



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Regular Meeting of the Town Council
Wednesday, February 22, 2023
7:00 P.M.

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

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting began at 7:06 p.m. Councilmembers Hasko, Hufty, Taylor and Wernikoff were present. Mayor Aalfs was absent.

2. **REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION** - None

3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

The following members of the public spoke during Oral Communications:

- Rita Comes
- Kristi Corley
- Dave Pidwell
- Vic Scachter
- David Cardinal
- Jon Silver

4. **STUDY SESSION**

- a. **Hold** a Study Session Discussion with Supervisor Ray Mueller

Ray Mueller, Supervisor, held a Study Session with the Town Council.

The following members of the public spoke during this item:

- Rita Comes
- Caroline Vertongen
- Kristi Corley
- Betsy Morgenthaler
- Greg Franklin

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

The following members of the public spoke regarding the Consent Agenda:

- Rita Comes
- Caroline Vertongen
- Kristi Corley

Judith Hasko, Councilmember, requested to pull Items A, B and E of the Consent Agenda.

Judith Hasko, Councilmember, read a number of suggested edits to the meeting minutes.

M/S Taylor/Hufty to approve Item A, as amended. **Motion carried 4-0-1 by roll call vote with Mayor Aalfs absent.**

Judith Hasko, Councilmember, presented questions regarding the warrant list to staff.

M/S Hufty/Taylor to approve Item B. **Motion carried 4-0-1 by roll call vote with Mayor Aalfs absent.**

Judith Hasko, Councilmember, presented questions regarding Item E to staff.

M/S Taylor/Hufty to approve Item E. **Motion carried 4-0-1 by roll call vote with Mayor Aalfs absent.**

M/S Hasko/Hufty to approve Items C and D. **Motion carried 4-0-1 by roll call vote with Mayor Aalfs absent.**

- a. **Approval** of Action Minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2023

- b. **Approval** of Warrant List
- c. **Adoption** of a Resolution Confirming the State of Emergency and Need to Continue Conducting Town Public Meetings Remotely (a) A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley Confirming Existing State of Emergency and Authorizing Continued Remote Public Meetings Under AB 361
- d. **Approve** Charter Amendment to the Geological Safety Committee to Increase Membership from Five Members to Seven
- e. **Accept** Audit of the Town's Automated License Plate (ALPR) System

6. REGULAR AGENDA

- a. **Accept** Results of the ADU/JADU Survey Dated February 8, 2023

Patty Dewes, ADU Survey Representative, provided the report.

The following members of the public spoke regarding the item:

- Caroline Vertongen

Informational item only. No motion taken.

- b. **Receive** Update on Evacuation Recommendations from the Emergency Preparedness Committee

Vic Schachter, Emergency Preparedness Committee Member, provided the report.

The following members of the public spoke regarding the item:

- Rita Comes
- Caroline Vertongen
- Kristi Corley

Informational item only. No motion taken.

- c. **Review** the FY 2022-23 Mid-Year Budget Report

Cindy Rodas, Finance Director, provided the report.

The following members of the public spoke regarding the item:

- Rita Comes
- Caroline Vertongen

Discussion item only. No motion taken.

7. COLLEAGUES MEMO

- a. **Discuss** Colleagues Memo from Vice Mayor Sarah Wernikoff Entitled "Founders Award for Lifetime Contributions to the Town of Portola Valley"

Sarah Wernikoff, Vice Mayor, presented the item.

After a brief discussion, the Town Council decided to move the item to the meeting of March 8, 2023.

The following members of the public spoke regarding the item:

- Rita Comes

8. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL AGENCIES REPORTS

There were no verbal reports provided for this item.

9. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Jeremy Dennis, Town Manager, presented the report verbally. During the report Town Manager Dennis announced his resignation effective March 17, 2023.

The following members of the public spoke regarding the item:

- Betsy Morgenthaler
- Rita Comes
- Jane Wilson
- Judith Murphy
- Kristi Corley
- Nan Shostak

10. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 11:32 p.m.

The next Regular Town Council meeting will be held on March 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement:

The Town of Portola Valley acknowledges the colonial history of this land we dwell upon—the unceded territory of the Ramaytush (rah-my-toosh) Ohlone, Tamien Nation, and Muwekma (mah-WEK-mah) Ohlone, who endured a human and cultural genocide that included removal from their lands and their sacred relationship to the land. Portola Valley recognizes that we profit from the commodification of land seized from indigenous peoples and now bear the ecological consequences. We seek to understand the impact of these legacies on all beings and to find ways to make repair.