

Town of Los Altos Hills

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 17, 2011
Council Chambers, 26379 Fremont Road

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Summit called the City Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Town Hall.

Present: Mayor Ginger Summit, Mayor Pro Tem Rich Larsen, Councilmember Jean Mordo, Councilmember John Radford, Councilmember Gary Waldeck

Absent:

Staff: City Manager Carl Cahill, Planning Director Debbie Pedro, City Engineer/Public Works Director Richard Chiu, Finance Director Nick Pegueros, City Attorney Steve Mattas

Mayor Summit made adjustments to the Agenda. Item 23 was moved to Item 1.

23. Library Commission Report (Los Altos Library Commission Chair, David Struthers)

David Struthers reviewed the annual report of activities. He pointed out that a Prioritization Committee was formed which made recommendations with regard to traffic and parking problems. The Library Commission appointed a representative to the North County Library Authority. Funding from the State for the Library will be cut.

Mayor Summit thanked Mr. Struthers for the work he has done for the Library.

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation: Request for Sponsorship of Upcoming Los Altos History Museum Water Exhibit, "Shaped by Water: Past, Present, and Future": Jan Masters, Exhibit Sponsorship Committee Member

Laura Bajuk, Executive Director of the History Museum, announced a new exhibit to open in October. The exhibit will run from October 6, 2011 to April 15, 2011 and will explore the development of the valley through the perspective of water.

Councilmember Mordo supported the exhibit and noted that the Museum's source of revenue was from donations. The exhibit was relevant to the issue of water which the Council has spent an amount of time discussing and considering changes to ordinances. His recommendation was to make a donation.

Discussion followed by the Council. Council supported a sponsorship but felt that a donation as part of the Community Services Grant Program and annual budget process should be looked at.
CLOSE OF APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Before proceeding to the Consent Calendar, Mayor Summit acknowledged the opening day of the Little League fields and Eric Christensen who was instrumental in putting together the event.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda items removed: Item 7 (Waldeck), Item 2 (Mordo), Item 10 (Larsen), and Item 6 (Summit)

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by Larsen, seconded by Mordo and passed unanimously to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar, specifically:

3. Award of Certificate of Commendation to Chase Wheatley, Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America, Troop 22
4. Review of Disbursements: February 1, 2011 – February 28, 2011 \$335,606.65
5. Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Reports for the Period ending December 31, 2010 (Staff: N. Pegueros)
8. Approve Lands of Zhong, 26131 Altadena Drive; File #6-11-MISC; A request for a Certificate of Correction to remove a required 76 foot building setback recorded on the Final Map for septic field expansion purposes. The property is now served by the Los Altos Basin Sewer. CEQA Review: Categorical Exemption per Section 15305 (Staff: D. Pedro)
9. Notification of Fast Track Approval: Lands of Sapphire Bayou, LLC, 13833 Barton Court; (File #279-110-ZP-SD-GD): A request for a Site Development Permit for a 7,692 square foot new residence with a 1,860 square foot swimming pool, and a 1,800 square foot sport court (Maximum height: 27'). CEQA Review: Categorical Exemption per Sections 15303 (a & e) (Staff: D. Pedro)
11. Acceptance of the 2010 Pavement Rehabilitation and Storm Drain Improvements Project (Staff: R. Chiu) Reso# 12-11
12. Award of Contract for Hillview Road Pavement Rehabilitation and Drainage Improvement Project (Staff: R. Chiu) Reso# 13-11

ITEMS REMOVED

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - City Council Special Meeting – January 13, 2011
 - City Council Meeting – February 17, 2011

Council Member Mordo referred to the minutes of January 13, 2011, which listed him as the designee for the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). He did not remember volunteering for that agency. Mayor Summit offered to be the designee.

Mayor Summit pointed out that the minutes reflected that the meeting was called to order by Mayor Kerr, but she was the Mayor who called the meeting to order.

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Motion by Mordo, seconded by Larsen and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting – January 13, 2011, and the City Council Meeting – February 17, 2011

6. Acceptance of Donation for Heritage House from the Estate of Dale Ruf-Caputo (Staff: N. Pegueros)

Mayor Summit acknowledged that \$1,000 was bequeathed to the Heritage House from the Caputo family. The Mayor will write a letter thanking the family.

7. Adoption of Ordinance repealing Chapters 1,1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 2, 3, 4, and 8 of Title VIII (Building Regulations) of the Los Altos Hills Municipal Code and adopting by reference the 2010 California Building, Residential, California Green Building Standards, Housing, Energy, Safety assessment Placards, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, and Fire Codes, including modifications and amendments to the Codes; File #187-10-MISC (Staff: D Pedro) ORD 526

Councilmember Waldeck requested clarification on changes to the ordinance.

Planning Director Pedro explained that the item came before Council at its last meeting for Introduction. The major new component was the inclusion of the Building Standards Commission's California Green Building Code. Other changes were made at the request of the Fire Marshal with regard to Class A roofs, fire sprinklers, and fire truck turnarounds.

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Motion by Waldeck, seconded by Larsen and passed unanimously to adopt the Ordinance repealing Chapters 1,1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 2, 3, 4, and 8 of Title VIII (Building Regulations) of the Los Altos Hills Municipal Code and adopting by reference the 2010 California Building, Residential, California Green Building Standards, Housing, Energy, Safety assessment Placards, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, and Fire Codes, including modifications and amendments to the Codes

10. Resolution Approving the Santa Clara Valley Water District Grant Fund Application for the Edith Park/Adobe Creek Restoration Project (Staff: D. Pedro)

Mayor Pro Tem Larsen requested clarification as to the Town's exposure.

Planning Director Pedro explained that the Project budget was approximately \$127,000, and staff had applied for a grant with the Santa Clara Valley Water District; one requirement was that the Town put in a minimum 25% cost share. The Town's share was approximately \$27,000, which includes a \$5,000 cash contribution and the remaining to be in kind contribution such as staff and volunteer hours.

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Motion by Larsen, seconded by Waldeck and passed unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 14-11 Approving the Santa Clara Valley Water District Grant Fund Application for the Edith Park/Adobe Creek Restoration Project

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Dru Anderson addressed the Council with regard to traffic on the Arastradero corridor. She referenced a February 2007 memo written by her husband, Robert Anderson, addressing traffic concerns. The Council was asked to look at the Arastradero corridor to make it safer for the 50 homes in the area.

Breene Kerr reminded everyone about emergency preparedness and mentioned that Westwind Barn was retrofitted to extremely high standards, was designed to survive a severe earthquake, and could serve a valuable function in the event of an emergency. His suggestion was that the Town consider installing a generator at the Barn as part of the Council's annual expenditures and consider creating a self contained potable water system.

Duncan MacMillan, Education Committee member, advised that the Education Committee will bring a letter to the April Council meeting requesting that the Council send a letter to the Palo Alto Unified School District reiterating the Town's interest in the former Fremont Hills school site, known as Pinewood School.

Debbie Newhouse presented a petition to the Council with regard to motorist/bicyclist safety at Deer Creek and Purissima and the need for better signage for the bicycle trail.

John Meadows spoke about the Deer Creek/Purissima bike trail. He disagreed that the addition of signs would help the issue with bicyclists.

Martha Bowden expressed her concern about the speed on Arastradero Road between Page Mill and Purissima.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

➤ City Council Ex Parte Contacts Policy Disclosure

Councilmember Waldeck advised that he had walked the trail and spoke with a number of citizens about the project.

Councilmember Radford advised that he walked the trail and spoke with a number of residents. He also received individual emails on the subject.

Councilmember Mordo advised that he walked the trail and spoke to one of the neighbors.

Mayor Pro Tem Larsen advised that he had walked and ridden the trail on several occasions and received many emails about the project.

Mayor Summit advised that, as a former member of the Pathways Committee, she was familiar with the pathway. She was on the ad hoc committee that worked with Stanford in trying to get a workable path. She recently walked the path and met with neighbors.

13. INITIAL STUDY AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE LOS ALTOS HILLS/STANFORD TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, Arastradero and Page Mill Roads between Purissima and Baleri Ranch Roads; Project includes the restoration and construction of walking paths, bike lanes, a retaining wall, and a free-span pedestrian bridge across Matadero Creek. CEQA Review: Mitigated Negative Declaration (Staff: D. Pedro)

Mayor Pro Tem Larsen pointed out that the staff recommendation was to continue the project to a date uncertain; however, he favored hearing the staff presentation and input from neighbors. The Council concurred.

Planning Director Debbie Pedro introduced the item to the Council. The proposed project encompasses approximately one linear mile from the intersection of Arastradero and Purissima and ends near Tracy Court. The project included the repair and restoration of existing pathways, construction of new sections of pathways, and bike lane striping and road widening where feasible. Pedro proceeded with a PowerPoint presentation showing the proposed trail improvements. The project was consistent with the Town's Pathway Element as well as on the Town's Master Path Plan. The Planning Commission reviewed the project on March 3, 2011, and recommended that staff look into four additional issues: (1) identify current and forecast usage of the trails, parking and impact on local neighborhoods; (2) the potential safety impacts of additional bicycle traffic at the Page Mill Road vehicular bridge; (3) the impacts of increased foot traffic that might result from upgrading the existing native to native decomposed granite paths; and (4) the impacts on non-residents accessing local Los Altos Hills pathways from the proposed trail.

OPENED PUBLIC HEARING

Edwina Cioffi, resident, provided a report on impacts to the residents. The issue was that the initial study and biological assessment was flawed, superficial, incomplete and irresponsible. It was felt that mitigation only addressed environmental factors and ignored long term environmental impacts to homeowners and wildlife.

John Meadows, resident, addressed the issue of losing the peace and serenity of the neighborhood over the years due to bicyclists and parked cars. The cars that park on Arastradero force horse riders to travel on the street to get around the cars.

Tom Turner, resident, commented on finding out that Stanford had offered Los Altos Hills over \$1 million to enhance the trail to connect with the end of Stanford's trail to Pearson Park. His concern was that there was no clarity or disclosure to the people who were affected.

Dru Anderson, resident, commented that residents enjoyed the trails when they were maintained according to Town standards. Concern was expressed about the safety issue created at the end of Stirrup due to bicyclists, horses, and cars.

Breene Kerr agreed that the parking on Arastradero was out of control and improvements could be made by referring this issue to Town committees. An issue that needed to be addressed was that Palo Alto had not expanded the parking lot at the Open Space

Preserve. The project represented over \$1 million of funds being supplied by someone else to solve a problem.

Jean Struthers, Open Space Committee member, supported the staff recommendation for further study. She expressed concern about the importance of saving a Buckeye tree that was planted in memory of Brenda Butner, who wrote the Tree Ordinance. The tree was one of seven trees that were grafted at the Saratoga Horticulture Association. Nita Logan, resident, spoke up and advised that the tree was on her property.

Les Earnest, resident, commented that the Old Page Mill Road interchange was dangerous, and the Town had ignored the problem of getting bicyclists, pedestrians and equestrians across two lanes of high speed traffic going on to the onramp. His recommendation was that the Council set up a study group to address the issue.

Jeff Logan, resident, objected to the proposal and process for the pathway project because he believed it would negatively impact the residents. Some impacts that need to be mitigated include the substandard roadway conditions on Page Mill Road; site distance was not consistent with the usage of the roadway and speeds being driven; lack of property striping and lighting makes navigating through the congested sections more challenging to drivers, bikers and joggers; and additional traffic would exacerbate the existing substandard design constraint condition. The proposed project would make parking in the neighborhood an increased concern. Privacy and intrusion was also a concern.

Irene Wu, resident, concurred with Mr. Logan's comments. Her concern was that the project would benefit bicyclists, hikers or visitors who came to enjoy the trails. Parking was a major issue.

Mark Lee, resident, emphasized that the benefit to homeowners should be the overriding concern of the Council.

Ann Duwe, Pathways Committee member, expressed concern that the project was not addressed by the Pathway Committee prior to going to the Planning Commission. Stanford was under pressure to offer to give the Town over \$1 million which would be in the Town's interest to use that money to make safety improvements to the Arastradero corridor.

David Struthers, resident, favored the improvements on Arastradero from Purissima to Page Mill, particularly for bicyclists.

Tom Wheelock, resident, urged that the Council follow the staff recommendation for further study. He suggested that parking be eliminated on Arastradero between Page Mill and the Preserve.

Roberta Riga, resident, commented that the only potential benefit for the proposal was the \$1 million. Her concern was with the existing situation, which she felt the proposal would exacerbate. The Council was urged to take into consideration the interests of the residents.

Ron Cioffi, resident, distributed a handout to the Council which addressed issues at the corner of Blair Ranch Road. Pointing out that growth at the Stanford Dish over the past 10 years had grown from 250,000 participants to 500,000 participants, he urged the Council to take into consideration the significant growth to the surrounding communities.

Nick Dunckel, resident, read an excerpt from the General Plan which indicated, "The Pathway System of Town is intended primarily for the use of Town residents but it should be connected to the path and trail systems of neighboring jurisdictions." He believed the project would be an improvement and encouraged the Council to study the project further.

Sue Welch, Open Space Committee and Pathways Committee member, recalled that in 2004, the Town paid Live Oak Associates to do a formal study of wildlife corridors, and the subject area was included. Her concern was also that the project did not go to the Pathways Committee. She questioned the risks involved in terms of recreational pressure.

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING

Councilmembers discussed comments that were heard and agreed with the staff recommendation to continue this item. Suggestion was made to direct staff to consider a parking plan. Council will send the matter to the proposed traffic safety ad hoc committee, the Pathways Committee and the Open Space Committee.

Jim Inglis, Stanford University, explained that Santa Clara County was holding the "key" to get the S-1 trail open which was expected to occur as soon as one month.

Larry Horton, Stanford Government Community Relations Director, further explained that easements had to be granted to the County of Santa Clara prior to opening the trail.

Council will make every effort to communicate with residents regarding the process. A suggestion was made to develop a project website.

COUNCIL RECESS 9:30 P.M.

COUNCIL RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION: 9:35 P.M.

14. LANDS OF LOS ALTOS HILLS (Applicant- T-Mobile Wireless), Public road right-of-way in front of 12400 Stonebrook Drive; File #248-10-CUP-ND-SD; A request for a Site Development Permit and Conditional Use Permit to construct a new wireless communications facility on an existing PG&E telephone pole. CEQA Review: Mitigated Negative Declaration (Staff: D. Pedro)

Assistant Planner Nicole Horvitz introduced the item. She advised that the Planning Commission, at its March 3, 2011, meeting, voted 4-1 to recommend adoption of the Negative Declaration and to approve the requested Site Development Permit and Conditional Use Permit. She proceeded with PowerPoint presentation that included a site plan with the location of the pole. The proposal was to increase the height of the telephone pole from 32 feet to 43 feet; the antennae and equipment cabinet would be painted brown to match the existing telephone pole. Pedro explained that the applicant

performed a neighborhood outreach and no comments were heard from neighboring properties.

Dana Aguirre, T-Mobile, advised Council that many telephone poles were looked at; the pole that was selected passed the PG&E test. PG&E requires that poles have a free quadrant for climbing legs for workers to move up and down the pole.

OPENED PUBLIC HEARING

Kathy Evans, resident, commented that the pole was close to the road and visible; however, she was in favor of better cell service.

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Motion by Mordo, seconded by Radford and passed unanimously to adopt the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the requested Site Development Permit and Conditional Use Permit subject to the amended conditions of approval and finding of approval.

15. Introduction of Noise Ordinance Amendment. Amendments to Title V, Chapter 2 (Noise Ordinance) of the Los Altos Hills Municipal Code. Proposed amendments include changing the scale of noise measurement from the C-weighting network to the A-weighting network, incorporating standards for stationary sound producing devices, changes to the “daytime” and “nighttime” periods, and other minor text changes. CEQA Review: exemption per Section 15061 (b)(3) (Staff: D. Pedro)

Associate Planner Brian Froelich introduced the item to the Council. The General Plan’s Noise Element includes two programs that require update and clarification: Program 1.1 calls for the scale that measures noise to be changed from the C-scale to the A-weighted scale; and Program 1.4 calls for specific mitigation measures for fixed noise such as heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment and pool equipment.

Froelich reviewed changes in the document before the Council. One letter from resident Roy Woolsey, 26649 Snell Lane, was received which was reviewed by the Planning Commission and incorporated some of his recommended changes.

Randy Waldeck, Charles Salter and Associates provided an explanation for the difference between the C-scale and A-scale; the fundamental difference was that the A-scale de-emphasized low frequency noise.

Councilmember Waldeck voiced concern that the standard was being relaxed. Froelich explained that the standards, if adopted as written, would be more in line with industry standards as well as standards in surrounding communities. Neighboring cities’ noise standards were reviewed, and Los Altos Hills’ standards were significantly more stringent.

Council discussion ensued. Councilmember Waldeck did not find the solution workable, long-term. Mayor Summit suggested that the Town would have an objective measure to use at the current time; changes could be made at a later date.

OPENED PUBLIC HEARING

No public comment.

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Motion by Larsen, seconded by Radford to waive reading and introduce an Ordinance amending the Los Altos Hills Municipal Code Title 5 (Public Welfare, Morals and Conduct), Chapter 2 (Noise). Motion passed with Waldeck voting no.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

16. Page Mill, Moody, Buena Vista Site Distance Issue (Staff: R. Chiu)

City Engineer/Public Works Director Richard Chiu introduced the item to the Council. After the February 17, 2011, Council meeting, the Town's traffic consultant conducted a Stop Sign Warrant analysis on Page Mill Road at Moody Road/Buena Vista Drive, and the results supported an all-way stop sign. A meeting was held with the County and Palo Alto to discuss the warrant analysis, and the County and Palo Alto were not in support of the stop signs. A proposal was offered to do signage and pavement markings. Staff contacted Supervisor Liz Kniss' office to request that the County reconsider its decision.

Mayor Summit advised that Scott Strickland, Senior Policy Analyst for Liz Kniss assured her that their office was working on the issue.

Council discussion ensued. Suggestion was made to ask staff to look into a new vehicle detection system that would activate flashing lights.

Chiu suggested that if the Council wanted to pursue the option of improvements within the Town's 10-foot strip, staff could survey the location to know exactly where the easement was in preparation for some type of new technology vehicle warning system. Council concurred for the need of a survey.

17. Recommendation on Consulting Services for Air and Water Quality Testing, Lehigh Quarry, and Peer Review of Existing Data (Staff: D. Pedro)

Planning Director Pedro reported that at the February 17, 2011, Council meeting, the Council directed staff to look into environmental consultants to evaluate Lehigh Quarry's air and water quality data. Staff contacted two possible consultants and has recommended a budget of \$25,000 for preliminary review. She advised that Councilmember Waldeck, Los Altos Mayor Ron Packard, and staff held meetings with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) staff and the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) staff to discuss Lehigh. According to the BAAQMD, there was no immediate harmful health hazard. The RWQCB had issued a notice of violation on February 22, 2011, due to the amount of water being discharged from the Quarry. Staff recommended scheduling a joint public information meeting in May.

Council discussion ensued. Councilmember Waldeck suggested that once authorization to proceed was received from the Council, a statement of work would be set up in order to receive more accurate estimates from the consultants.

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Motion by Mordo, seconded by Radford and passed unanimously to approve a budget of \$25,000, contingent upon getting Los Altos to go 50/50 with the Town.

City Manager Carl Cahill recommended that item 22 be moved ahead of item 18. Mayor Summit also moved item 19 after item 22.

22. Consideration of Annual Town Picnic and Other Community Relations Committee Events' Budget Proposal (CRC Co-Chairs, Kathy Evans and Roger Burnell)

Kathy Evans reported that the Community Relations Committee expects 2,000 residents to attend the 2011 Picnic. The total cost is anticipated to be \$30,000. It was pointed out that the approved budget for the picnic was \$27,000.

MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED: Motion by Radford, seconded by Waldeck and passed unanimously to approve the Town Picnic Budget for 2011 an increase over budget of \$3,000 for a total \$30,000.

19. Consideration of Amended Charter for Los Altos Hills Youth Commission and Youth Commissioner Revised Duties and Changes (Staff: S. Gualtieri)

Kathy Evans introduced the item to the Council, explained the selection process for Youth Commissioners and the proposed changes to the Charter. The goal is to have at least one Youth Commissioner from each of the high schools.

Following discussion by Council, City Manager Cahill recommended that staff bring the report back with cleaner terminology.

MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED: Motion by Larsen, seconded by Radford and passed unanimously as presented and directed staff to come back with an updated version of the amended Charter for the next meeting.

18. Update on Town-wide Online Survey Program (Staff: N. Pegueros)

Finance Director Nick Pegueros reported that the Town would be mailing out a registration form on March 18, 2011, inviting residents to sign-up for to an online survey program. The cost for the printing and mailing was approximately \$2,500 which came out of the City Council's Webmaster Services budget.

Councilmember Waldeck questioned the mechanism available to come up with an effective, objective survey. Councilmember Radford noted that the Council had complete authority to decide what questions would be asked. His recommendation was to pursue questions where the Council is prepared to take action.

Council discussion ensued. Comments raised about the need to ask for City, Zip Code and verification of LAH residency. Pegueros pointed out that only the email and phone number were required. Concurrence that Zip Code should remain. Suggestion made to include a statement that email addresses would not be used for any other purpose.

NEW BUSINESS

20. New Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Requirements (Staff: R. Chiu)

City Engineer/Public Works Director Chiu summarized the memorandum to Council noting that in July 2010, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted the new California Construction General Permit which included new requirements for the Storm Water Prevention Plan (SWPPP). A SWPPP needs to be developed by a certified, qualified SWPPP developer, and the field work needs to be done by a qualified SWPPP practitioner or SWPPP developer.

21. 2010-2011 Mid-year budget update (Staff: N. Pegueros)

Finance Director Pegueros provided an update on the Town's budget. A detailed report was included in the Council packet. Tax revenue estimates were on target, and the Town was experiencing higher building and planning fees due to increased activity. Savings have occurred in the contingency budgets as well as savings in personnel due to vacancies. Staff anticipated ending the year stronger than what was budgeted.

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES, AND COUNCILMEMBERS ON OUTSIDE AGENCIES

24. Consideration of General Plan Master Path Map amendment to add the La Loma/Rhus Ridge Off Road Path (Pathways Committee Chair, Eileen Gibbons)

Eileen Gibbons, Pathways Committee Chair, requested that the Council consider an amendment to the General Plan Master Path Map to add the La Loma/Rhus Ridge Off Road Path. She addressed the benefits of the addition of the path.

Discussion by Council ensued. City Manager Cahill advised that the request from the Pathways Committee was that the Council give direction as to whether path be formally considered as an amendment to the Master Path Map. Public hearings would be required to take place prior to any action.

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Motion by Mordo, seconded by Summit and passed unanimously to proceed with the request.

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager
City Attorney

City Clerk

No reports were given.

Director of Public Works

- Report on Call Back Hours

City Engineer/Public Works Director Chiu referenced a report before the Council which indicated that the Call Out Pay for the Town crew was \$6,102. Outside contractor costs would have been \$16,270. A major contributing factor to the increase each quarter was the winter weather.

COUNCIL INITIATED ITEMS

25. Discussion of Possible Online Survey Questions with Regards to Zoning and Site Development Issues (Councilmember: Mordo)

Councilmember Mordo introduced the item. He commented that Los Altos Hills has the most lenient rules for size of homes that can be built in the Town. His online question would be, "Should Los Altos Hills consider imposing a cap or a limit on the absolute maximum size of a home, for example, at 10,000 square feet."

Councilmember Waldeck questioned whether discussion on the item should go to a committee to make sure the question did not presuppose the answer. Mayor Pro Tem Larsen suggested asking whether residents were interested in controls beyond what was currently allowed. Consensus of Council was to refer the survey question to a working group comprised of Radford, Mordo and Town staff.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the consensus of the City Council at 11:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Pegueros

City Clerk

The minutes of the March 17, 2011 regular City Council meeting were approved as presented at the April 21 13, 2011 City Council meeting.