

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019,  
BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, 1 NORTH SAN  
ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

PRESENT: Mayor Lee Eng, Vice Mayor Pepper, Councilmembers Bruins, Enander and Fligor

ABSENT: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Boy Scout Troop 888 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**

1. Mayor Lee Eng presented a proclamation to Chef Lawrence Chu, proclaiming February Chinese Heritage Month

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

The following Los Altos residents provided public comment: Mike Ellerin and Gary Hedden.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
Name of Case: *Satish Ramachandran v. City of Los Altos, et al.*  
*United States District Court, Northern District of California*  
*Case No. 5:18-cv-01223-HRL*
2. Public Employment: City Attorney Performance Review  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b) and 54957.6

Mayor Lee Eng announced that no action was taken during the closed session.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Pepper, seconded by Councilmember Enander, the Council unanimously approved the Consent Calendar, as follows:

1. Council Minutes: Approved the minutes of the January 22, 2019 regular meeting.
2. Denial Findings – Story Pole Policy Exemption Request for 425 First Street Development: Adopted Resolution No. 2019-03, which contains Story Pole Policy exemption request denial findings to support City Council's January 8, 2019 action.

3. Donation of sculpture: *Guardian*: Accepted the donation from Karen Cauvin Eustis of the *Guardian* sculpture.
4. Ordinance No. 2019-454: Increasing the Transient Occupancy Tax: Adopted Ordinance No. 2019-454 increasing the TOT to 12% effective July 1, 2019 and increasing the rate by 1% each year until reaching a maximum of 14%.

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

5. Consideration of Alternatives for the Los Altos Avenue and West Portola Avenue Crosswalk Improvements, TS-01042: Staff recommends removal of the proposed Red LED Flashing STOP signs from the existing Los Altos Avenue and West Portola Avenue Intersection Improvements, Project TS-01042

City Manager Jordan introduced the report. Interim Engineering Services Director Fairman presented the report.

Public Comment: The following individuals provided public comment: Carol Starbuck, Roberta Phillips, Kate Disney, Mike Ellerin, Robert Rose, Mark Goodman, Janis Ahmadjian-Baer, Trevor Stout, Robert Burdick, John Parkes, and Stacy Banerjee.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Bruins, seconded by Councilmember Enander, the Council unanimously approved removal of the proposed Red LED Flashing STOP signs from the existing Los Altos Avenue and West Portola Avenue Intersection Improvements, Project TS-01042 and the installation of additional alternative safety improvements.

*Mayor Lee Eng recessed the meeting. Mayor Lee Eng resumed the meeting at 7:59 p.m.*

6. Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Proposed Transit System Modifications: The City Council shall provide comments to VTA staff and determine necessity of a follow-up letter to VTA

Jason Tyree, Senior Transportation Planner, and Kermit Cuff, Supervisor of Scheduling and Service Development, from VTA presented the report.

Public Comment: Los Altos resident Nanette Jackson provided public comment.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Fligor, seconded by Vice Mayor Pepper, the Council unanimously authorized the Mayor to draft a letter to the VTA suggesting rerouting Bus Line 51 to provide “school-tripper” service or implementing a pilot route providing “school-tripper” service to accommodate Los Altos students travelling to Cupertino Middle and Homestead High Schools, with the draft letter to come back to the Council at its February 26, 2019 meeting.

### **STUDY SESSION**

7. Parks and Recreation Commission off-leash dog hours recommendation: Discuss PARC recommendation on off-leash dog hours

Municipal Services Director Hernandez introduced the report. Parks and Recreation Commissioner Lilygren presented the report.

Public Comment: Los Altos residents Stuart Eckmann and Zahra Ardehali provided public comment.

Direction: The Council directed staff to work with the Parks and Recreation Commission to fully develop a pilot program proposal with an implementation plan to include off-leash dog hours at one or two parks, with limited hours, a public noticing plan and educational signage. Concurrently, staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission shall further explore and develop a recommendation for a designated, fenced-in dog park. The proposal for the off-leash hours shall come back to Council for final review before implementation, along with the PARC recommendation for a fenced-in dog park.

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

8. Discussion of Stanford University General Use Permit: The City Council shall consider the proposed General Use Permit and determine if it wants to provide comments to Santa Clara County

Councilmember Enander introduced the item.

No action was taken.

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

City Manager Jordan reported that the City is holding a Business District Discussion with Loyola Corners on February 28, 2019. He further reported on the high turnout for grant applications to the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant Program.

Councilmember Bruins reported that she attended MTC, Caltrain, and VTA Board meetings, the Silicon Valley Leadership Group Transit Solutions Forum, the Affordable Housing Forum, and the Santa Clara County Women's Leadership Policy Summit.

Councilmember Enander reported she attended the Parks and Recreation, Senior, and Planning Commission meetings, the San Francisco Airport Roundtable and Water District meetings and the Affordable Housing Forum. She reported that the Cities Association Santa Clara /Santa Cruz Counties Airport Roundtable will be meeting February 27, 2019 and she will be in attendance.

Vice Mayor Pepper reported she attended the NCLA meeting, the Affordable Housing Forum, the Troop 37 Eagle Scout Honor Court, providing letters of commendation to the Scouts achieving Eagle Scout status, and attended the Coupa Cafe Ribbon Cutting.

Mayor Lee Eng reported she attended the Los Altos Disaster Council, VTA North County, and JPA Library Commission meetings. She also reported that she attended Cupertino State of the City event.

Councilmember Fligor reported that she attended the NCLA and Youth Commission meetings, the Women's Leadership Summit, and the Family Emergency Preparedness event.

*Future Agenda Items*

Prepare an amendment to the City Council Norms and Procedures that requires three members of the City Council to agendaize a discussion on the dismissal or discipline of a Commission member, that the request must be made at a City Council meeting, and that the item is to be considered before any discussion concerning the dismissal or discipline of any current Commissioners.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Lee Eng adjourned the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

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Lynette Lee Eng, MAYOR

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Jon Maginot, CMC, CITY CLERK