



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Historic Schoolhouse
765 Portola Road
Portola Valley, CA 94028

Jeff Aalfs, Mayor
Sarah Wernikoff, Vice Mayor
Judith Hasko, Councilmember
Mary Hufty, Councilmember
Craig Taylor, Councilmember

COUNCIL MINUTES – APRIL 26, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:01 P.M.

Present: Mayor Aalfs, Vice Mayor Wernikoff, and Councilmembers Hasko, Hufty, and Taylor

Absent: None

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke during oral communications

- Rita Comes
- David Cardinal
- Alyson Wood Illich
- Jennifer Hammer
- Leslie Kriese
- Betsy Morgenthauer
- Greg (last name not given)
- Ellen Vernazza
- Kristi Corley
- Rusty Gray
- Randy True

4. CONSENT AGENDA

(A) Approval of Minutes – Action Minutes for April 12, 2023

Mayor Aalfs and Vice Mayor Wernikoff pulled Item A.

Public Speakers on Item A

- Rita Comes
- David Cardinal

Motion: Mayor Aalfs made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Wernikoff, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of April 12, 2023.

(B) Approval of Warrant List – April 26, 2023

Motion: Vice Mayor Wernikoff made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hasko, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Item B.

(C) Recommendation by Public Works Director – Annual Street Resurfacing Project FY 2023/2024 – Westridge Drive Rehabilitation Project No. 2023-PW01

Motion: Mayor Aalfs made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Wernikoff, and unanimously carried, to approve Consent item C and adopt:

Resolution 2023-2023 of the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley
Approving Plans and Specifications and Calling for Bids for the Westridge
Drive Rehabilitation Project No. 2023-PW01

3. PUBLIC HEARING ANNUAL FEE UPDATE

Finance Director Cynthia Rodas presented the annual CPI adjustment of the Town's fee schedule and answered questions from the Mayor and Council.

The following spoke regarding the fee schedule

- Rita Comes
- David Cardinal
- Kristi Corley
- Caroline Vertongen
- Karen Batra

Motion: Councilmember Hasko made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hufty, and unanimously carried, to adopt

Resolution 2924-2023: Approving a Revised Fee Schedule for the Town of Portola Valley's Administrative, Building, Public Works/Engineering, and Planning Departments

5. REGULAR AGENDA

(A) Discuss and Approve Annual CPI and Salary Schedule

Finance Director Cynthia Rodas presented the salary schedule and answered questions.

Motion: Councilmember Taylor made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hufty, and unanimously carried, to adopt:

Resolution 2025-2023 of the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley modifying the salary schedule for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

6. STUDY SESSION – SHERIFF'S CONTRACT

Stacey Stevenson, SMSO Finance Director, and SMSO Captain Mark Myers gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the planned \$800,000 increase in the annual Sheriff's contract. They added that Sheriff Corpus was offering a three-month extension in order to give the Council and community time to consider the options.

The following commented

- David Cardinal
- Caroline Vertongen
- Betsy Morgenthaler
- Rita Comes
- Danna Breen
- Victor Schacter
- Rusty Gray

Captain Myers and Finance Director Stevenson answered questions.

This item will be placed on a future agenda.

7. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL AGENCIES REPORTS

The Mayor and Council reported on committees and events they attended.

The following commented

- Carolyn Vertongen
- Rita Comes

8. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Howard Young, Interim City Manager, reported on an event he attended.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m. The next Regular Town Council meeting will be held on May 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement:

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COUNCIL MINUTES – SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023, 4:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER – 4:45 PM

Present: Mayor Aalfs, Vice Mayor Wernikoff, and Councilmembers Hasko, Hufty, and Taylor
Absent: None

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no speakers.

3. CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE—Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957. Title: Town Attorney

Recess: The Town Council recessed into a closed session at 4:46 p.m. All members were present.

Reconvene: The meeting reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

There was no reportable action from the closed session

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Portola Valley Town Council will be held on May 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

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