

# Town of Los Altos Hills

## City Council Regular Meeting Agenda December 15 2022

### Minutes

December 15, 2022

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

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

- A. Roll Call
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Tyson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

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

There was no public comment.

2. **CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:**

- A. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)  
Agency Designated Representatives: George Tyson and Steve Mattas  
Unrepresented Employee: City Manager

3. **ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:31 p.m.

4. **CALL TO ORDER (6:00 PM) OPEN SESSION**

Report out of closed session - no reportable action.

- A. Roll Call
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

5. **AGENDA REVIEW AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

No changes.

**6. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

*Persons wishing to address the Council on any subject **not** on the agenda may do so now. Please complete a Speaker Card located on the back table of the Council Chambers and submit it to the City Clerk. Comments are limited to two (2) minutes per speaker. California law prohibits the Council from acting on items that do not appear on the agenda. Under a Resolution previously adopted by the Council, such items can be referred to staff for appropriate action, which may include placement on the next available agenda.*

there were no presentations from the floor.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion: by Tankha seconded by Swan

MOTION PASSED 5-0:

AYES: Tankha, Tyson, Mok, Schmidt, Swan

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

RECUSE: None

ABSENT: None

- A. Approval of Regular City Council Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2022
- B. Approval of Special City Council Meeting Minutes – November 30, 2022
- C. Review of Disbursements: November 1-30, 2022      \$1,202,443.66
- 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 Accepting the Right-of-Way Dedication at 13051 La Paloma Road along Purissima Road and La Paloma Road Frontages; Lands of Krishnamurthy; File #SD22-0009 & ER22-0006. CEQA Review: Determination of Exemption per CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (Staff: S. Mangalam)
- F. Resolution Authorizing Staff to Advertise Two RPFs for Qualified Consultants for (1) Establishment of Multi-Family Zone and Associate Standards; (2) Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Housing Element 2023-31 Implementation (Staff: S. Mangalam)
- G. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Approve the Purchase of a Mini Track

Loader and Accessories (Staff: Public Works)

- H. Resolution Authorizing Execution of the 23520 Ravensbury Avenue Sanitary Sewer Main Reimbursement Agreement between the Town of Los Altos Hills and James and Jennifer Doran (Staff: D. Liang)
- I. Resolution Approving the Plans and Specifications for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Repair and Replacement Project and Authorize Staff to Advertise the Project for Bids (Staff: D. Liang)
- J. Adoption (Second Reading) of Ordinance 606 adding Chapter 9 “Leaf Blowers” to Title 5 “Public Welfare, Morals and Conduct” of the Los Altos Hills Municipal Code regulating the use of leaf blowers. CEQA Review: Categorical Exemption Per Section 15061(B)(3) (Staff: Public Works) Motion to Waive Reading and Adopt the Ordinance

**8. SPECIAL ITEMS**

- A. Recognition of Mayor George Tyson
  - 1. Remarks from Mayor Tyson

The Council recognized Mayor Tyson.

Mayor Tyson provided a summation of the past year. He said we have so many capable, experienced residents who expect a lot from the City Council. He said he feels like he's "borrowed this position, because in effect I hold for awhile, make sure I don't break it." He complimented the Council and said they did the best they could to come up with compromise and to do the best we could at governance. The Town's governance is solid.

- B. Administration of Oath of Office and Seating of Councilmembers-Elec
  - 1. Comments by New Councilmembers

Supervisor Simitian administered the Oath of Office to Council member Kavita Tankha.

Supervisor Simitian administered the Oath of Office to Council member George Tyson.

- C. City Council Reorganization
  - 1. Election of New Mayor and administration of Oath of Office
  - 2. Election of New Vice Mayor and administration of Oath of Office
  - 3. Comments by New Mayor and Vice Mayor

Motion to appoint Linda Swan as Mayor: by Tankha seconded by Schmidt

MOTION PASSED 5-0:

AYES: Tankha, Tyson, Mok, Schmidt, Swan

NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
RECUSE: None  
ABSENT: None\

Motion to appoint Stanley Q. Mok as Vice Mayor : by Tankha seconded by Schmidt

MOTION PASSED 5-0:

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

Bob Jonsen, newly elected sheriff, congratulated the Mayor and Vice Mayor and the Councilmembers. He said this town is very special to him. The sheriff's office is deeply committed to the Town.

Vice Mayor Mok said he is very happy to be in Los Altos Hills. He complimented his fellow Councilmembers and thanked them for their team work.

Mayor Swan said she appreciates this Council and have done a lot of great things while working together. She stated that she greatly appreciates staff and the City Manager this past year.

D. Presentation of the Lifetime Volunteer Awards to Jitze Couperus, Nancy Couperus, Carol Gottlieb, and Duffy Price

Mayor Swan and Councilmember Tankha recognized the lifetime volunteer award winners.

Jitze Couperus, Nancy Couperus, Carol Gottlieb and Duffy Price were recognized.

Jitze said that Nancy Couperus formed the Friends of Westwind Barn and a riding program for handicapped children. He became president of the horseman's association, despite the fact he had never ridden a horse. He had however, ridden a camel, and it had four feet, so that was just fine. The riding for the handicapped still continues today, over 40 years later. Then in 2002, he supported the open space initiative to lock in open spaces in town that cannot be changed without a vote of the citizenry.

Carol Gottlieb spoke about the past and said she started her journey of volunteering for the Town with the Pathways Committee. She worked on researching pathway easements to developed a map. She recognized her fellow volunteers Jean Struthers, Johanna Such, and Mary Stutz. For four-years, they researched the paths, the easements. they went through the documents two or three times and then walked all the trails. Then staff got involved and a Pathway Element was included in the General Plan. From that point on she has continued to volunteer for the town.

Duffy Price thanked the City Council for this incredible award. She said there are three kinds of people in this world: "one that makes things happen, those who watch things happen, and those that basically say. . . what the hell happened?" She then described how she got involved with the newsletter for the

Town, which is still in place to this day. Currently she is working on SB and RHNA numbers and will continue to work on it. She further said "participation is its own reward."

**9. PRESENTATION**

A. End of Year Status Update on 2022 Council Strategic Goals (Staff: P. Pirnejad)

City Manager Pirnejad presented the status of the 2022 Council priorities.

**10. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

🕒 City Council Ex Parte Contacts Policy Disclosure

A. Adoption of Ordinance 607 (Second Reading) Amending Chapters 1.2 (Residential Code) And 1.8 (Fire Code) of Title 8 (Building Regulations) of the Los Altos Hills Municipal Code and Adopting by Reference Amendments to the 2022 California Building Standards Code Including Local Modifications; CEQA Review: Categorical Exemption Per Section 15061(B)(3) (Staff: S. Mangalam) Motion to Waive Reading and Adopt the Ordinance

Ex Parte Communications: None

Mayor Swan opened the public hearing.

Planning Director Sofia Mangalam presented the recommendation to waive the reading and adopt the ordinance.

Mayor Swan closed the public hearing.

Motion to waive reading and adopt Ordinance 607 by Tyson seconded by Mok

MOTION PASSED 5-0:

AYES: Tankha, Tyson, Mok, Schmidt, Swan

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

RECUSE: None

ABSENT: None

**11. ADJOURN**

*Pursuant to Ordinance No. 506, the Council Meeting shall adjourn no later than 10:00 p.m., unless otherwise approved by a majority of the Councilmembers present.*

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm

