

Town of Los Altos Hills

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 18, 2021

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

Via teleconference according to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, **Mayor Tankha** called the City Council Regular Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present: Mayor Tankha, Vice Mayor Tyson, Councilmember Mok, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Swan
Absent: None
Staff: City Manager Carl Cahill, City Attorney Steve Mattas, Planning/Building Director Zachary Dahl, City Engineer/Public Works Director Nichol Bowersox, Administrative Services Director Sarina Revillar, Principal Planner Steve Padovan, Management Analyst Cody Einfalt, City Clerk Deborah Padovan

CALL TO ORDER (6:00 P.M.)

- A. Roll Call
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

1. AGENDA REVIEW

There were no changes to the agenda.

2. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Recognition of Science Fair Winner Russell Yang

Mayor Tankha introduced **Russell Yang** and recognized his work on a research project. **Russell**, who attends Harker school, stated that he won the award for his work on a cancer informatics project on distant metastasis.

B. Appointment to Los Altos Hills Community Relations Committee

City Clerk Deborah Padovan presented the application of **Maddie Cheng**.

Maddie Cheng, Los Altos Hills, introduced herself and expressed an interest in serving on the Community Relations Committee.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: Councilmember **Schmidt** moved to appoint **Maddie Cheng** for a four-year term on the Los Altos Hills Community Relations Committee. The motion was seconded by Mayor **Tankha**.

MOTION PASSED 5-0:

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

C. Appointment to Los Altos Hills Public Art Committee

City Clerk Padovan presented the application of **Vivian He**.

Vivian He, Los Altos Hills, introduced herself and expressed an interest in serving on the Public Art Committee.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: Mayor **Tankha** moved to appoint **Vivian He** for a four-year term on the Los Altos Hills Public Art Committee. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor **Tyson**.

MOTION PASSED 5-0:

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

D. Appointment to the Los Altos Hills Finance and Investment Committee

City Clerk Padovan presented the application of **Kjell Karlsson**.

Mr. Karlsson, Los Altos Hills, who previously served on the committee, explained his finance background.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: Councilmember **Mok** moved to appoint **Kjell Karlsson** for a four-year term on the Los Altos Hills Finance and Investment Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember **Swan**.

MOTION PASSED 4-1:

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

E. Presentation and Request for Approval for the Los Altos Hills Community Relations Committee to Proceed with TEDx Programming for the Town

Roy Woolsey and **Medha Rishi**, Community Relations Committee Members, presented their proposal for TEDx Programming for the Town.

Council discussion ensued.

Public Comment

Teresa Baker, Los Altos Hills, said that Gardner Bullis can be used for TEDx talks.

Ludka Koskova Nesbit, Los Altos Hills, asked if the committee would consider an outdoor setting as we have perfect weather and space.

Mayor Tankha asked the Committee to return in order to provide more details. No action was taken.

F. Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office Status Report on the Implementation of the Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA)

Santa Clara County Sheriff's Captain Rich Urena reported on the RIPA and he introduced **Lieutenant Neil Valenzuela** and **Captain Adam Oberdorfer**. **Captain Urena** reported that in January the Town saw a total of eight (8) residential burglaries. The sheriff's office has a taskforce working on burglaries in Los Altos Hills, Saratoga, and Cupertino. He said they are working on the problem and asked residents to turn on alarms if they have one.

Captain Oberdorfer, Division Commander for Training Unit, said that AB 953 requires all to law enforcement agencies collect perceived demographic and other detailed data regarding stops that result in a detention or search. They must report to the California Attorney General on April 1st the previous year's data that was collected. He provided information on the implementation of the program in the sheriff's office. Their first report is due April 1, 2022.

The Council asked questions of the sheriff's office and received responses.

Public Comment

Robert Sandor, Los Altos Hills, said he is appalled by this whole effort. All interactions with the sheriff's office have been nothing but professional.

Barry Smith, Los Altos Hills, asked if the data is captured by individual deputies and that there are a lot of faces in our diverse community that would be hard to determine someone's ethnicity.

Ludka Koskova Nesbit, Los Altos Hills, said she would not think to call in after an interaction with an officer. Feedback would not be done that way.

Dorit Perry, Los Altos Hills, asked the Captain about the burglaries in January. She said that the eight victims are our families, neighbors, and friends. Eight homes attacked in this way means there is a loss of security that will last for years.

Logan Ramanathan, Los Altos Hills, asked if the Captain was aware of the statistical inconsistencies and what steps did he plan to implement to sort these issues out.

Captain Urena responded that he was made aware of the concern and they will be using RIPA data collected and be able to aggregate that data in a way done by other agencies.

Anand Ranganathan, Los Altos Hills, said the process that the Captain outlined to update the data is similar to what they are doing now. He recommended that the sheriff invest in quality assurance and that the Town should receive data from the sheriff on a regular basis.

Paul Schecter, Los Altos Hills, commented on the January burglaries and said personal responsibility is involved. Individuals need to install security systems for their homes.

The information was received. No action was taken.

3. PRESENTATION/NEW BUSINESS

- A. Two Resident Presentations on Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPR) and Discussion and Direction Regarding an ALPR Policy in the Town of Los Altos Hills (Staff: C. Einfalt)

Resident Rajiv Bhateja presented information on automatic license plates readers and explained why the City Council should adopt them.

Resident Anand Ranganathan presented information on ALPRs and privacy concerns.

Council discussion ensued. They asked questions of **Lieutenant Neil Valenzuela** who responded that the sheriff's office would support any Council action.

Public Comment

Vara Ramakrishna, Los Altos Hills, shared her family's experience of being burglarized on Christmas Day 2020. She spoke in support of ALPRs.

Roger Melen, Los Altos Hills, said he was robbed once years ago. Since that time, he has installed an array of cameras to help prevent burglaries. He spoke in support of ALPRs.

Robert Sandor, Los Altos Hills, agreed with the privacy concerns. He was not in support of ALPRs. He was sympathetic to the rising crime rates in Los Altos Hills, and proposed that residents should buy their own cameras and have the Town reimburse the first 100 residents who submit receipts.

Shyamoli Banerjee, Los Altos Hills, said her house was vandalized and she wants the readers in Town.

Alexandra Patel, Los Altos Hills, said she was shocked to discover that there are absolutely no cameras in our streets. She thought the neighborhood would be safe, but her family is traumatized by the burglaries in Town.

Ameesh Divatia, Los Altos Hills, spoke in support of license plate readers. He said that our data is out there, but there are lots of ways of protecting data.

Don Druyanoff, Los Altos Hills, said his house was burglarized in the afternoon. He had a sophisticated camera system, and the camera got the license plate number and they caught the individuals who burglarized him. He spoke in support of ALPRs.

Jim Basiji, Los Altos Hills, said his house was burglarized and much damage was done. The cost of burglaries and the violation of privacy is supremely high. He spoke in support of ALPRs.

Logan Ramanathan, Los Altos Hills, said his house was burglarized in December. He explained how the use of cameras are used and was in support of ALPRs.

Rajiv Patel, Los Altos Hills, spoke in support of ALPRs. He said that there is no larger privacy violation than having your home be a part of a burglary. Catching crooks, or more importantly, not having them come to Town, should be the focus.

Paul Schecter, Los Altos Hills, said it is alarming to hear about the burglaries. He thanked both presenters but said the readers will not deter crime. A crook who plans to commit a burglary is not going to care there are cameras in town. The readers might be helpful for after the fact.

David Keetell, Los Altos Hills, said his home was burglarized in 2017. He spoke in support of ALPRs.

Rajiv Bhateja, Los Altos Hills, said a petition was forwarded to the Town that has over 200 households in support of ALPR's and residents can opt-out of the system if they wish. They can be exclusively limited to people who live out of Town.

Nidhi Singh, Los Altos Hills, said his neighbors have been burglarized. He was in support of ALPRs and thought the opt-out was a good solution.

Barry Smith, Los Altos Hills, said he would like to see any stolen cars on the camera, an alert should immediately be sent to the local sheriff. If we wait until we have been burglarized, then it is too late.

Roberta Riga, Los Altos Hills, expressed that any local government not utilizing all available resources, is basically failing to do its job to protect its residents. She spoke in support of ALPRs.

John Anderson, Flock, Brentwood, said not all ALPR providers are created equally and proceeded to say why Flock cameras were superior.

Dorit Perry, Los Altos Hills, addressed the privacy concerns and she was in support of the ALPR's. She said it was way past time for the protection of ourselves and our neighbors.

Scott Rezendes, Los Altos Hills, said he is a recently retired federal law enforcement officer and expressed support for a tool that is used by law enforcement to catch the criminals.

Sunil Bopardikar, Los Altos Hills, said he has had two burglaries occur on his street. He was strongly in favor of putting ALPRs in place.

Karishma Mehta, Los Altos Hills, said that she was very supportive of putting in ALPR so the sheriff can be proactive.

Subina Desai, Los Altos Hills, said her neighbor's homes have been violated and we need to have empathy and compassion. She spoke in support of ALPRs because she believes it is a matter of time before she is burglarized.

Liz Roberts, Los Altos Hills, said her mother was home when she was burglarized in the 1990s. She was in support of the ALPRs.

Sri G, Los Altos Hills, said they were burglarized, and they did not have cameras, so it was an open and shut case. She spoke in support in ALPRs.

Derrick Wong, Los Altos Hills, spoke in support of ALPRs. They were burglarized in 2016 in the morning and lost money and mail.

Michelle Yu, Los Altos Hills, spoke in support of ALPRs and said the Council needs to listen to the residents who want the cameras.

Jay Sutaria, Los Altos Hills, said our movements are already captured by our neighbors or on the eight cameras that are on Teslas. Specialized ALPRs capture things well, not people in the car.

Teresa Baker, Los Altos Hills, spoke in support of ALPRs.

Jason Miles, Mid-Peninsula ACLU, spoke about privacy rights. He said that just because something is legal, does not make it ethical.

Bridget Morgan, Los Altos Hills, said she has been persuaded on both sides of the argument and is in favor of a pilot project.

Council discussion ensued.

Councilmember Mok said we could see an increase in crime and would like to be more proactive and attempt to prevent crimes if possible. We need to do it and we need to do it now. He said, “*I want to feel completely safe in my Town.*”

Councilmember Swan said that the crime spurt is troubling. She asked about the laws on personal cameras.

City Attorney Steve Mattas said the issue of private cameras that happen to capture the public right of way, there is no prohibition. There is no expectation of privacy in the public right-of-way.

Councilmember Swan said we should explore more options to discourage crime and perhaps a surveillance and privacy policy ordinance is needed.

Councilmember Schmidt said we need to be diligent and thoughtful to put together a program. We ought to develop a study to review license plate readers. We can also dig in on the research to see how effective these programs are.

Vice Mayor Tyson said he was compelled by the speakers. Do the cameras accomplish anything? And is there a detriment to people's privacy? Should we do a pilot program and see how the data works that could be refined? Yes, he was in favor of developing a policy.

Mayor Tankha thanked all the residents who came out and said, “*we heard you very clearly.*” When it comes to ALPRs there are good reasons for adopting them. She acknowledged that there are some residents who have limited concerns on privacy. Those should be addressed. However, the reality is that cameras are everywhere. To address the privacy concerns, residents can opt-out; the readers would only capture images of cars that belong to non-residents. She was in favor test project to find out if they work for the Town.

There was Council consensus to return with a draft policy next month.

4. 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.*

Robert Sandor, Los Altos Hills, said that the City Manager contract will be coming up in June. He was disappointed with the process last year and asked that it be public and suggested that resident volunteers be part of the contract renewal process.

Michelle Yu, Los Altos Hills, spoke on behalf of a neighborhood collaborative, and

asked that council members and staff to continue working on solutions to make East Sunset safer.

Jitze Couperus, Los Altos Hills, said there is a lot of concerned people feeling they do not have enough input in the performance of the Town and that the Town is not listening to the residents. He said the Town Hall process has to be more transparent.

Gary Patou, Los Altos Hills, said that assessing the performance of the City Manager should be a transparent process.

Vara Ramakrishnan, Los Altos Hills, said that she has attended a lot of different City Council meetings in various Bay Area cities and she complimented Town staff.

John Swan, Los Altos Hills, spoke about transparency and asked, “how can we leverage technology that we encourage the overall transparency of our Town governance?”

Bridget Morgan, Los Altos Hills, for the record, after they were annexed, she became involved in the governance of Los Altos Hills. She stated that she has never felt that Los Altos Hills represented anything other than complete transparency and encouraged all residents who are committed to good governance to get involved, pay attention, and read agendas.

The Council took a recess at 9:35 p.m.

The Council reconvened to Open Session at 9:40 p.m.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: Vice Mayor **Tyson** moved to continue the meeting past 10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mayor **Tankha**.

MOTION PASSED 5-0:

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

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: Vice Mayor **Tyson** moved to approve the **CONSENT CALENDAR**, with the exception of Item 5.B, which was removed, and Items 5.L and 5.N. The motion was seconded by Councilmember **Mok**.

MOTION PASSED 5-0:

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

ABSENT: None

A. Approval of City Council Special Meeting Minutes: January 21, 2021

~~B. Approval of City Council Regular Meeting Minutes: January 21, 2021~~ *This item was removed from the agenda and not considered.*

C. Approval of City Council Special Goal Setting Meeting Minutes: February 5, 2021

D. Review of Disbursements: January 1-31, 2021 \$1,531,614.01

E. **Resolution 05-21** the Town of Los Altos Hills Establishing Standing Committees and Adopting General and Special Rules Pertaining Thereto to Modify the Number of Committee Members to the Pathways Committee to a Maximum of Nine (9) Members (Staff: D. Padovan)

F. Rejection of Claim: Jeff and Nathalie Cabili ABGV27101A1 (Staff: D. Padovan)

G. **Resolution 06-21** Approving the Town of Los Altos Hills Fund Balance Reserve Policy (Staff: S. Revillar)

H. **Resolution 07-21** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment 3 to the Contract between the Town and Maze and Associates to Extend Audit Services Through Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025 (Staff: S. Revillar)

I. Receive Quarterly Investment Portfolio Report-Quarter Ending December 31, 2020 (Staff: S. Revillar)

J. **Resolution 08-21** Denying a Conditional Development Permit, Site Development Permit, and a Variance for the Construction of a New Two-Story House at 10728 Mora Drive (Staff: Z. Dahl)

K. **Resolution 09-21** Denying a Conditional Development Permit, Site Development Permit, and a Variance for the Construction of a New Two-Story House at 10758 Mora Drive (Staff: Z. Dahl)

The Council now considered Consent Calendar Item 5.L.

L. Resolution to Award a Contract for Tree Care And Maintenance Services for Town-Owned Properties (Staff: N. Bowersox)

Mayor Tankha pulled Item 5.L and asked why the Town only received one bid for this project.

Public Works Director Nichol Bowersox explained that the Town reached out to three contractors. One was non-responsive, the other was booked for the entire year, and so McClenahan was the lone bidder.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: Mayor **Tankha** moved to adopt **Resolution 11-21** to Award a Contract for Tree Care And Maintenance Services for Town-Owned Properties. The motion was seconded by Councilmember **Swan**.

MOTION PASSED 5-0:

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

M. **Resolution 10-21** to Approve the Application for the Wild Plum Lane Sanitary Sewer Main Extension Improvement Project with a Future Sewer Reimbursement Agreement Proposal (Staff: N. Bowersox)

The Council now considered Consent Calendar Item 5.N.

N. Resolution To Approve The Plans And Specifications For The Town Hall Addition Project - Phase 1 - Rebid and Authorize Staff To Advertise The Project For Bids (Staff: N. Bowersox)

Councilmember Swan said she pulled the item as she wanted to see the architectural drawings.

Vice Mayor Tyson recalled that this was for Phase 1, the enclosure in the back of the chambers.

Council discussion ensued.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: Councilmember **Swan** moved to adopt **Resolution 12-21** Approving the Plans and Specifications for the Town Hall Addition Project - Phase 1 - Rebid and Authorize Staff to Advertise the Project for Bids. The motion was seconded by Councilmember **Schmidt**.

MOTION PASSED 5-0:

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

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

➤ City Council Ex Parte Contacts Policy Disclosure

Ex Parte Communications: **Councilmember Schmidt** said she spoke with Bob Elson; **Vice Mayor Tyson** said that he spoke with Bob Elson in the past about this project, but not recently; **Councilmember Mok** said he spoke with Bob Elson; **Councilmember Swan** said she spoke with Bob Elson; **Mayor Tankha** did not have any ex parte communications.

A. La Paloma Road to Robleda Road Off-Road Pathway – File #SP19-0005

Adoption of an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the construction of the eastern segment of an approved off-road path between La Paloma Road and Robleda Road. CEQA Review: Mitigated Negative Declaration (Staff: Z.Dahl/S. Padovan)

Mayor Tankha opened the Public Hearing.

Principal Planner Steve Padovan presented the La Paloma/Robleda Pathway initial study and mitigated negative declaration of the pathway.

Public Comment

Jay Sutaria, Los Altos Hills, said he was pleased to see the initial study and the recommended mitigations. He was disappointed that the funding was not until next year. He suggested the Council allocate additional funds now for design, construction, and landscape screening.

Bridget Morgan, Los Altos Hills, expressed a minority view from the Pathways Committee. She has opposed this project on environmental degradation grounds.

Teresa Baker, Los Altos Hills, said this pathway is wonderful and it will turn out beautiful. It will not harm anything there. It will be a safe path for multi-use.

Sue Welch, Los Altos Hills, respectfully asked the Council to accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), fund the project, and build the path.

Carol Gottlieb, Los Altos Hills, asked the Council support the MND, have it become a multi-use path, and work with Purissima Hills Water District to obtain an easement for switchback purposes.

Alisa Bredo, Los Altos Hills, expressed support for the project. She said it is important to have these connections to get people off the roads and encouraged the Council to look into the water district land.

Tian Zhang, Los Altos Hills, said that significant portion of this pathway is close to

their house. They were not in support of the pathway.

Mayor Tankha closed the Public Hearing.

Council discussion ensued.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: Councilmember **Mok** moved to adopt **Resolution 13-21** adopting the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the construction of the eastern segment of an approved off-road path between La Paloma Road and Robleda Road. The motion was seconded by Councilmember **Swan**.

MOTION PASSED 5-0:

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

B. Zoning Ordinance Amendments – Town of Los Altos Hills

Introduction of an Ordinance to amend various sections within Chapter 1 (Subdivisions) of Title 9, and Chapter 1 (Zoning) and Chapter 2 (Site Development) of Title 10 of the Los Altos Hills Municipal Code pertaining to updating the appeals process and clarifying the effective date of decisions made by the Planning Director, the Staff Committee and the Planning Commission; and an amendment to Article 6 (Off-Street Parking) in Chapter 1 of Title 10 to reestablish minimum parking stall dimension requirements. CEQA Review: Categorically Exempt per Section 15061(B)(3). (Staff: Z. Dahl)

Motion to Waive Reading and Introduce the Ordinance

Planning Director Zach Dahl presented the staff report.

Mayor Tankha opened the Public Hearing.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, **Mayor Tankha** closed the Public Hearing.

Council discussion ensued.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: Councilmember **Schmidt** moved to waive reading and introduce an Ordinance to amend various sections within Chapter 1 (Subdivisions) of Title 9, and Chapter 1 (Zoning) and Chapter 2 (Site Development) of Title 10 of the Los Altos Hills Municipal Code pertaining to updating the appeals process and clarifying the effective date of decisions made by the Planning Director, the Staff Committee and the Planning Commission; and an amendment to Article 6 (Off-Street Parking) in Chapter 1 of Title 10 to reestablish minimum parking stall dimension requirements. The motion was seconded by Councilmember **Mok**.

MOTION PASSED 5-0:

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

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Receive 2020-21 Mid-Year Financial Report and Adopt a Resolution Approving the Mid-Year Budget Appropriations; and Adopt a Resolution Updating the FY 20-21 Salary Schedule (Staff: S. Revillar)

Administrative Services Director Sarina Revillar presented the staff report.

Council discussion ensued.

Carol Gottlieb, Los Altos Hills, said she did not see the Summerhill pathway on the capital improvement projects. Staff confirmed that Summerhill was on the list.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: Councilmember **Mok** moved to adopt **Resolution 14-21** Approving the Mid-Year Budget Appropriations. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor **Tyson**.

MOTION PASSED 5-0:

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

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: Councilmember **Schmidt** moved to adopt **Resolution 15-21** Updating the FY 20-21 Salary Schedule. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor **Tyson**.

MOTION PASSED 5-0:

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

8. COUNCIL INITIATED TOWN GOALS 2021

- A. Discussion and Consideration to Establish a Council Subcommittee to Review Law Enforcement Services and Communication (Councilmember Mok)

Councilmember Mok presented the item. He said that wants to feel safe in this Town and wants to look at a number of areas where we can improve; including providing more detailed information on the sheriff's weekly reports; and discussions on license plate readers. He would like to have residents have input on the topic.

DIRECTION: **Councilmembers Mok** and **Swan** agreed to serve on an Ad Hoc Law Enforcement Services and Communication subcommittee. **City Attorney Mattas** clarified that the subcommittee could invite members of the public.

- B. Discussion and Possible Action to Establish a Taskforce to Review Fire Safety in Town (Councilmember Schmidt)

Councilmember Schmidt presented the item. She would like to model it off of Los Gatos on making the Town more fire safe. She would like the fire district to be included along with private residents.

DIRECTION: **Councilmember Schmidt** shall serve on a Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee to explore fire safety options.

City Attorney Mattas provided guidance for the structure of the subcommittees. Council discussion ensued for Items 8.B and 8.D.

- D. Discussion and Consideration to Establish a Council Subcommittee to Review Fire Service Options for Los Altos Hills and the Surrounding Unincorporated Area (Staff: C. Cahill)

DIRECTION: **Mayor Tankha** and **Vice Mayor Tyson** shall continue as a subcommittee to review fire service options for Los Altos Hills

- C. Discussion and Possible Action to Retain Professional Services to Represent and Inform the Town on Matters Related to Housing Legislation, Specifically Relating to Proposed Senate Bill 9 (Mayor Tankha)

Mayor Tankha presented the item.

Council discussion ensued.

No action was taken.

9. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES, AND COUNCILMEMBERS ON OUTSIDE AGENCIES**

- A. Report by the Undergrounding Subcommittee (Councilmember Tyson)

Vice Mayor Tyson reported on the activities of the Undergrounding Subcommittee.

The report was received. No action was taken.

B. Status Reports from All Councilmembers on Outside Agencies Activities

There were no reports.

10. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. City Manager – Update on Solid Waste Contract Review Committee

City Manager Cahill updated the Council on the review of the garbage contract.

Emily Hanson, Greenwaste, provided an explanation on the garbage contract rates.

Allan Epstein, Los Altos Hills, pointed out that Greenwaste asked for a particular increase, the amount of money they received was more than they asked. Greenwaste has not received 9%, but an increase closer to 35% because of the waiving of the franchise fees for four years.

Council discussion ensued. No action was taken.

B. City Attorney – No report.

C. City Clerk – No report.

D. Planning/Building Director - Update on Rancho San Antonio Parking

Planning Director Dahl provided a status update on Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space parking matter. He said that a number of trailhead entrances are in the Town and parking has been an issue due to usage during Covid-19. Staff is monitoring the matter and will be looking for Mid-Pen's study which may be presented in April.

E. Administrative Services Director – No report.

F. Public Works Director

Public Works Director Bowersox thanked Senior Engineer Kaho Kong as tomorrow is his last day. She said he has been instrumental in the Public Works Department.

11. **COUNCIL INITIATED**

Councilmember Swan thanked **Director Bowersox** for getting the Sunset pathway done after many years. She requested that an emerging technology committee formation be agendaized for March. Additionally, she would like an ad hoc committee to look at the green sheets initiatives and requested it be agendaized for March.

12. **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Padovan

Deborah Padovan
City Clerk

The minutes of the February 18, 2021 regular City Council meeting were approved as presented at the March 18, 2021 regular City Council meeting.