



CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

7:00 PM - Tuesday, January 09, 2024
via Videoconference and In Person

PARTICIPATION: Members of the public may participate by being present at the Los Altos Council Chamber at Los Altos City Hall located at 1 N. San Antonio Rd, Los Altos, CA during the meeting. Public comment is accepted in person at the physical meeting location, or via email to PublicComment@losaltosca.gov.

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Correspondence submitted in hard copy/paper format must be received by 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting to ensure distribution prior to the meeting. Comments provided in hard copy/paper format after 2:00 p.m. will be distributed the following day and included with public comment in the Council packet.

The Mayor will open public comment and will announce the length of time provided for comments during each item.

AGENDA

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

SPECIAL ITEMS

Issue proclamation recognizing January as Mentoring Month in the City of Los Altos

Information on Emergency Preparedness

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Members of the audience may bring to the Council's attention any item that is not on the agenda. The Mayor will announce the time speakers will be granted before comments begin. Please be advised that, by law, the City Council is unable to discuss or take action on issues presented during the Public Comment Period. According to State Law (also known as "The Brown Act") items must first be noted on the agenda before any discussion or action.

[01-09-24](#) Written Public Comments

CONSENT CALENDAR

These items will be considered by one motion unless any member of the Council or audience wishes to remove an item for discussion. Any item removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion will be handled at the discretion of the Mayor.

- [1.](#) Approve the regular meeting minutes for the meeting of December 12, 2023
- [2.](#) Approve the Contract Amendment to the Maintenance Services Agreement between the City of Los Altos and Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc. The project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) and 15301(c) (Existing Facilities)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- [3.](#) Review and provide direction for the City Council Strategic Goals

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY

There will be no discussion or action on Informational Items

Tentative Council Calendar and Housing Element Implementation Calendar

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**ADJOURNMENT**

(Council Norms: It will be the custom to have a recess at approximately 9:00 p.m. Prior to the recess, the Mayor shall announce whether any items will be carried over to the next meeting. The established hour after which no new items will be started is 11:00 p.m. Remaining items, however, may be considered by consensus of the Council.)

SPECIAL NOTICES TO THE PUBLIC

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If you wish to provide written materials, please provide the City Clerk with 10 copies of any document that you would like to submit to the City Council for the public record.

Melissa Thurman

From: Useless <not9inuse@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2024 6:37 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: The Doggy Park Initiatives Are Insensitive and Undemocratic

Dear Council Members,

I am a senior citizen of Los Altos.

I am dismayed at the rapid initiatives favoring dog owners in Los Altos.

I find that without much consultation, significant initiatives are undertaken. Consultants are appointed at significant cost to derive “solutions” which appear pre-destined in favor of dog owners.

I was mortified when giant trees of Los Altos at Los Altos Library grounds were cruelly brought down. These ancient trees are symbols of Los Altos and deserve some respect and consideration. That area is a space of distinction encompassing the Heritage Museum, the orchards and the shady trees. As stewards of Los Altos, it behoves the council to be more understanding of heritage, especially at a time of global warming.

Let us come now to dog parks. There is already a dog park in the Los Altos Community Center area. As far as I can see, it is never over-crowded. I am perplexed that one more of your consultant studies makes the case for another fancy dog-park, while cutting more trees and reducing parking space at the library. There is some lack of logic in this drive towards to another dog park at the Library.

Dog owners routinely exercise their dogs off-leash at Los Altos parks, where the city ordinance clearly says that it is a violation. I was recently bitten in my right hand by a large off-leash dog at Rosita Park. The notion that all these dog owners are only going to use your new dog park is seriously flawed.

In summary:

1. For the City Council to cut down trees while exhorting residents to preserve heritage trees is farcical.
2. Wasteful consultant studies that produce preferred outcomes do not serve the needs of Los Altos citizens.
3. Dog owners themselves prefer open dog parks, not enclosed fenced-in spaces.
4. The new proposed dog park is wasteful, redundant and a benefit to neither dog owners or any one else
5. Please create proper “Mixed Use Rules” instead for use of open parks by dog owners and others by using **timing control**, with enforcement.

For example:

Dog Hours (Off Leash Allowed) : 5 am - 6:30 am, 3:30 - 5 pm, which can vary by park, to allow flexibility to all.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Melissa Thurman

From: Useless <not9inuse@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2024 11:47 AM
To: Jonathan Weinberg; Public Comment
Subject: Re: The Doggy Park Initiatives Are Insensitive and Undemocratic

Dear Mayor Jonathan Weinberg,

I am concerned that the City of Los Altos has lost its way in public discourse and thoughtful action. I recall the disaster of the speed bumps installation on Cuesta Road a few years back. The original speed bumps which were too high for emergency vehicles had to be torn down and redone.

On this doggy park issue, the City is rushing into wasteful spending and questionable action. At a time of unbelievable climate change, I am shocked at the “developer mindset” to cut more trees. By the questionable argument that “As we all know, all trees have a lifespan”, possibly hundreds of trees in Los Altos need to be cut down.

The City Council is in the process of removing our “public good” - namely tree cover and scarce parking lots for a “selective benefit” to some dog owners. By the way, many dog owners do not support the proposed doggy park.

I am in the Library almost every day, and I often find it difficult to find parking nearby. Moreover, the temporary dog park at the end of the soccer field is used infrequently by dog owners as per my almost daily assessment. By far, dog owners prefer the open parks where they can let their dogs run and exercise off-leash.

How did the City weigh the reduction of the “public good” for green cover and parking, versus the “selective benefit” of more dog parks? Where is that comparative study? Did the City conduct an impact study of tree-felling and reduced parking?

Moreover, if this dog park is built, does the City plan to cite all dog owners who let their dogs off-leash in all Los Altos parks for violation of city ordinance? I am sure many dog owners would not be happy about that.

There is a wiser way to handle this, as I proposed in my note. That is to allow dog owners to use all public parks using “Off-Leash” hours. Please see the Mountain View policy which has implemented this since 2015:

“Off-Leash Dog Areas

The City allows dogs to be off-leash in designated areas of selected local parks and hours. The City of Mountain View asks that you be respectful of other park users and that you comply with all rules and ordinances ([SEC. 5.61. Dogs in posted off-leash areas](#)).”

I suggest that this contentious dog park proposal be brought as a ballot initiative, where residents can properly weigh their choices. The City Council is disappointing a lot of Los Altos residents whose “public commons” is being eroded away willy-nilly.

Please post the arborist report and the dog park study for public viewing. If an impact study was conducted of the proposed action on reduced tree cover and parking, kindly post that as well. It would be good for all to see the conclusions reached in those reports.

Sincerely,

A Senior Los Altos Resident

On Fri, Jan 5, 2024 at 10:01 AM Jonathan Weinberg <jweinberg@losaltosca.gov> wrote:

Dear Resident:

First, I apologize for not using your name, but you did not include your name in your email.

While I thank you for taking the time to write to the Council and to express your feelings, I feel compelled to respond to two points:

First, the process leading to the policy decision of establishing a permanent dog park at the Hillview Community Center was conducted with a tremendous amount of public consultation. Multiple community meetings were held at both the commission and Council level over the span of years. Two pilot programs were tested at the community center, the second of which was a success. Simply put, I vehemently disagree with your accusation that the decision to proceed with a dog park was undertaken without much consultation.

Second, the trees that were removed at the community center were long past their expected life and posed a threat to public safety. Last year, a limb fell off the tree that had stood next to the Bus Barn Theater. Fortunately, no one was hurt. In the aftermath of that incident, an arborist was retained, and their professional opinion was that the trees would continue to deteriorate, posed a threat to public safety, and could not be saved. As we all know, trees have a lifespan. I trust you would agree that the City has an obligation to protect the safety of everyone who uses the Hillview Community Center.

If you would like to discuss the other details of your email, I would be happy to do so.

Sincerely,

- Jonathan

Jonathan D. Weinberg | Mayor, City of Los Altos

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Dear Council Members,

Melissa Thurman

From: Harry Guy <harrypguy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 2:45 PM
To: Public Comment
Cc: Aida Fairman; Angela Averiett; Kathryn Krauss; City Council
Subject: Public Comment on Consent Item #2 Bear Electrical Solutions contract - 01/09/2024 Council meeting

I urge Council to approve this funding request.

As a strong believer in the importance of having safe streets in our community for all modes of transportation (vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, etc), I applaud the work done by the Public Works organization to develop this important funding request. Engaging a qualified and responsive contractor to provide ongoing maintenance of traffic and crosswalk signal systems, as well as callout emergency response service as needed is very important to keeping our signals operating smoothly and addressing outages quickly and effectively.

WAY TO GO TEAM!!

There may be additional work for the team to implement, between Public Works and PD to fully establish procedures and training for short-term response to traffic and crosswalk outages that occur during off-hours when PW staff are not around. It is important that PD Patrols and Dispatchers have clear instructions and capabilities to provide short-term mitigations of outages during those periods.

Respectfully,
Harry Guy - Los Altos Resident

Melissa Thurman

From: Mia Ravishankar <mia.ravishankar3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 3:50 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Public Comment - 01/09/24

Dear Los Altos City Councilmembers,

I'd like to comment on Priority #4 for the City's Strategic Goals.

Please consider the implementation of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's zero-NOx appliances rule. The city can help residents prepare for the ruling through outreach and education about the benefits, huge financial incentives and practical advice, streamlining permitting, and training inspectors to help homeowners avoid unnecessary electrical upgrades.

It would also be beneficial to implement a Dark Skies policy, especially in the new street lighting to be paid for by the \$200,000 from state funds recently presented to the city by Senator Becker.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mia Ravishankar
Member, Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action
Member, 350 Silicon Valley



**CITY OF LOS ALTOS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023
6:00 p.m.
1 N. San Antonio Rd. ~ Los Altos, CA**

Agenda Item # 1.

*Jonathan Weinberg, Mayor
Pete Dailey, Vice Mayor
Neysa Fligor, Councilmember
Lynette Lee Eng, Councilmember
Sally Meadows, Councilmember*

SPECIAL MEETING

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Weinberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM:

All Councilmembers were present and in person during the meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Provide direction regarding the establishment of an Inclusionary Housing In-Lieu Fee consistent with the Adopted 6th Cycle Housing Element, Program 2.B and the requirements of AB 1505 and AB 602. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15273 this item is exempt from environmental review. CEQA does not apply to the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, and other charges by public agencies

Nick Zornes, Development Services Director, presented the report.

There were no public speakers for the item.

Discussion item only. No motion taken.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

The meeting minutes were prepared by Melissa Thurman, City Clerk, for approval at the regular meeting of January 9, 2024.

Jonathan D. Weinberg,
Mayor

Melissa Thurman, MMC
City Clerk

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**CITY OF LOS ALTOS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023
7:00 p.m.
1 N. San Antonio Rd. ~ Los Altos, CA**

Agenda Item # 1.

*Jonathan D. Weinberg, Mayor
Pete Dailey, Vice Mayor
Neysa Fligor, Councilmember
Lynette Lee Eng, Councilmember
Sally Meadows, Councilmember*

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Jonathan Weinberg, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM – All Councilmembers were present.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – Lynette Lee Eng, Councilmember, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

None

SPECIAL ITEMS

Receive presentation from Senator Josh Becker regarding grant funding towards downtown lights

Josh Becker, CA State Senator, presented the grant funding check for downtown lights in Los Altos to the City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following members of the public spoke during public comment:

• Karen Solheim	• Viji Jagannathan
• Cindy Andrews	• Stephen Andrews
• Maya Bronicki	• James Sweeney
• Cat Hung	• Jack Tuttle

CONSENT CALENDAR

Lynette Lee Eng, Councilmember, requested to pull Item 6 for further discussion. **Jonathan Weinberg, Mayor**, moved Item 6 to after agenda Item 9 on the agenda.

Motion by Fligor and Seconded by Dailey to approve the Consent Calendar, excluding Item 6. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

1. Approve Draft Special Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2023
2. Receive and accept the Treasurer’s Report through July 31, 2023
3. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Badawi & Associates

4. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Public Trust Advisors, LLC
5. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement Amendment one with Robert Half, Inc.
6. Affirm 2024 Council Commission and Committee Assignments Pursuant to City Council Norms and Procedures: Affirm Mayoral appointments to Local, Regional Boards and City Committees and Commissions
7. Adopt the 2024 City Council meeting schedule

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Receive report and provide direction on wireless connectivity in downtown Los Altos

Anthony Carnesecca, Assistant to the City Manager, presented the report.

There were no speakers for the item.

The City Council provided the following direction:

- Review the Municipal Code and recommend modifications, if necessary, to incentivize wireless carriers to strengthening wireless connectivity in downtown Los Altos

Discussion item only. No motion taken.

9. Receive the Storm Water Master Plan Implementation Status Update and find that information gathering into funding sources to support implementation of the Master Plan would be exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3), 15306, and 15308, and that the circumstances in Section 15300.2 do not apply

Aida Fairman, Public Works Director, presented the update.

There were no speakers for the item.

Discussion item only. No motion taken.

6. Affirm 2024 Council Commission and Committee Assignments Pursuant to City Council Norms and Procedures: Affirm Mayoral appointments to Local, Regional Boards and City Committees and Commissions

This item was moved from the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Dailey and Seconded by Fligor to affirm the 2024 Council Commission and Committee Assignments, with instruction to staff to contact the Santa Clara Water Commission

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to verify if Councilmember Fligor would be required to complete her two-year service to their board, which began in 2022. **Motion carried 4-0-1 by roll call vote with Councilmember Lee Eng abstained.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY

- 10. Report out on revisions to the City of Los Altos Personnel Regulations
- 11. Tentative Council Calendar and Housing Element Implementation Update Calendar

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Neysa Fligor, Councilmember** – Requested a future agenda item:
 - Perform a Council salary study to comparable-sized cities (*Supported by Dailey and Weinberg*)
 - Hold a discussion regarding a city shuttle service (*Supported by Lee Eng and Meadows*)
- **Lynette Lee Eng, Councilmember** – Requested a future agenda item:
 - Conduct a compassion training for residents (*No support*)
- **Jonathan Weinberg, Mayor** – Requested a future agenda item:
 - Hold a discussion regarding the city’s business relationship with Alta Housing (*Supported by Fligor and Lee Eng*)

ADJOURNMENT – The regular meeting adjourned at 8:44 on December 12 2023

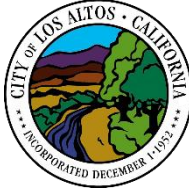
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Jonathan D. Weinberg
Mayor

Melissa Thurman, MMC
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AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: January 9, 2024

Subject Contract Amendment to the Maintenance Services Agreement between the City of Los Altos and Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc. The scope of work included in the Contract Amendment is exempt from the CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) and 15301(c) (Existing Facilities).

Prepared by: Harun Musaefendic, Assistant Civil Engineer

Reviewed by: Aida Fairman, Public Works Director

Approved by: Gabriel Engeland, City Manager

Attachment(s):

None

Initiated by:

Staff

Previous Council Consideration:

None

Fiscal Impact:

The \$186,025 funds for Amendment No. 1 will be appropriated from the Capital Improvement and Major Maintenance Program, Annual Traffic Sign Replacement, Project No. TS-01006.

Environmental Review:

Contract Amendment to the Maintenance Services Agreement between the City of Los Altos and Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc. is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) and 15301(c) (Existing Facilities) in that the Project consists of the operation, maintenance, and repair of existing public facilities and is not anticipated to have any significant adverse impact upon the existing environment and will not significantly alter or expand existing facilities.

Policy Question(s) for Council Consideration:

- None

Reviewed By:

City Manager

GE

City Attorney

JH

Finance Director

JD



Subject: Contract Amendment to the Maintenance Services Agreement between the City of Los Altos and Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc. The scope of work included in the Contract Amendment is exempt from the CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) and 15301(c) (Existing Facilities).

Summary:

- On July 17, 2023, the City executed an agreement for maintenance services for traffic signals and street lights with Bear Electric Solutions. The total compensation budgeted for FY2023/24 agreement is \$75,816.
- The Transportation Division in the new Public Works Department received complaints about several malfunctioning lighted crosswalk signals, RRFBs, and radar speed signs. Upon further investigation by Bear Electric Solutions it was determined that some of the signs require maintenance and/or replacement requiring additional funds. The Annual Traffic Sign Replacement budget has available funds (\$186,025) that shall be utilized for the maintenance of above-mentioned signs to improve safe access for bicycles and pedestrians and safer routes to schools.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve Amendment No.1 in the amount not to exceed \$186,025 and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute Amendment No. 1 of the Maintenance Services Agreement between the City and Bear Electric Solutions, Inc.

Purpose

To approve Amendment No.1 and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute Amendment No. 1 of the Maintenance Services Agreement between the City and Bear Electric Solutions, Inc.

Background

On July 17, 2023, the City signed an agreement with Bear Electric Solutions, Inc. for maintenance services for traffic signals and street lights. The total compensation budgeted for the FY2023/24 agreement is \$75,816. The City determined that the contractor possesses the skills, experience, and certifications required to provide the services required by the City. The scope of work includes but is not limited to the following tasks: 1. Inventory and initial system health check, 2. Traffic signal quarterly maintenance checks, 3. Traffic signal annual maintenance check, 4. Vehicle speed radar sign quarterly maintenance checks, 5. Lighted crosswalk system quarterly maintenance checks, 6. RRFB lighted crosswalk system quarterly maintenance checks, 7. Additional special services as needed, 8. On-call support services.



Subject: Contract Amendment to the Maintenance Services Agreement between the City of Los Altos and Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc. The scope of work included in the Contract Amendment is exempt from the CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) and 15301(c) (Existing Facilities).

After receiving complaints about several malfunctioning lighted crosswalk signals, RRFBs, and radar speed signs, the Public Works Department staff directed Bear Electric Solutions to perform further investigation into the malfunctions of said signals and signs. Upon further investigation, it was determined that some of the signs require maintenance and/or replacement, requiring additional funds. The Annual Traffic Sign Replacement budget has available funds (\$186,025) that shall be utilized for the maintenance of the above-mentioned signs to improve safe access for bicycles and pedestrians and safer routes to schools.

Discussion/Analysis

The Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance and proper operation of traffic signals and street lights. The proper operation of traffic signals and lights is crucial for safe access for bicycles and pedestrians for all residents, and it is especially crucial for safer routes to schools. Bear Electric Solutions went through the request for proposal process and possesses the skills, experience, and certifications required to provide the maintenance services required by the City. The Annual Traffic Sign Replacement budget has available funds that shall be used for inventory and maintenance of street traffic signs.

Recommendation

Approve Amendment No.1 in the amount not to exceed \$186,025 and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute Amendment No. 1 of the Maintenance Services Agreement between the City and Bear Electric Solutions, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 1 BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
AND BEAR ELECTRICAL SOLUTIONS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED \$186,025 FOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL
AND STREET LIGHTS**

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2023, CITY and CONTRACTOR entered into an agreement for maintenance services (“Agreement”) for traffic signal and street light maintenance services; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR is an independent contractor providing similar professional services to numerous other cities; and

WHEREAS, the need for additional maintenance services was determined to be necessary by the Public Works Department staff due to resident complaints and existing conditions of traffic signals, street lights, lighted crosswalk signals, radar speed signs, rectangular rapid flashing beacons; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds available in the Annual Traffic Sign Replacement project budget.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby authorizes approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement Between the City of Los Altos and Bear Electric Solutions, Inc. for Maintenance Services for traffic signal and street lights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Public Works, or their designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name of the City of Los Altos Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement Between the City of Los Altos and Bear Electric Solutions, Inc to include additional work described below:

The \$186,025 funds for Amendment No. 1 will be appropriated from the Capital Improvement and Major Maintenance Program, Annual Traffic Sign Replacement, Project No. TS-01006.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Public Works, or their designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to approve requests for payment as noted in Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement Between the City of Los Altos and Bear Electric Solutions, Inc.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on the 9th day of January, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Jonathan Weinberg, MAYOR

Attest:

Melissa Thurman, MMC, CITY CLERK



AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: January 9, 2024

Subject City Council Strategic Goals

Prepared by: Jon Maginot, Assistant City Manager

Approved by: Gabriel Engeland, City Manager

Attachment(s):

1. Resolution No. 2023-14

Initiated by:

City Council

Previous Council Consideration:

Last adopted March 14, 2023

Fiscal Impact:

Unknown at this time

Environmental Review:

Not applicable

Summary:

- On March 14, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-14 affirming its Strategic Goals
- The City Council has identified six goal areas: Asset Management, Business Communities, Community Safety, Environmental Sustainability, Housing, and Neighborhood Safety Infrastructure

Staff Recommendation:

Review the City’s Strategic Goals and provide modifications as needed



Subject: City Council Strategic Goals

Purpose

To review the City’s Strategic Goals

Background

On March 14, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-14 affirming its Strategic Goals. These goals guide the priorities and work of the City and help shape the annual budgeting process.

Discussion/Analysis

The six goals adopted by the City Council in 2023 are:

1. **Asset Management:** The City of Los Altos will set clear expectations through the budget process and allocate the necessary funding to support the maintenance and improvement of City facilities and infrastructure.
2. **Business Communities:** The City of Los Altos will support the different business communities in an effort to help them thrive, including implementing specific projects and/or elements of the Downtown Vision Plan and launching initiatives to bolster the other business communities.
3. **Community Safety:** The City of Los Altos will continue to provide the high-quality public safety services that the Community values. This will be achieved by implementing the City’s policies as expressed in the Complete Streets Master Plan and other plans which support improving public safety, transportation safety and emergency preparedness services.
4. **Environmental Sustainability:** The City of Los Altos will be a leader in environmental sustainability through education, and adopting and implementing policies, initiatives and practices identified in the City’s Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.
5. **Housing:** The City of Los Altos will implement the programs and policies of the Housing Element Update to support the creation of housing that is safe, diverse and affordable for all income levels to meet the needs of the Community and seek to increase and protect its green space.
6. **Neighborhood Safety Infrastructure**

It is recommended that Council review these Goals and provide modifications to them as needed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-14

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
AFFIRMING THE CITY COUNCIL’S 5-YEAR STRATEGIC GOALS**

WHEREAS, the Mission of the City of Los Altos is “to foster and maintain the City of Los Altos as a great place to live and to raise a family;” and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to providing essential services to the community; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2021, the City Council adopted 5-Year Strategic Goals to help maintain Los Altos as the great place it is and on April 26, 2022 the Council revised and affirmed those goals; and

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2023, the City Council reviewed its 5-Year Strategic Goals; and

WHEREAS, the City Council provided direction to the Neighborhood Safety and Infrastructure Subcommittee to work with staff to define Goal #6 and the subcommittee is continuing to refine the definition which will be presented to Council for adoption in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby adopts the following as its 5-Year Strategic Goals:


The City Council Strategic Goals highlight those areas identified by the Council for emphasis and focus. The City Council will accomplish these goals by engaging the community and making decisions which are equitable, sustainable and fiscally prudent. The City Council will ensure that appropriate resources are allocated to maintain Los Altos as a great place to live and work, including providing a work culture and environment that supports recruitment and retention of exceptional employees to provide City services.

1. **Asset Management:** The City of Los Altos will set clear expectations through the budget process and allocate the necessary funding to support the maintenance and improvement of City facilities and infrastructure.
2. **Business Communities:** The City of Los Altos will support the different business communities in an effort to help them thrive, including implementing specific projects and/or elements of the Downtown Vision Plan and launching initiatives to bolster the other business communities.
3. **Community Safety:** The City of Los Altos will continue to provide the high-quality public safety services that the Community values. This will be achieved by implementing the City’s policies as expressed in the Complete Streets Master Plan and other plans which support improving public safety, transportation safety and emergency preparedness services.

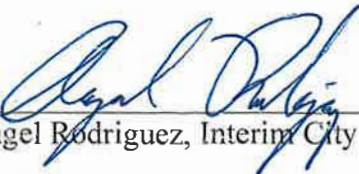
- 4. **Environmental Sustainability:** The City of Los Altos will be a leader in environmental sustainability through education, and adopting and implementing policies, initiatives and practices identified in the City’s Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.
- 5. **Housing:** The City of Los Altos will implement the programs and policies of the Housing Element Update to support the creation of housing that is safe, diverse and affordable for all income levels to meet the needs of the Community and seek to increase and protect its green space.
- 6. **Neighborhood Safety Infrastructure:**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on the 28th day of March 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Fligor, Dailey, Lee Eng, Vice Mayor Weinberg, Mayor Meadows
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None


 Sally Meadows, MAYOR

Attest:


 Angel Rodriguez, Interim City Clerk

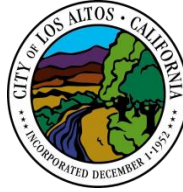
PROGRAM	SUB PROJECT	INITIATION DATE	HEU COMPLETION DATE	STATUS
Program 2.D: Encourage and streamline Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).	Budget & Hire Planning Technician		December 31, 2022	COMPLETED
Program 2.D: Encourage and streamline Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).	Amend ADU Ordinance based upon HCD's letter		6 months or less	
Program 3.H: Amend design review process and requirements.	Eliminate 3rd Party Architectural Review		February 28, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 3.H: Amend design review process and requirements.	Dismiss Design Review Commission		February 28, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 3.L: Eliminate the requirement of story poles.			March 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 2.E: Conduct annual ADU rental income surveys.	Budget & Hire Housing Manager	March 31, 2023		IN-PROGRESS
Program 4.J: Facilitate alternate modes of transportation for	Adopt VMT Policy &		June 30, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 2.D: Encourage and streamline Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).	RFP-Permit Ready ADU Plans		July 31, 2023	PLANS IN DEVELOPMENT
Program 1.H: Facilitate housing on City-owned sites.	Financial Analysis	July 1, 2023	December 31, 2023	DEVELOPING RFP
Program 3.D: Evaluate and adjust impact fees.		August 1, 2023	December 31, 2024	IN-PROGRESS
Program 1.H: Facilitate housing on City-owned sites.	Release RFP	December 31, 2023		
Program 6.C: Target housing development in highest resource areas.	Initial Outreach		September 31, 2023	
Program 6.D: Promote Housing Choice (Section 8) rental assistance program.			September 31, 2023	
Program 2.A: Continue to implement and enhance inclusionary housing requirements.			December 31, 2023	IN-PROGRESS
Program 2.B: Establish an affordable housing in-lieu fee and commercial linkage fee.	Housing in-lieu fee.		December 31, 2023	IN-PROGRESS
Program 2.F: Water and Sewer Service Providers.			December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 3.B: Modify building height in mixed-use zoning districts.	Downtown Districts		December 31, 2023	IN-PROGRESS
Program 3.E: Ensure that the density bonus ordinance remains consistent with State law.			December 31, 2023	ONGOING
Program 3.H: Amend design review process and requirements.	Code Amendments		December 31, 2023	COMPLETED

Program 3.K: Standardize multimodal transportation requirements.	Bicycle Storage and Charging Regulations		December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 3.K: Standardize multimodal transportation requirements.	Remove CSC Review of Housing Developments		December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 4.C: Allow Low Barrier Navigation Centers consistent with AB 101.			December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 4.D: Allow transitional and supportive housing consistent with State law.			December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 4.E: Allow employee/farmworker housing consistent with State law.			December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 4.F: Reasonably accommodate disabled persons' housing needs.			December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 6.B: Maintain and expand an inventory of affordable housing funding sources.	Prepare Inventory.		December 31, 2023	
Program 6.E: Prepare and distribute anti-displacement information.			December 31, 2023	
Program 1.A: Rezone for RHNA shortfall.			January 31, 2024	TO BE COMPLETED BY 1/31/2024
Program 1.G: Rezone housing sites from previous Housing Elements.			January 31, 2024	TO BE COMPLETED BY 1/31/2024
Program 3.G: Amend Conditional Use Permits findings applicable to housing developments.			March 31, 2024	IN-PROGRESS
Program 3.I: Allow residential care facilities consistent with State law.			March 31, 2024	TO BE COMPLETED BY 1/31/2024
Program 3.J: Explicitly allow manufactured homes consistent with State law.			March 31, 2024	TO BE COMPLETED BY 1/31/2024
Program 3.F: Reduce Conditional Use Permit requirement for residential mixed-use and multi-family.			September 31, 2024	IN-PROGRESS
Program 1.B: Facilitate higher density housing in the Commercial Thoroughfare (CT) District.			December 31, 2024	TO BE COMPLETED BY 1/31/2024
Program 1.C: Allow housing in the Office Administrative (OA) District.			December 31, 2024	TO BE COMPLETED BY 1/31/2024

Program 1.E: Update the Loyola Corners Specific Plan.			December 31, 2024	TO BE COMPLETED BY 1/31/2024
Program 2.D: Encourage and streamline Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).	Adopt-Permit Ready ADU Plans		December 31, 2024	
Program 3.A: Prepare a Downtown parking plan and update citywide parking requirements.			December 31, 2024	CONTRACT SIGNED
Program 3.B: Modify building height in mixed-use zoning districts.	Neighborhood (CN) District		December 31, 2024	IN-PROGRESS
Program 3.C: Remove floor-to-area ratio (FAR) restriction at Rancho Shopping Center and Woodland Plaza.			December 31, 2024	IN-PROGRESS
Program 3.M: Modify parking requirements for emergency shelters consistent with State law.			December 31, 2024	
Program 2.B: Establish an affordable housing in-lieu fee and commercial linkage fee.	Commercial linkage fee.	December 31, 2025		
Program 1.D: Allow housing on certain Public and Community Facilities District sites and facilitate housing on religious institution properties.			December 31, 2025	
Program 1.F: Rezone Village Court parcel.			December 31, 2025	TO BE COMPLETED BY 1/31/2024
Program 4.H: Provide additional density bonuses and incentives for housing that accommodates special needs groups.			December 31, 2025	
Program 4.I: Allow senior housing with extended care facilities in multi-family and mixed-use zoning districts.			December 31, 2025	
Program 1.I: Incentivize Downtown lot consolidation.			July 31, 2026	
Program 4.G: Assist seniors to maintain and rehabilitate their homes.			July 31, 2026	
Program 6.C: Target housing development in highest resource areas.	Follow-up Outreach		September 31, 2026	
Program 1.H: Facilitate housing on City-owned sites.	Entitlement Review		December 31, 2026	

Program 3.N: Modify standards in the R3 zoning districts.			December 31, 2026	IN-PROGRESS
Program 4.J: Facilitate alternate modes of transportation for residents.	Capital Improvement Project for above head pedestrian crossing signals on San Antonio Road near Downtown Los Altos		December 31, 2027	
Program 5.F: Incentivize the creation of play areas for multi-family housing projects.			December 31, 2027	
Program 1.K: Participate in regional housing needs planning efforts.			Ongoing	
Program 1.L: General Plan amendments.			Ongoing	
Program 1.M: SB 9 implementation.			Ongoing	
Program 1.N: Facilitate and monitor pipeline housing projects.			Ongoing	
Program 2.C: Assist in securing funding for affordable housing projects.			Ongoing	
Program 2.D: Encourage and streamline Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).			Ongoing	
Program 2.E: Conduct annual ADU rental income surveys.	Annual Survey		Annually	
Program 4.A: Support efforts to fund homeless services.			Ongoing	
Program 4.B: Continue to participate in local and regional forums for homelessness, supportive, and transitional housing.			Ongoing	
Program 5.A: Monitor condominium conversions.			Ongoing	
Program 5.B: Continue to administer the City's affordable housing programs.			Ongoing	
Program 5.C: Restrict commercial uses from displacing residential neighborhoods.			Ongoing	
Program 5.D: Implement voluntary code inspection program.			Ongoing	

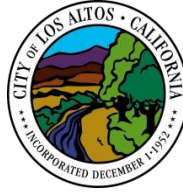
Program 5.E: Help secure funding for housing rehabilitation and assistance programs.			Ongoing	
Program 6.A: Assist residents with housing discrimination and landlord-tenant complaints.			Ongoing	
Program 6.B: Maintain and expand an inventory of affordable housing funding sources.	Inform, Evaluate Apply/Submit		Ongoing	
Program 6.F: Affirmatively market physically accessible units.			Ongoing	
Program 7.A: Promote energy and water conservation and greenhouse gas reduction through education and awareness campaigns.			Ongoing	
Program 7.B: Monitor and implement thresholds and statutory requirements of climate change legislation.			Ongoing	



City of Los Altos 2024 Tentative Council Agenda Calendar

January 23, 2024	
Study Session: Library Building Improvements – 6:00 p.m.	
AGENDA TITLE:	DEPARTMENT:
<u>SPECIAL ITEMS:</u>	
<u>CONSENT:</u>	
Treasury Report	Finance
Acceptance of Sewer Main Repair – First St.	Pub. Works
<u>PUBLIC HEARING:</u>	
Introduction of Inclusionary Housing In-Lieu Fee	Dev. Svcs.
<u>DISCUSSION ITEMS:</u>	
Introduction of Amended Tree Protection Ordinance	Dev. Svcs.
PCI Report	Pub. Works

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February 13, 2024

Study Session: Joint Meetings with Commissions (Financial, PARC, History, PC) – 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA TITLE:		DEPARTMENT:
<u>SPECIAL ITEMS:</u>		
<u>CONSENT:</u>		
Waive Second Reading and Adopt Amended Tree Protection Ordinance		Dev. Svcs.
Waive Second Reading and Adopt the Inclusionary Housing In-Lieu Fee		Dev. Svcs.
Acceptance of the Annual Audit		Finance
LAYC Approval of Contract Award		Parks and Rec
<u>PUBLIC HEARING:</u>		
Housing Element Update – Parking Standards		Dev. Svcs.
<u>DISCUSSION ITEMS:</u>		

Remaining 2024 City Council agenda calendar items are pending and will be published at a later date.

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