



**CITY OF LOS ALTOS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024
7:00 p.m.
1 N. San Antonio Rd. ~ Los Altos, CA**

*Jonathan D. Weinberg, Mayor
Pete Dailey, Vice Mayor
Neysa Fligor, Councilmember
Lynette Lee Eng, Councilmember
Sally Meadows, Councilmember*

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Jonathan D. Weinberg, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM – All Councilmembers were present.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – **Sally Meadows, Councilmember**, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

There was no reportable action taken during the Closed Session meeting of January 23, 2024.

CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no speakers during public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following members of the public spoke on Items on the Consent Calendar:

- Connie Miller (Item 6)
- Eric Steinle (Item 3 and Item 6)

Gabriel Engeland, City Manager, recommended the City Council continue Item 5 of the Consent Calendar to a future meeting date.

Motion by Meadows and Seconded by Fligor to approve Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of the Consent Calendar and to continue Item 5 to a future meeting date. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

1. Approve the draft regular meeting minutes of January 9, 2024
2. Adopt a resolution for the Sewer System Repair Program, Project WW-01001 Acceptance; consider finding the Council's action exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, and finding that none of the circumstances in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies
3. Adopt a Resolution Accepting Completion of the City Hall Permit Counter Project and Authorize the Development Services Director to Record a Notice of Completion as Required by Law
4. Disband the ad hoc police facility subcommittee

5. Receive an update to the City Council on the state of the citywide street network pavement condition as of January 2023

This item was moved to a future meeting date and a subsequent future agenda item was requested by Mayor Weinberg in relation to the topic.

6. Adopt a Resolution affirming the City Council Strategic Goals

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. Hold a Public Hearing and adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Los Altos establishing an Inclusionary Housing In-Lieu Fee and Integrating the fees into the Municipal Fee Schedule and find this action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15273 of State Guidelines

Nick Zornes, Development Services Director, presented the report.

Jonathan D. Weinberg, Mayor, opened the Public Hearing.

The following members of the public spoke during the Public Hearing:

- Eric Steinle
- Teresa Morris

Jonathan D. Weinberg, Mayor, closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Meadows and Seconded by Dailey to adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Los Altos establishing an Inclusionary Housing In-Lieu Fee and Integrating the fees into the Municipal Fee Schedule and find the action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15273 of State Guidelines. **Motion carried 4-0-1 by roll call vote; Councilmember Lee Eng abstained.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Introduce and waive further reading of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos amending Chapter 11.08 Tree Protection Regulations

Nick Zornes, Development Services Director, presented the report.

The following members of the public spoke during the Public Hearing:

- Lili Najimi
- Bruno Delagneau
- Teresa Morris

The City Council amended the ordinance as follows:

- Define “trees” and include a definition for “protected trees”
- Remove the word “remove” from definitions

Motion by Fligor and Seconded by Lee Eng to introduce and waive further reading of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos amending Chapter 11.08 Tree Protection Regulations, as amended. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

After the item was closed, the Mayor noted a resolution contained in the report was not adopted. City Attorney Houston recommended the resolution be considered by the Council during the meeting of February 13, 2024.

9. Provide direction to staff regarding Council salary and benefits

Jon Maginot, Assistant City Manager, presented the report.

There were no speakers during this item.

The City Council directed staff to draft an ordinance that will bring the City Council's total compensation into the middle range of what Los Altos' six identified peer cities are offering, based on data staff provided. The ordinance will detail a proposed salary with a list of benefits currently offered to staff that Council may consider for inclusion in their compensation plan.

Discussion item only. No motion taken.

10. Review a travel request from Councilmember Lee Eng to attend the 2024 Congressional City Conference in Washington, DC from March 11-13, 2024 sponsored by the National League of Cities

Jonathan D. Weinberg, Mayor, opened the item for discussion.

Lynette Lee Eng, Councilmember, explained her request for travel to attend a conference.

There were no speakers during the item.

The City Council denied the travel request.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY

There will be no discussion or action on Informational Items

11. Tentative Council Calendar and Housing Element Update Calendar

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS


- **Jonathan D. Weinberg, Mayor** – Requested a future agenda item:
 - Discussion for Council to identify what challenges the City is facing regarding street maintenance and to recommend a course of action for the City to take on the topic. *(Supported by all Council)*
- **Neysa Fligor, Councilmember** – Requested a future agenda item:
 - Direct staff to explore legal options, in light of the Berkeley reach code legal case, for Los Altos to focus on decarbonization *(Supported by Meadows and Weinberg)*

ADJOURNMENT – The regular meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

The meeting minutes were prepared by Melissa Thurman, City Clerk, for approval at the regular meeting of February 13, 2024.



Jonathan D. Weinberg
Mayor



Melissa Thurman, MMC
City Clerk

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