

Town of Los Altos Hills

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 16, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, California

Via teleconference according to Government Code Section 54953(e) **Mayor Tankha** called the hybrid City Council Regular Meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Present: Mayor Tankha, Vice Mayor Tyson, Councilmember Mok, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Swan
Absent: None
Staff: City Manager Peter Pirnejad, City Attorney Steve Mattas, Assistant City Attorney Claire Lai, Planning/Building Director Sofia Mangalam, Public Works Director Oscar Antillon, Administrative Services Director Sarina Revillar, Principal Planner Steve Padovan, Management Analyst II Cody Einfalt, City Clerk Deborah Padovan

CALL TO ORDER (5:30 P.M.)

A. Roll Call

1. **CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING: PUBLIC COMMENT (PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO ITEMS WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING)**

A. CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Legal Counsel- Anticipated Litigation (Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9)
Significant Exposure to Litigation - One case

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

Council adjourned to Closed Session at 5:36 p.m.

2. **ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

3. **OPEN SESSION (6:00 P.M.)**

Mayor Tankha called the Open Session to order at 6:00 p.m.

- A. Roll Call
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

4. AGENDA REVIEW AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Vice Mayor Tyson asked that a Council Initiated Item be added to the agenda.

Mayor Tankha noted that the public hearing (Item 9.A) may not start before 7:00 p.m. If we reach that point in the agenda before that time, we can either pause the meeting until 7:00 p.m. or we can move ahead to the later items and come back to the public hearing.

There was no reportable action from the Closed Session.

5. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Senator Josh Becker expressed his appreciation for **Mayor Tankha** for her strong leadership throughout the community this year.

Steve Jordan, Los Altos Hills, wanted to make sure everyone is aware of the water shortage emergency and the need to cut water by 32%. This is driven by the high outdoor water use in Los Altos Hills. Residents are asked to limit outdoor watering to twice a week, turn off fountains, and make sure there is no runoff. These are the immediate steps to be taken.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Swan recused herself from voting on Item 6.E as she lives within 500 feet of the subject property.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: Vice Mayor **Tyson** moved to approve the **CONSENT CALENDAR**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember **Mok**.

MOTION PASSED 5-0:

AYES: Tankha, Tyson, Mok, Schmidt, Swan*

NOES: None

*ABSTAIN: Swan (abstained on Item 6.E only)

RECUSE: None

ABSENT: None

A. Approval of City Council Regular Meeting Minutes: November 18, 2021

B. Review of Disbursements: November 1-30, 2021 \$2,265,839.78

C. Receive Development Fee Report for period ending June 30, 2021 (Staff: S. Revillar)

- D. Motion to Re-Authorize Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Town of Los Altos Hills, Including the Planning Commission and Committees, due to the Imminent Risks to the Health and Safety of Attendees and Making Related Findings Pursuant to AB 361 (Staff: S. Mattas)
- E. **Resolution 84-21** Approving Plans and Specifications for the East Sunset Drive Roadway Widening Project and Authorizing Staff to Advertise for Bids and Inspection Services (Staff: O. Antillon)
- F. Consideration and Issuance of Report on Efforts to Alleviate the Conditions which led to the Adoption of the SB 9 Urgency Ordinance (Staff: S. Padovan)

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Resolution 85-21** Adopting a Suicide Prevention Policy for the Town of Los Altos Hills (Staff: C. Einfalt)

Management Analyst II Cody Einfalt presented the staff report.

Council discussion ensued.

Public Comment

Vic Ojakian, Palo Alto, thanked the mayor and town staff for bringing this item forward. Eleven out of fifteen cities in Santa Clara County have already adopted suicide prevention policies.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: by Councilmember **Schmidt** moved to adopt **Resolution 85-21** Adopting a Suicide Prevention Policy for the Town of Los Altos Hills. The motion was seconded by Councilmember **Swan**.

MOTION PASSED 5-0:

- AYES: Tankha, Tyson, Mok, Schmidt, Swan
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- RECUSE: None
- ABSENT: None

8. STAFF REPORTS

- A. City Manager

City Manager Pirnejad thanked staff for putting together the first hybrid meeting for the town. He gave a shout out to the ad hoc Emerging Technologies Committee for the heavy lifting. He said that we are publishing a weekly city manager’s report, which is a culmination of staff’s work each week. It is our first attempt at

communication. We will be revamping and putting it in a better format. He said we will be preparing a council meeting recap and that will be a brief overview of what occurred at a council meeting.

B. City Attorney -No report.

C. City Clerk

City Clerk Deborah Padovan announced a plaque rededication at Chapel in the Hills tomorrow (December 17, 2021) at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

D. Planning Director

Planning Director Sofia Mangalam provided an update on the activities relating to the housing element. She is looking for feedback and community input is important in the process.

E. Administrative Services Director - No report.

F. Public Works Director - No report.

COUNCIL INITIATED ITEM (ADDED HERE)

Vice Mayor Tyson presented an item regarding the town's committees.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: Vice Mayor **Tyson** moved to direct staff to return in January updating the standing committee resolution to sunset the Education Committee and add an Emerging Technologies Committee with a minimum number five members. The motion was seconded by Councilmember **Swan**.

Council discussion ensued.

Public Comment

Duffy Price, Los Altos Hills, said it would be easy to expand the Community Relations Committee to confirm what is going on in schools.

John Swan, Los Altos Hills, said he is in agreement that the Los Altos Hills Education Committee be sunsetted, but feels the town should still have a representative on the Los Altos School District Bond Oversight Committee.

Kjell Karlsson, Los Altos Hills, said the committee has not met this year and suggested the Community Relations Committee pick it up.

Duncan MacMilan, Los Altos Hills, thinks it's a great idea to merge the Education Committee

into the Community Relations Committee.

MOTION AND SECOND AMENDED: Vice Mayor **Tyson** amended his motion to direct staff to return in January updating the standing committee resolution to sunset the Education Committee, merge that function into the Community Relations Committee, and add an ~~Emerging Technologies~~ Technology Committee with a minimum of five members. Councilmember **Swan** amended her second.

MOTION PASSED 5-0:

AYES: Tankha, Tyson, Mok, Schmidt, Swan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
RECUSE: None
ABSENT: None

Item 10 was heard next:

10. SPECIAL ITEMS

- A. Recognition of and Remarks by Mayor Kavita Tankha
- B. City Council Reorganization
 - 1. Motion to Elect a New Mayor
 - 2. Motion to Elect a New Vice Mayor
 - 3. Oath of Office to New Mayor and Vice Mayor
 - 4. Comments by New Mayor and Vice Mayor

Santa Clara County District 5 Supervisor Joe Simitian thanked **Mayor Tankha** for including him in tonight's meeting.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: Mayor **Tankha** moved to appoint **George Tyson** as Mayor. The motion was seconded by Councilmember **Mok**.

MOTION PASSED 5-0:

AYES: Tankha, Tyson, Mok, Schmidt, Swan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
RECUSE: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: Councilmember **Tankha** moved that **Linda Swan** be appointed as Vice Mayor. Mayor **Tyson** seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED 5-0:

AYES: Tankha, Tyson, Mok, Schmidt, Swan
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None
RECUSE: None
ABSENT: None

Supervisor Simitian administered the oath of office to **Mayor Tyson** and then to **Vice Mayor Swan**.

Councilmember Tankha thanked **Supervisor Simitian** for joining us today. He praised **Councilmember Tankha** for her service as Mayor during the past year.

Councilmember Tankha provided closing results.

Vice Mayor Swan thanked the **Councilmember Tankha** and provided comments.

Isabelle LaSalle, on behalf of **Assemblymember Marc Berman**, thanked the former Mayor for her leadership this past year.

Councilmember Mok provided comments as well.

Rajiv Bhateja, Los Altos Hills, thanked **Councilmember Tankha** for her remarkable respect for residents. He congratulated **Mayor Tyson** and **Vice Mayor Swan** for their new appointments.

J. Logan, Los Altos Hills Fire District Manager, extended congratulations to former **Mayor Tankha** and congratulations to **Mayor Tyson** and **Vice Mayor Swan**.

9. PUBLIC HEARING

► City Council Ex Parte Contacts Policy Disclosure

- A. Extension of an Urgency Ordinance 599 to add Article 15 (Objective Standards for Qualified SB 9 Subdivisions and Development Projects) to Title 10, Chapter 1 (Zoning and Site Development) of the Los Altos Hills Municipal Code regulating the subdivision and development of qualified Senate Bill 9 properties in the Town of Los Altos Hills (Staff: S. Padovan) – Motion to Waive Reading and Adopt the Urgency Ordinance

Ex Parte Communications: None

Principal Planner Steve Padovan presented the staff report.

Mayor Tyson opened the Public Hearing.

Seeing no comments, **Mayor Tyson** closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: Vice Mayor **Swan** moved to waive reading

and introduce and adopt the urgency ordinance 599 included with the staff report extended ordinance number 598 for an additional 22 months and 15 days. The motion was seconded by Councilmember **Tankha**.

MOTION PASSED 5-0:

AYES: Tankha, Tyson, Mok, Schmidt, Swan

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

RECUSE: None

ABSENT: None

11. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Padovan

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City Clerk

The minutes of the December 16, 2021 regular City Council meeting were approved as presented at the January 20, 2022 regular City Council meeting.