

Town of Los Altos Hills

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 10, 2008
Council Chambers, 26379 Fremont Road

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Present: Mayor Craig A.T. Jones, Vice Mayor Jean Mordo, Councilmember Breene Kerr, Councilmember Mike O'Malley and Councilmember Dean Warshawsky

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Carl Cahill, City Engineer/Public Works Director Richard Chiu, Finance Director Nick Pegueros, Planning Director Debbie Pedro, Public Safety Officer Steve Garcia, City Attorney Steve Mattas, and City Clerk Karen Jost

1. REORGANIZATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Jones nominated Vice Mayor Jean Mordo for Mayor.

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by Jones, seconded by Kerr and passed unanimously to appoint Vice Mayor Mordo to serve as Mayor.

Mayor Mordo advised the audience that speeches would be reserved for the Mayors' reception immediately following the City Council meeting.

Council had before them a draft resolution from Mayor Mordo that proposed a new rotation schedule for the positions of Mayor and Vice Mayor. Mordo noted that the Town's current reorganization schedule was atypical of other municipalities and not in synch with the election cycle. He offered that adoption at this time of the proposed revised rotation would eliminate any appearance that the change was directed towards anyone individual when the Council revisit their reorganization in July, 2009.

The specifics of the proposal included appointment of Councilmember Warshawsky as Mayor Pro Tem and Mayor at the first meeting in July, 2009. In July 2009, Councilmember Kerr would succeed to Mayor Pro Tem and be affirmed Mayor at the first meeting in May 2010. Councilmember Kerr would serve as Mayor until his term expired in December 2010. The new schedule would take effect in December 2010.

Mayor Mordo suggested that the proposal be agendized for the next regular Council meeting for consideration.

Council discussion ensued.

Councilmember O'Malley stated that he was comfortable with the current process and did not see any necessity for a change. He preferred to leave the discretion as to the rotation to future councils.

Councilmember Jones commented that he did not oppose the resolution but suggested that the meeting minutes could memorialize the Council's intent with identification of the list of objectives.

Following a brief discussion, Council directed the City Attorney to provide a staff report and resolution establishing a new rotation schedule that would align with the election cycle for their consideration at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by Jones, seconded by Kerr and passed unanimously to appoint Councilmember Dean Warshawsky to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

2. Appointment to the Standing Parks & Recreation Committee (1 vacancy)
Item was continued from the June 11, 2008 Special City Council Meeting

Council had before them applications from the following candidates: Benjamin Gikis, Susan Lam, Jamie Lucia, and Amy Weissman. Following two rounds of ballot voting, Jamie Lucia was selected to serve on the Parks and Recreation Committee.

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by Jones, seconded by O'Malley and passed unanimously to appoint Jamie Lucia to the Standing Parks and Recreation Committee for a term of four years.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item Removed: Agenda Item #5 (Councilmember Kerr)

MOTIONED SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by Warshawsky, seconded by Jones and passed unanimously to approve the remainder of the consent calendar; specifically:

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Special City Council Meeting – June 11, 2008
4. Review of Disbursements: June 1, 2008 – June 30, 2008 \$957,067.12
6. Award of Contract for Preparation of Construction Documents for Eastbrook Avenue Sanitary Sewer Project (Staff: R. Chiu) Resolution No. 41-08
7. Acceptance of Grant of Utility Easement (Sanitary Sewer) on Lands of P. Johnson LLC, Lands of Satellite LLC, Lands of Scharfetter, Lands of Schmitt, Lands of Strong, and Lands of Thomas (Staff: R. Chiu) Resolution No. 42-08

8. Acceptance of Dedication of Right-of-Way; Lands of Chen/Wang, 13751 La Paloma Road (Staff: R. Chiu) Resolution No. 43-08
9. Approval for the Purchase of a Tractor for Public Works Use- (Staff: S. Garcia) Resolution No. 44-08
10. Approval of Reimbursement Agreement between the Town of Los Altos Hills and the City of Los Altos for the El Monte Avenue Micro-Seal Project (Staff: R. Chiu) Resolution No. 45-08
11. Approval of Amendment No. 3 to Agreement for City Attorney Services between Meyers Nave and the Town of Los Altos Hills – Resolution No. 46-08
12. Notification of Fast Track Approval: Lands of Ahsan; 27500 Edgerton Road (File # 3-07-ZP-SD-GD) A Request for a Site Development Permit for a new 4,410 square foot single-story residence (maximum height 21') and a 2,972 square foot basement. CEQA review-Categorical Exemption 15303(a) (Staff: B. Froelich)
13. Notification of Fast Track Approval: Lands of Audio, LLC; 26989 Beaver Lane, (File # 40-08-ZP-SD-GD) A Request for a Site Development Permit for a new 4,972 square foot two-story residence with a roof deck (maximum height 25') CEQA review-Categorical Exemption 15303(a) (Staff: N. Horvitz)

Item Removed:

5. Award of Contract for Environmental Consulting Services for Taaffe Pathway Improvements (Staff: R. Chiu)

Councilmember Kerr requested clarification on the design specifications for the project. He noted that the terrain for the path was steep in several areas and he questioned if the plans called for the path to be equestrian appropriate.

City Engineer Richard Chiu reported that the path was currently in the design phase. The agreement before Council would engage an environmental consultant to assist with the preparation of the required environmental documents for the construction of the path. He concurred that there were steep areas in the proposed path and efforts were being made to minimize the slope. The design called for a 3 foot path.

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by Kerr, seconded by O'Malley and passed unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 47-08 "Awarding a Contract for Environmental Consulting Services for Taaffe Pathway Improvements"

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Toni Casey, resident, addressed Council. She congratulated Mayor Mordo and Mayor Pro Tem Warshawsky on his appointment. Casey requested consideration of the meeting being adjourned in memory of her very dear friend and long time resident,

Sigrun Corrigan who had succumbed to breast cancer on June 26, 2008. Ms. Casey described Mrs. Corrigan as a shining star and bright light who was a great supporter of Los Altos Hills.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. Consideration of the Amended Lease Agreement between the Town of Los Altos Hills and Purissima Hills Water District (Staff: S. Garcia)

Public Safety Officer Steve Garcia introduced the item. Garcia noted that approval of the lease had been continued from the last meeting. He advised Council that the outstanding issues had been resolved and the Emergency Communications Committee was recommending approval of the item. The amended lease would update the new tower location for the Town's communication antennas and equipment.

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by Jones, seconded by Kerr and passed unanimously to approve the amended Lease Agreement between the Town of Los Altos Hills and the Purissima Hills Water District.

NEW BUSINESS

15. Proposed Town Goals

Council had before them a draft of Council Objectives for the upcoming year that were being proposed by Mayor Mordo. He explained that his expectation was to present them at this meeting and revisit them at the next regularly scheduled meeting for an in depth discussion.

Mayor Mordo noted that he was considering an amendment to his 4th objective that currently focused on sewers. He suggested that it be broadened to include broadband and cable for residents and infrastructure in general but with an emphasis on sewer.

The item was continued to the July 26, 2008 regular meeting for Council consideration.

16. Consideration of Summer Meeting Schedule

Following a brief discussion, Council consensus was to cancel the first meeting in August and the second meeting in September.

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by Jones, seconded by O'Malley and passed unanimously to cancel the August 14th and September 25th regularly scheduled Council meetings.

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

No reports were given.

STAFF REPORTS

The City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk advised Council that they did not have any updates to report.

Planning Director Debbie Pedro provided Council with copies of recently submitted customer survey questionnaires. The survey is available at the Town Hall front counter and is also being mailed to all applicants that have conducted business with the Town's Planning, Building and Engineering Departments. Pedro was pleased to report that the comments received had been very complimentary.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mordo adjourned the Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. in memory of Sigrun Corrigan, long time Los Altos Hills resident, community volunteer and patron of the arts. Mayor Mordo extended Council's condolences to the Corrigan family and added she will be greatly missed by everyone that knew her.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Jost
City Clerk

Minutes of the July 10, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting were approved as presented at the July 24, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting.