

Town of Los Altos Hills

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 12, 2007
Council Chambers, 26379 Fremont Road

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Warshawsky called the City Council Regular Meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Town Hall.

Present: Mayor Dean Warshawsky, Mayor Pro Tem Craig A.T. Jones
Councilmember Breene Kerr and Councilmember Jean Mordo
Absent: Councilmember Mike O'Malley
Staff: City Manager Carl Cahill; Interim City Engineer Gordon Siebert,
Administrative Services Director Nick Pegueros, Planning Director
Debbie Pedro, City Attorney Steve Mattas, and City Clerk Karen Jost

Council adjourned to Closed Session at 6:46 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: APN 182-52-009 (Town-owned property on Storyhill Lane)

Agency Negotiators: Carl Cahill and Steve Mattas

Under Negotiation: Terms of Sale

PUBLIC SESSION

Council reconvened to Open Session at 7:05 p.m.

City Manager Carl Cahill reported out of Closed Session the following action by Council:

The City Council by a unanimous vote (4-0) had authorized the sales price of the Town – owned property on Storyhill Lane be set at \$1.495 million.

For the benefit of the audience, the City Manager reported that the City Council at the Special Meeting that had convened at 6:15 p.m. had authorized the City Manager to negotiate with the City of Palo Alto City Manager on a pro-rata share of the maintenance and operation costs of Foothills Park in exchange for admittance to the Park.

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by Jones, seconded by Mordo and passed unanimously to limit comments from the floor to two minutes.

REORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL

Mayor Dean Warshawsky spoke briefly on his term as Mayor noting that there would be an additional opportunity for comments during the Mayors' reception. He thanked the City Council for their support during the past year and the community volunteers and staff for their efforts and advice. Warshawsky extended a special thank you to his wife LeeAnn and son Jake for their understanding and patience during his tenure as Mayor.

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by Kerr, seconded by Mordo and passed unanimously to nominate and select Mayor Pro Tem Jones as Mayor of Los Altos Hills.

Mayor Jones thanked Mayor Warshawsky for his service to the community. He noted that there would be an opportunity to formally thank Mayor Warshawsky for his efforts this past year as Mayor at the reception immediately following adjournment of the meeting. Jones added that he would also speak at that time to his Mayoral goals and priorities for the next year.

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by Warshawsky, seconded by Kerr and passed unanimously to nominate and select Councilmember Mordo as Mayor Pro Tem of Los Altos Hills.

Mayor Pro Tem Mordo thanked the Council and accepted the position.

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Introduction of Administrative Services Director Nicholas Pegueros

City Manager Carl Cahill introduced Administrative Services Director Nick Pegueros to Council. Pegueros most recently served as the Assistant Finance Director in the City of San Bruno.

Council welcomed Pegueros.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTIONED SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by Kerr, seconded by Warshawsky and passed unanimously to approve the consent calendar, specifically:

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Special City Council Meeting June 14, 2007
Regular City Council Meeting June 14, 2007
3. Review of Disbursements: 06/06/2007 – 07/03/2007 \$665,701.70
4. Award of Contract: Environmental Services for Sewer Capacity Expansion
Resolution No. 45-07

5. Award of Contract: The Foothill College Bike Lane/Pathway Project (Moody/El Monte Roads Segment #2) Resolution No. 46-07
6. Acceptance of the Robleda Road Pathway Improvements Project Resolution No.47-07
7. Acceptance of the Moody Road Pathway Project Segment #1B Resolution No.48-07
8. Approval of Agreement with Clean Innovation Corporation for Building Maintenance Services – Resolution No.49-07
9. Award of Contract: Sanitary Sewer Main Emergency Replacement at El Monte Road – Resolution No.50-07
10. Notification of Fast Track Approval: Lands of Kuppalli: 14414 Liddicoat Circle, (File # 151-07-ZP-SD); A Request for a Site Development Permit for a 1,528 square foot major addition and remodel (maximum height 26'). CEQA review-Categorical Exemption per 15301(e)
11. Notification of Fast Track Approval: Lands of Renski: 12170 Dawn Lane, (File # 54-07-ZP-SD-GD); A Request for a Site Development Permit for a 5,869 square foot new residence (maximum height 25'). The proposal includes a 2,511 square foot basement. CEQA review-Categorical Exemption per 15303(a)
12. Notification of Fast Track Approval: Lands of Askarinam: 25838 Springhill Road, APN 175-03-028 and APN 175-03-019 (File # 57-07-LM); A Request for a Lot Merger of two existing parcels into one 1.75 acre parcel CEQA review-Categorical Exemption per 15305
13. Notification of Fast Track Approval: Lands of Ghosh: 12866 La Cresta, (File # 24-07-ZP-SD-GD); A Request for a Site Development Permit for a 4,992 square foot new two story residence (maximum height 24' 5"). The proposal includes a 3,182 square foot basement and a 1,071 square foot roof deck. CEQA review-Categorical Exemption per 15303(a)

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Toni Casey, resident, congratulated Mayor Jones and Mayor Pro Tem Mordo on their appointments. On behalf of Mr. David O'Keeffe, Casey requested that discussion of the fees that had been charged to Mr. O'Keeffe be placed on the next meeting agenda for Council consideration. Casey added that she would like to go on the record in opposition of the Town spending \$500,000 on Westwind Barn. She believed the Barn should be self sustaining and asked that the Council reconsider the expenditure.

Mayor Jones clarified that no vote had been taken by the City Council regarding specific expenditures for Westwind Community Barn. The Standing Westwind Community Barn Committee was currently examining options for renovations to the Barn that included a feasibility study that was being funded by the Council and Supporters of Westwind on a 50/50 basis. The Town's share was \$32,500. Kerr added that the proposal for the study was currently under review by the City Manager.

Jan Fenwick, resident, commented that she was pleased to hear that the Town was discussing a proposal to gain access for Town residents to Foothills Park and was hopeful that this could ultimately resolve the issue of funding for Palo Alto Fire Station No.8. Fenwick suggested that Los Altos Hills County Fire District should consider participating in the costs associated with maintaining the station.

Duffy Price, resident, noted that she was speaking as a citizen not as the President of Los Altos Hills County Fire District. She acknowledged that the District would discuss the current situation at their next meeting. Price explained that for the past two years during the fire season on designated high fire hazard days, County Fire patrols were dispatched in the Hills to monitor the situation. The District has also funded improvements to water mains and hydrants in the area as a fire safety measure.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Planning Director Debbie Pedro reported that the Planning Commission at their June 28, 2007 meeting had considered and approved two site development projects. Specific details of the projects were before Council in their packets. Pedro was available to answer Council questions.

The Commission also reviewed the Town's development area policy and was forwarding a recommendation to the City Council for an amendment to the policy to allow some development area credits for the use of semi-permeable materials that included permeable concrete, artificial turf, and grass-crete. The recommendations and policy would be presented to the City Council at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

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

No Report

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager
City Attorney
City Clerk

No staff reports were presented.

COUNCIL INITIATED ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by consensus of the City Council at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Jost
City Clerk

The meeting minutes were approved as presented at the July 26, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting.