

Town of Los Altos Hills

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 16, 2010
Council Chambers, 26379 Fremont Road

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kerr called the City Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Town Hall.

Present: Mayor Breene Kerr, Mayor Pro Tem Rich Larsen, Councilmember Jean Mordo, Councilmember Ginger Summit and Councilmember Dean Warshawsky

Absent: None

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items Removed: Agenda Item #6 (Staff: R. Chiu), Agenda Item #9 (Summit)

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

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting – November 18, 2010
2. Approval of Resolution Declaring Canvass of Returns and Results of the General Municipal Election held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 – Resolution No. 62-10
3. Review of Disbursements: November, 2010 \$831,322.92
4. Approval of Purchase of Rear Boom Flail Mower Attachment
5. Acceptance of Dedication of Right-Of-Way; Lands of Mitchell, 25581 Elena Road Resolution No. 63-10
7. Approval of Request for Special Fundraising Event to be held in conjunction with the Town's September 2011 Art Exhibition/Reception
8. Approval of January, 2011 City Council Meeting Schedule
10. Notification of Planning Commission Approval: Lands of Roelandts; 26401 Eshner Court (File# 191-10-ZP-SD) A Request for a Site Development Permit for

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landscape screening for a 5,005 square foot two story new residence, 2,845 square foot basement, 730 square foot detached garage (approved September 4, 2008) CEQA Review: Categorical Exemption per Section 15304(b)

- Planning Commission Vote 4-0-1 (Unanimous/Clow absent)
- Appeal Deadline: December 27, 2010

Items Removed:

6. Approval of Encroachment Permit for Magdalena Sewer Mainline Extension Project Proposed for a Sewer Reimbursement Agreement

City Engineer/Public Works Director Richard Chiu explained that staff was requesting that the item be deferred at this time. He noted that it would return for Council consideration at a future date.

9. Notification of Planning Commission Approval: Lands of Pearson; 26301 Silent Hills Lane (File #60-10-ZP-SD-GD) A Request for a Site Development Permit for a 8,086 square foot two-story new residence (maximum height: 31'), 1321 detached garage and a 1,929 square foot swimming pool. Grading Policy Exception for cut of 14' and fill of 5'. CEQA Review: Categorical Exemption per Section 15303(a) &(e)
 - Planning Commission Vote 4-0-1 (Unanimous/Clow absent)
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Councilmember Summit offered that she had requested separate discussion of the item to alert the Council to the grading policy exception that had been approved for the application. Summit expressed her concern that exceptions to the policy were being requested by more applicants.

Following a brief discussion, Council concurred that further discussion of the Town's grading and basement policy would be appropriate at a future meeting.

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by Larsen, seconded by Warshawsky and passed unanimously to accept the Planning Commission's decision/approval for Lands of Pearson.

SPECIAL ITEMS

11. Recognition of Mayor Breene Kerr and Councilmember Dean Warshawsky

Council thanked Mayor Kerr and Councilmember Warshawsky for their contributions to the Town during their two term service on the City Council. Mayor Pro Tem Larsen highlighted several of the numerous accomplishments that had been achieved during their tenures. The construction of the new Town Hall facility, the renovation to the Parks and Recreation building, the construction of the new Purissima Park with improved little league fields, wireless cell tower installations, the Westwind Barn project, completion of the Town's Pilot Undergrounding Project and the return of a neighborhood public school

accessible to all Town residents were cited. It was acknowledged that their successes would be enjoyed by many future generations of Town residents.

Each of the retiring Councilmembers was presented with a jacket and crystal award. Mayor Kerr received a desk clock in recognition of his service as Mayor during the past year.

Mayor Kerr thanked the Council. He presented the Town with an original drawing of race horse Rachael Alexandra by artist Sydney Manning to be displayed at Westwind Community Barn. He thanked the residents and staff for their support during his eight years on the Council.

Councilmember Warshawsky thanked his wife LeeAnn and son Jake for their patience and support during his two terms. He spoke to the many successes that had been realized by the current Council and the prior Councils he had served alongside. Councilmember Warshawsky thanked the residents for the opportunity to serve the community, the staff for their support and noted that it had been an honor to be a Councilmember.

12. Administration of Oath of Office and Seating of Councilmembers-Elect

City Clerk Karen Jost administered the Oath of Office to Councilmembers-elect Gary Waldeck and John Radford. The new Councilmembers took their seats on the dais.

Councilmember Waldeck and Radford thanked their families and constituents for their support during the election and acknowledged that they were looking forward to serving on the City Council.

13. City Council Reorganization

Election of New Mayor

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by Larsen, seconded by Mordo and passed unanimously to elect Councilmember Ginger Summit to serve as the Mayor.

Mayor Summit thanked the Council. Discussion of Town goals for her term (2011) would be agendized for the January meeting.

Election of New Mayor Pro Tem

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by Mordo, seconded by Waldeck and passed unanimously to elect Rich Larsen to serve as the Mayor Pro Tem for 2011.

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no comments from the public.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. Appointment of Council representative to Council Ad Hoc Committee on the Lehigh Cement Quarry and Next Steps

MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED: Moved by Mordo, seconded by Larsen and passed unanimously to appoint Gary Waldeck as the Council's representative to lead the exploration on the Lehigh Cement Quarry. He was authorized to work with council representatives from neighboring cities Los Altos and Cupertino on the study. Waldeck would provide Council with a status report at the regular January meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by consensus of the City Council at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Jost
City Clerk

The minutes of the December 16, 2010 regular City Council meeting were approved as presented at the January 13, 2011 special City Council meeting.