# Minutes of the Town Council Meeting

MEETING DATE: 05/03/2022

The Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a regular meeting utilizing teleconference and electronic means consistent with Government Code Section 54953, as Amended by Assembly Bill 361, in response to the state of emergency relating to COVID-19 and enabling teleconferencing accommodations by suspending or waiving specified provisions in the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code § 54950 et seq.) and Town of Los Gatos Resolution 2021-044 on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**April 19, 2022** 

## MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Rob Rennie, Vice Mayor Maria Ristow, Council Member Mary Badame, Council Member Matthew Hudes, Council Member Marico Sayoc (all participating remotely).

Absent: None

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Josh Selo, West Valley Community Services, gave a presentation of the services offered by the non-profit and Sketch Salazar shared her experience as a client.

## **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

Robert Schultz, Interim Town Attorney, stated Council met in closed session on April 12, 2022, as duly noted on the agenda and that there is no reportable action.

## COUNCIL/TOWN MANAGER REPORTS Council Matters

- Vice Mayor Ristow stated she met with cannabis consultant HdL Companies; interviewed by Saratoga High School students; and attended Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD)
  Board meeting, Islamic Center community iftar with Council Member Sayoc and Mayor Rennie, and Rotary speaker event with Mayor Rennie.
- Council Member Sayoc stated she attended the Cities Association Executive Board and Legislative Select Committee meetings and announced CalCities Peninsula Division will host an event for local elected officials in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties on Governor Newsom's CARE Court on May 18th.
- Council Member Badame stated she met with cannabis consultant HdL Companies and Town staff; attended West Valley Waste Management Authority (WVWMA) and West Valley Clean Water Authority (WVCWA) Board meetings, Democracy Tent community meetings as an observer, and Planning Commission as an observer.

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#### Council Matters – continued

- Mayor Rennie stated he attended the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Board, Legislative Committee, Stationary Source Committee meetings; Connected BAAQMD staff to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory to further their research; presented to realtors; attended the Senior Service Sub-Committee meeting, Senior Services Committee meeting, tree planting with City of Monte Sereno, and Cities Association Board and Legislative Committee meetings; filled in for Council Member Sayoc at the Cities Association Selection Committee meeting; and provided testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee in support of Senate Bill 1100 introduced by Senator Cortese.
- Council Member Hudes stated he attended multiple Senior Service Sub-Committee meetings, Santa Clara County Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee (HCDAC) meeting, and the Senior Services Committee meeting.

## **Manager Matters**

- Announced the results of the community-wide senior survey have been posted on the Town website.
- Announced Spring into Green will take place on Sunday, April 24, 2022, and invited all to attend.
- Announced Adult Commissioner recruitment is underway; the application period closes on May 27 at 4:00 p.m. and interviews are scheduled for June 7, 2022.
- Announced Youth Commission recruitment is underway; the application period closes on May 6 at 4:00 p.m. and interviews are scheduled for May 16, 2022.
- Recognized and thanked Town Administrative Staff in honor of Administrative Professional's Day.

## CONSENT ITEMS (TO BE ACTED UPON BY A SINGLE MOTION)

- 1. Approve Minutes of the Town Council Special Meeting Closed Session of April 5, 2022.
- 2. Approve Draft Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of April 5, 2022
- 3. Approve Draft Minutes of the Town Council, Planning Commission, and Housing Element Advisory Board Joint Study Session of April 6, 2022.
- 4. Approve Minutes of the Town Council Closed Session Special Meeting of April 12, 2022.
- 5. Adopt a Resolution Reaffirming Resolution 2021-044 Regarding Brown Act Compliance and Teleconferencing and Making Findings Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, as Amended by Assembly Bill 361, During the COVID -19 Pandemic. **RESOLUTION 2022-017**
- 6. Adopt a Resolution Describing Improvements and Directing Preparation of the Town Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2022/23 for Landscape and Lighting Assessment Districts No. 1 and 2. **RESOLUTION 2022-018**
- 7. Adopt a Resolution Approving the Parcel Map for 16220 Harwood Road and Accepting the Public Service Easement Dedication. **RESOLUTION 2022-019**

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- 8. Adopt a Resolution Approving the Parcel Map for 16466 Bonnie Lane and Accepting the Public Service Easement Dedication. **RESOLUTION 2022-020**
- 9. Approve the Phil Knopf Minors Baseball Complex Naming Addition to Balzer Field Signage.
- 10. Adoption of an Ordinance of the Town of Los Gatos Repealing and Replacing Article III of Chapter 10 of the Los Gatos Town Code Regulating Food Service Ware by Food Facilities to Align with New State Laws. ORDINANCE 2328
- 11. Adopt an Ordinance Approving a Military Equipment Funding, Acquisition, and Use Policy Pursuant to Assembly Bill 481. **ORDINANCE 2329**

Opened public comment.

Mike Wasserman, Santa Clara County Supervisor District 1

- Commented in support of item 9.

Closed public comment.

**MOTION:** Motion by Vice Mayor Ristow to approve the Consent Items. Seconded by Council Member Sayoc.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

#### **VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Giulianna Pendleton, Audubon Society

Commented in support of adding a dark sky and bird safe design elements in the Draft 2040
General Plan.

Catherine Somers, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

 Announced the Senior Service Committee is hosting a senior outreach reception at the Adult Recreation Center (ARC) on Wednesday, April 20; the Chamber Spring Wine Walk will take place on April 23; and fundraising is underway to support the Double D's Sports Grille gateway wall project.

#### Joanne Rodgers

- Played a recording of a previous resident in opposition of allowing cannabis dispensaries.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

12. Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 18, Article III, Entitled Minors and Related to Social Host Liability for Parties at Which Underage Drinking and Drug Use Occurs.

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Public Hearing Item #12 – continued

Robert Schultz, Interim Town Attorney, presented the staff report.

Opened public comment.

Sasha Balasingham, Youth Commissioner Chair

- Commented in support of the ordinance.

Quincy Scott, Youth Commissioner Vice Chair

- Commented in support of the ordinance.

Esha Bagora, Youth Commission Teen Wellness Sub-Committee Chair

- Commented in support of the ordinance and stated the Youth Commission will be taking part in community outreach.

## Lee Fagot

Commented in support of the ordinance; requested fines be reviewed.

## Joanne Rodgers

- Commented in support of the ordinance.

Closed public comment.

Council discussed the item.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Sayoc to 1) introduce by title only, an ordinance amending Chapter 18, Article III, entitled Minors and Related to Social Host Liability for Parties at Which Underage Drinking and Drug Use Occurs, 2) include a section that states this chapter does not apply to conduct involving the use of intoxicants that is protected by Article I, Section 4 of the California Constitution, the Freedom of Religion exemption clause and 3) direct Town staff to work with all schools in Los Gatos for outreach purposes. Seconded by Vice Mayor Ristow.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk Neis read the ordinance by title only.

13. Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 29 of the Los Gatos Town Code Regulating Tree Protection.

Robert Schultz, Interim Town Attorney, presented the staff report.

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Public Hearing Item #13 - continued

Opened public comment.

Giulianna Pendleton, Audubon Society

- Commented in support the ordinance and requested an amendment to require 80% of trees planted be native species.

#### David Weissman

- Commented in support of the ordinance.

Closed public comment.

Council discussed the item.

**MOTION:** Motion by Council Member Hudes to introduce, by title only, an ordinance amending Chapter 29 of the Los Gatos Town Code regulating tree protection (Attachment 1). Seconded by Council Member Badame.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk Neis read the ordinance by title only.

14. Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Los Gatos Town Code Chapter 15 Regarding Motor Vehicles and Traffic to Include Parking Meter Zones and Amending Ordinance Definitions and Requirements.

Greg Borromeo, Police Sergeant, presented the staff report.

Opened public comment.

Randi Chen, Los Gatos Chamber of Commerce

- Commented in support of the ordinance; requested North Santa Cruz be thirty-minute parking without pay-to-stay meters.

Closed public comment.

Council discussed the item.

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Other Business Item #14 - continued

**MOTION: Motion** by **Vice Mayor Ristow** to introduce by title only, an ordinance amending the Los Gatos Town Code Chapter 15 regarding motor vehicles and traffic to include parking meter zones and amending ordinance definitions and requirements (Attachment 1). **Seconded** by **Council Member Hudes.** 

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk Neis read the ordinance by title only.

Recess 8:50 p.m. Reconvene 9:00 p.m.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

15. Discuss and Provide Direction on Community Engagement Efforts for the General Plan and Housing Element Updates.

Jennifer Armer, Planning Manager, presented the staff report.

Opened public comment.

No one spoke.

Closed public comment.

Council discussed the item.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Hudes to further community engagement 1) post the questions and answers from the two Town Council Study Sessions plus the questions and answers from the Joint Study Session on the Housing Element, 2) provide these questions and answers to the Housing Element Advisory Board, Planning Commission, and Town Council, 3) post as Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the respective websites, and 4) for clarification, it is all right to have summary versions of the questions and summary answers. Seconded by Council Member Badame.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

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16. Local Roadway Safety Plan:

- a. Adopt the Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP);
- b. Direct Staff to Develop the Short-Term Improvements and Pursue Grant Funding; and
- c. Direct Staff to Proceed with All Implementation Actions in the LRSP.

Ying Smith, Transportation and Mobility Manager, presented the staff report.

Opened public comment.

No one spoke.

Closed public comment.

Council discussed the item.

MOTION: Motion by Vice Mayor Ristow to adopt the Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP); Direct Staff to Develop the Short-Term Improvements and Pursue Grant Funding; and Direct Staff to Proceed with All Implementation Actions in the LRSP. Seconded by Council Member Hudes.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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/s/ Jenna De Long, Deputy Clerk