow single-room occupancy housing as a conditional use in the CT District.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Review the City's Special Event sponsorship levels, and direct staff accordingly

City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager Maginot presented the report.

Public Comments

Los Altos residents Dennis Young and David Smith, representing the Los Altos Rotary Club, requested Council continue to sponsor the Fine Art in the Park event.

Los Altos resident Marie Backs, representing the Festival of Lights Parade Association, requested Council continue to sponsor the Festival of Lights Parade.

Nancy Dunaway, representing the Los Altos Village Association, requested Council continue to sponsor the various Los Altos Village Association events.

Los Altos resident Ken Munro, Los Altos High School students Meg Enthoven, Jennifer Chin, Douglas Curtis and Sonnet Phelps, and Suzanne Woolfolk, representing Los Altos High School, requested Council sponsor the Los Altos High School Homecoming Parade at a 100% sponsorship level.

Derek Lubich, representing the Los Altos Kiwanis Club, requested Council continue to sponsor the Pet Parade.

Laura Bajuk, representing the Los Altos History Museum, thanked the City for its prior sponsorship of the now defunct Antique and Collectibles Faire.

Action: Motion made by Councilmember Prochnow, seconded by Councilmember Mordo, to approve the current level of sponsorships for special events with the exception that the Los Altos High School Homecoming Parade be classified as a Type C event.

Councilmember Mordo offered an amendment, which was not accepted, to classify the Easter Egg Hunt as a Type C event. Councilmember Satterlee offered an amendment, which was accepted, to remove the Antique and Collectibles Faire.

The motion, as amended, passed unanimously.

6. Receive an update on the Blach Neighborhood Traffic Study; and direct staff regarding intersection improvements at Miramonte Avenue and Covington Road

Public Works Director Chan presented the report.

Public Comments

Los Altos residents Rebecca Lowell, Willem de Lange, Viviana Bardina, Tallis Blalack, Katherine Weller, Andy Bajka, Pushkar Hingwe, Madhu Dhar, Monica Jain, Elana Joffe and John Walker opposed installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Miramonte Avenue and Covington Road.

Los Altos residents Emmett Hearn, Amy Chao and Karen Rau expressed concerns regarding traffic on Covington Road.

Los Altos resident Mary Anne James supported the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Miramonte Avenue and Covington Road.

Los Altos resident Ruth Hearn encouraged the removal of traffic restrictions on Eastwood Drive.

Los Altos resident Kathy Stiles encouraged the installation of a crosswalk on the northern leg of Miramonte Avenue and Covington Road and the removal of traffic restrictions on Carmel Terrace and Altamead Drive.

Los Altos resident Mina Sharma encouraged the removal of traffic restrictions on Carmel Terrace and Altamead Drive.

Los Altos resident Sharon Blechman encouraged the City to address safety issues at the intersection of Miramonte Avenue and Covington Road now prior to installing a traffic signal.

Los Altos resident Wendy Weber encouraged the Council to leave the traffic restrictions on Carmel Terrace and Altamead Drive.

Los Altos resident Tamara Logan explained that the Los Altos School District cannot mitigate traffic at the intersection of Miramonte Avenue and Covington Road.

Los Altos resident Tom Holmes encouraged making the traffic signal at Grant Road and Covington Road a three-way signal.

Los Altos resident Michael Simon opposed defunding the Carmel Terrace Pathway project and supported making the traffic signal at Grant Road and Covington Road a three-way signal.

Action: Council members supported continuing with plans for intersection improvements at Miramonte Avenue and Covington Road without a traffic signal.

Mayor Pepper recessed the meeting at 9:23 p.m. The meeting resumed at 9:33 p.m.

7. Receive a presentation of results from Godbe Research regarding the community survey on Downtown, and direct staff accordingly

City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager Maginot presented the report and Bryan Godbe of Godbe Research presented the results of the community survey on Downtown.

8. Receive an update on State Route 85 Express Lanes Project and multi-agency mass transit coalition efforts, and direct staff accordingly

Public Works Director Chan presented the report. John Ristow of Valley Transportation Authority presented an update on the State Route 85 Express Lanes Project.

Public Comments

Cupertino Mayor Rod Sinks encouraged the Council to participate in a multi-agency coalition to explore options for the State Route 85 corridor.

Omar Chatty supported adding a lane to State Route 85.

Action: Council members generally supported participating in a multi-agency coalition, which would develop into a Policy Advisory Board to look at options for the State Route 85 corridor at the same time that the Valley Transportation Authority develops a design for express lanes on State Route 85.

9. Review and provide comments on the vision, goals, policies and design guidelines of the Pedestrian Master Plan

This item was continued to a future meeting.

10. Receive an update on City of Los Altos agency water conservation efforts and approve Level 3 water reduction measures and prioritization

Public Comment: Laura Bajuk, representing the Los Altos History Museum, opposed reducing the watering of the Civic Center orchard by 75%.

This item was continued to a future meeting.

11. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-15, approving water conservation measures

Assistant City Manager Logan presented the report.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Satterlee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bruins, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2015-15, approving water conservation measures and directed staff to provide clarification on restrictions for landscape watering and an analysis of potential changes to the Municipal Code related to requiring pool covers and/or limiting the depth of new pools.

12. Define those lands to be discussed by the City/LASD Public Lands Committee

Public Comment: Los Altos resident Derek Pitcher encouraged the Council to adopt a measure requiring an election to change the nature of any City park.

Action: Council members defined the area of Hillview Park to be excluded from discussions by the Committee as the land currently occupied by the Community Center, baseball and soccer fields, and adjoining parking lot.

13. Review the City's appointment to the Los Altos School District Citizens' Advisory Committee for Finance, and direct staff accordingly

This item was continued to a future meeting.

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council reports

Councilmember Satterlee announced a meeting of the Downtown Buildings Committee on June 18, 2015.

Councilmember Mordo reported the Santa Clara County Library District JPA Board had placed a cap on the formula for distribution of funds to libraries within the District and authorized a beneficiary committee for funds received for the Los Altos Library.

Mayor Pro Tem Bruins reported three public meetings regarding the Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility Study were held. She and Councilmember Satterlee requested the City/Los Altos School District Schools Issues Standing Committee discuss traffic around the Blach Intermediate School neighborhood.

Councilmember Prochnow reported she attended an event at Egan Junior High School on June 4, 2015. She further announced the Los Altos Sister Cities Board would consider dissolution at its June 18, 2015 meeting.

Staff report

City Manager Somers reported staff is working with Larry Tramutola regarding a potential Community Center bond election and that a report would be presented to Council on June 23, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pepper adjourned the meeting at 11:23 p.m.

Janis C. Pepper, MAYOR

Jon Maginot, CMC, CITY CLERK