



AMENDED 09.21.2021

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

Held Via Video/Teleconference Per California Executive Order N-29-20.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:00 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

Kinsey Hasseltine, Girl Scout Troop 61081, led the Council in the Pledge.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Fligor reported that the Council held a closed session earlier in the evening and that there was no action taken and nothing to report. City Attorney Houston was not present during closed session items 3 and 4.

Mayor Fligor called for a moment of silence in observation and honor of the 20-year anniversary of the September 11, 2001, attack upon our nation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- Presentation of Proclamation Declaring the Month of September to be Emergency Preparedness Month

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Hepenstal commented and read the proclamation aloud and thanked the Mayor and Council

- Presentation of Proclamation Declaring September 15 – October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month

Mayor Fligor read aloud and presented the Proclamation.

SPECIAL ITEM

- A. Commission Appointments: Appoint individuals to fill vacancies on the Public Arts Commission, Library Commission, and Finance Commission.

Mayor Fligor introduced the item. Deputy City Manager Maginot providing voting method instructions and the Council proceeded to email their votes to Deputy City Manager Maginot. The meeting proceeded as the tally of the vote took place.

CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

There were no changes.

SPECIAL ITEM (Continued from earlier)

- A. Commission Appointments: Appoint individuals to fill vacancies on the Public Arts Commission, Library Commission, and Finance Commission.

Deputy City Manager reported that the Council had voted, via emailed ballots, to make the following appointments:

To the Public Arts Commission: Lucy Janjigian, partial term expiring September 2023, Janet Corrigan, Theresa Couture, Hilary King, and Jenna Moore to full terms expiring September 2025.

To the Library Commission: Pierre Bedard, Carolle Carter, Julie Crane to full terms expiring September 2025.

To the Financial Commission: Arthur Whipple, partial term expiring September 2023, John Claras, Gary Kalbach and Tony Richmond to full terms expiring September 2025.

The Mayor thanked the applicants and congratulated those appointed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. City Council Minutes: Approve the Minutes of the August 24, 2021, Regular Meeting
2. Quarterly Investment Report: Receive Investment Portfolio Report through June 30, 2021
3. Design Contract Award: Structural Reach Replacement, Project WW-01002: Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement on behalf of the City with Mott MacDonald Group in the not-to-exceed amount of \$186,368 to provide design and consulting services for the Structural Reach Replacement Project WW-01002

4. Resolution No. 2021-49: On-Call Sanitary Sewer Spot Repairs and CCTV Inspection Services: Adopt Resolution accepting completion of the On-Call Sanitary Sewer Spot Repairs and CCTV Inspection Services for FY20/21 and authorize the Engineering Services Director to record a Notice of Completion as required by law
5. Item Removed From The Agenda
6. Ordinance No. 2021-480 Floodplain Management: Adopt Ordinance No. 2021-480 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City Of Los Altos amending the City of Los Altos Municipal Code to repeal Chapter 12.60 Flood Hazard Area Regulations and to replace it with a new Chapter 12.60 entitled Floodplain Management; to adopt Flood Hazard Maps; and making findings that this ordinance is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15307 and 15308.
7. Ordinance 2021- 478 - ZTA 20-0003 - Zoning Text Amendments
Adopt Ordinance No. 2021-478 amending Title 14 (Zoning) of the Los Altos Municipal Code to provide objective zoning standards for housing development projects. The proposed Ordinance relates to organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), which states the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment” as the Ordinance has no potential to result in a direct, or reasonably foreseeable, indirect impact on the environment.
8. Resolution No. 2021- 48 Redwood Grove Connector Trail from Los Altos Hills Approve Resolution No. 2021-48 expressing support for the exploration of a formal pathway trail connection between Redwood Grove Nature Preserve and Fremont Road in Los Altos Hills and directing the City Manager to work with Los Altos Hills staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission to return to the City Council with recommendations on the project.
9. City Council Norms and Procedures: Adopt updated City Council Norms and Procedures for the City of Los Altos

Council Member Lee Eng requested that Consent Calendar Items #8 *Resolution No. 2021- 48 Redwood Grove Connector Trail from Los Altos Hills* and #9 *City Council Norms and Procedures* be removed from the Consent Calendar.

There were no members of the public wishing to comment on the Consent Calendar.

Mayor Fligor stated that Items #8 and #9 would be heard, respectively, following Item #10.

Vice Mayor Enander moved to approve the Consent Calendar Items 1-4, 6 and 7. The motion was seconded by Mayor Fligor 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

Deputy City Manager replied to Council questions and gave background relative to Consent Calendar Item # 2.

Mayor Fligor asked Deputy City Manager about the status of a previous Council request to explore having a more sustainable investment portfolio. Mr. Maginot explained that he would work to get this item back on the Finance Commission's agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. Ordinance No. 2021-481 Firearm Safe Storage Ordinance – Introduce, as read by title only, and waive further reading of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos amending the Los Altos Municipal Code by adding a new Chapter 7.29 entitled “Safe Storage of Firearms” in the City of Los Altos and making findings pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act that this ordinance is categorically exempt from environmental review.

Captain Krauss provided a report and answered questions from the Council.

The following individuals provided public comment: Susie MacLean, Rene Rashid, Jeanine Valadez, Pete Dailey, and Brian Jones.

Following brief Council discussion, Council Member Weinberg moved to Introduce, as read by title only, and waive further reading of the ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos amending the Los Altos Municipal Code by adding a new Chapter 7.29 entitled “Safe Storage of Firearms” in the City of Los Altos and making findings pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act that this ordinance is categorically exempt from environmental review. 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

8. Resolution No. 2021- 48 Redwood Grove Connector Trail from Los Altos Hills Approve Resolution No. 2021-48 expressing support for the exploration of a formal pathway trail connection between Redwood Grove Nature Preserve and Fremont Road in Los Altos Hills and directing the City Manager to work with Los Altos Hills staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission to return to the City Council with recommendations on the project.

Engineering Services Manager Sandoval, Special Projects Manager Dave Brees and City Manager Engeland answered questions from the Council.

The following members of the public commented: Ginger Summit, Kavita Tankha, Roberta Phillips, Robert Elson, and Jeanine Valdez.

Following discussion, Mayor Fligor moved to Adopt Resolution No. 2021-48 expressing support for the exploration of a formal pathway trail connection between Redwood Grove Nature Preserve and Fremont Road in Los Altos Hills and direct the City Manager to work with Los Altos Hills staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission, or any other Commissions, if deemed necessary, and return to the City Council with recommendations on the project. The motion passed 4-1 with the following roll call vote:

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

9. City Council Norms and Procedures: Adopt updated City Council Norms and Procedures for the City of Los Altos

City Attorney Houston introduced the item and noted that the references made in Sections 8.11 and 9.2 to Section 1.5 should be corrected to reference Section 14, clarified language of Section 8.3, and discussed the provisions Section 10.9.

Council Member Lee Eng inquired about development of process to allow all Council Members equal opportunity to trainings and other opportunities afforded to elected officials. In addition, the Council Member noted several typographical errors to be submitted to staff and corrected.

Council Member Weinberg, with the permission of Mayor Fligor, presented a proposed change to Section 6.8

Mayor Fligor opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals commented: Roberta Phillips, Joe Beninato, Salim, Jeanine Valadez, and Renee Rashid.

At 9:00 p.m., Mayor Fligor called for a brief recess. The meeting was reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

Council discussion commenced that included the aforementioned sections to be corrected, modification of language in Section 8.3, replacement of the word “will” with the word “may” in Section 4.1., replacement of pronouns he or she with he/she/they, incorporation of and modification of the language proposed by Council Member Weinberg for Section 6.8 ii.

Council Member Weinberg moved to adopt the proposed Council Norms and Procedures, as amended at the meeting including the typographical errors to be provided by Council Member Lee Eng, replacement of he/she with he/she/they, and that Section 6.8 be replaced with the

language discussed at the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Meadows and the motion passed 4-1 with the following roll call vote:

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

11. Formation of a City Council Friends of the Library Subcommittee: Discuss and determine whether to form a City Council Friends of the Library Subcommittee; discuss and determine the role and scope of such subcommittee and appoint two City Council Members to serve on the subcommittee

Mayor Fligor introduced the item. Vice Mayor Enander and Council Member Weinberg commented on the matter and began the Council discussion.

Following Council discussion, Council Member Weinberg moved that the Council table this matter indefinitely. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Enander. The motion passed 5-0 with following roll call vote:

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

12. Council Legislative Subcommittee Update And Potential Council Action: Receive update from the City Council Legislative Subcommittee; discuss pending legislation including, but not limited to: AB 14, AB 68, SB 215, AB 339, AB 473, AB 682, AB 989, AB 1401, AB 1322; SB 4, SB 6, SB 9, SB 10, SB 15, SB 16, SB 278, SB 477, SB 478, SB 556, SB 612, SB 640, SB 785.

An oral update on the status of pending legislation was provided, but no action taken.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY

- Tentative Council Calendar

No comments/No action taken.

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Fligor, with support from Vice Mayor Enander, requested placement of a discussion item on a future agenda relative to the formation of a Council subcommittee to work with the City Manager to develop a Summer Intern Program for 2022.

Council Member Weinberg, with the support of the entire Council, requested placement of an agenda item to consider extension of the Hillview Park Off-Leash Pilot Program.

Council Member Lee Eng, with support from Vice Mayor Enander, requested that an item be placed on a future Council agenda to discuss the aspects of the City's anti-bias training for City officials including its content, possible expansion of the content, the format, the resources that will be provided/available to those taking the training and the expected outcome of the anti-bias training.

City Manager Engeland addressed questions having to do with scheduling of budget updates.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:53 p.m., Mayor Fligor adjourned the meeting.

Neysa Fligor, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Andrea M. Chelemengos MMC, CITY CLERK