



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021**

HELD VIA VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:05 p.m., Mayor Fligor called the meeting to order.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Mayor Fligor, Vice Mayor Enander, Council Members Lee Eng, Meadows, and Weinberg

ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Stella Berger-Morris led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

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. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case: *Satish Ramachandran v. Best, Best and Krieger, a limited liability Partnership; Christopher Diaz; Christina Hickey; Kirk Ballard; David Kornfeld; Christopher Jordan; Pamela Jacobs, and Does 1-20 United States District Court, Northern California District*
Case number: 5:20-cv-03963-NC
3. Conference with Labor Negotiators:
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6:
Employee organizations: Los Altos Peace Officers Association
Agency designated representatives: Lisa Charbonneau of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore and Jennifer Leal, Human Resources Manager

Mayor Fligor reported that the City Council met in closed session prior to the meeting and had nothing to report.

SPECIAL ITEMS

- Recognition of Santa Clara Valley Science and Engineering Fair Association's 2020 Synopsys Championship Participants and Award Winners from the City of Los Altos

Mayor Fligor recognized the following Los Altos youth for their participation in the 2020 Synopsys Championship and presented each with certificates of recognition - Yash Golwala, Kallie Wang, Elie Meir Bodner, Arnav Swaroop, Aadit Golwala, Ben Freda-Eskenazi, Emma Biswas, Sidharth Ganapathi Dharmasanam, Nesyah Sarah Galatin, Vivek Bharati, Deven C Shah, Olivia Anne Colace, Russel James Michael Arbore, Audrey Xing-Yun Chang, Anushka Sanyal, Julia Biswas, Sophie Meiyang Wang, Josh Sanyal, Arthi Vaidyanathan, Sreoshi Sarkar, Michaela Ho-Young Yip, Alexander Guh-Siesel, Luke Almazan Sage and Carissa Wu.

Dr. Chaudhuri, Santa Clara Valley Science and Engineering Fair Association (SCVSEFA) Board Member, commented.

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

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Council Minutes: Approve the (corrected) Minutes of the January 12, 2021 Regular Meeting.
2. Final Map Approval: Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the Subdivision Improvement Agreement and approve Tract Map #10547 of 389 First Street

Council Member Lee Eng noted the corrected minutes and moved that the City Council approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Council Member Weinberg and the motion passed 5-0 with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Lee Eng, Meadows, Weinberg, Vice Mayor Enander and Mayor Fligor.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Resolution No. 2021-04: Story Pole Policy Exception Request for 4350 El Camino Real Development: Adopt Resolution No. 2021-04 to grant or deny an exception from the City's Story Pole Policy to the proposed development at 4350 El Camino Real.

Council Member Lee Eng reported that she had had ex parte communications with the applicant and with Planning Commissioner Steinle

Vice Mayor Enander reported that she also had had ex parte communications with the applicant and with Planning Commissioner Steinle.

Sean Gallegos, Associate Planner, provided a staff report and answered questions from the Council.

Applicant Angela Galatolo provided information and answered questions from the Council as well as her architect Alex Seidel.

Mayor Fligor opened the Public Hearing.

The following individuals commented: Erik Forslin, Mehruss Ahi, Salim Damerdji, Pierre Bedard, Eric Steinle.

There were no further public comments. Mayor Fligor closed the Public Hearing.

The applicant was given an opportunity to respond to comments and answer additional questions from the Council.

Following discussion, Vice Mayor Enander moved that the Council make the following modifications (to the resolution) and adopt Resolution No. 2021-04 to granting an exception from the City's Story Pole Policy to the proposed development at 4350 El Camino Real with the following conditions, and with concurrence of the applicant, that the previously established subcommittee comprised of Council Member Lee Eng and Vice Mayor Enander work with the applicant and the staff with the goal of making several changes to the plan as presented by improving the flyover and the street level/pedestrian video; adding Quick Response (QR) codes to each billboard linking the videos; with respect to billboard #1 remove and replace the text with another photo and discuss with the adjacent Homeowners Association its location and look at repositioning of billboard # 1 so that it is more proximate to and visible from the sidewalk with due respect for safety concerns and as determined and discussed with the staff and the applicant. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee Eng and the motion passed 5-0 with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Lee Eng, Meadows, Weinberg, Vice Mayor Enander and Mayor Fligor.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

At 8:50 p.m., Mayor Fligor called for a brief recess. At 9:00 p.m., Mayor Fligor reconvened the meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Emergency Measures for Addressing COVID-19: Receive an update from the Deputy City Manager and provide direction on additional potential measures to address COVID-19.

Deputy City Manager Maginot provided a presentation and answered questions from the Council.

Council Member Meadows provided additional information.

Resident Freddie Wheeler commented.

No action was taken.

5. Resolution No. 2021-05: North County Library Authority Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) Amendment: Adopt Resolution No. 2021-05 amending the North County Library Authority Joint Powers Agreement

Mayor Fligor provided background information on the matter.

Courtenay Corrigan and Pierre Bedard commented.

Discussion commenced.

Vice Mayor Enander moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-05 amending the North County Library Authority Joint Powers Agreement. The motion was seconded by Council Member Weinberg and the motion passed 5-0 with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Lee Eng, Meadows, Weinberg, Vice Mayor Enander and Mayor Fligor.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Vice Mayor Enander moved to direct staff that should the North County Library Authority seek reimbursement related to third party consultants(for administrative support) from any funds from the City of Los Altos that the matter be researched by staff and brought to Council for action. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee Eng and the motion passed 5-0 with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Lee Eng, Meadows, Weinberg, Vice Mayor Enander and Mayor Fligor.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY

- Police Department Memo – Police Radio Encryption

Police Chief Galea provided information and answered questions from the Council.

- Community Center Construction Monthly Update – Month of December

Jim Sandoval, Engineering Services, and Project Manager Maslo provided an update and answered questions from the Council.

- Tentative Council Calendar

Council Members commented on the calendar.

Vice Mayor Enander and Council Member Lee Eng expressed support, as they did at the January 12, 2021 meeting, for placing on a future agenda a presentation on housing by the Embarcadero Institute. Discussion commenced. Mayor Fligor, Council Members Meadows and Weinberg did not support, at this time, inviting the organization to a Council meeting for a housing presentation. Vice Mayor Enander requested that the Council Members watch a short video of a presentation by the Embarcadero Institute to which she would provide a link.

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Council Members reported on attendance at and matters related to their various Commissions, Committees and Boards, as assigned.

Council Member Lee Eng requested that the Legislative Committee review SB 9 and 10 and bring back a position letter to the Council. In addition, she requested a matter be placed on the agenda for discussion of the RHNA numbers assigned to Los Altos and the various options including appealing the numbers and/or providing staff direction.

Council Member Weinberg requested that on a future agenda the Council consider reconstituting the city's parking task force. Vice Mayor Enander suggested the matter be considered at the upcoming Council retreat. Council Member Weinberg agreed and withdrew his request.

Several other matters were brought up and there was consensus to discuss the matters at the upcoming City Council retreat.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:21 p.m., Mayor Fligor adjourned the meeting.

Neysa Fligor, MAYOR

Andrea M. Chelemengos MMC, CITY CLERK

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