



**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- REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY- DECEMBER 13, 2023**

**1. CALL TO ORDER- REGULAR SESSION**

The Wednesday, December 13, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Portola Valley convened at approximately 7:04 PM

**Regular Session Roll Call**

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

**2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

The following spoke during oral communications:

- Bill Unger
- Sarah Simbeck
- Sue Crane
- Rita Comes
- Caroline Vertongen
- David Cardinal
- Jon Silver

**3. TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

*There are no written materials, and the Town Council does not take action under this agenda item.*

The following spoke in public comments:

- Betsy Morgenthaler

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

No public comments for any consent agenda items

Councilmember Hasko pulled item 4 c. and Vice Mayor Wernikoff pulled item 4 d.

Mayor Aalfs asked for a motion to approve item 4 a., 4 b., and 4 e.

Councilmember Hasko made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, to approve items 4 a., 4 b., and 4 e. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mayor Aalfs, Vice Mayor Wernikoff, Councilmembers Hufty, Hasko, and Taylor

**Nays:** None

- Approval** of Minutes- Regular Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2023
- Approval** of Warrant Lists- 11/22/23 and 12/13/23
- Approval** of Woodside Highlands Road Maintenance District (WHRMD) Budget

Councilmember Taylor recused himself as he resides in the area of discussion. Councilmember Taylor exited the council chambers for item 4 c. discussion

Mayor Aalfs asked for a motion to approve item 4 c.

Councilmember Hasko made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Wernikoff to approve item 4 c. of the consent agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mayor Aalfs, Vice Mayor Wernikoff, Councilmembers Hufty, and Hasko

**Nays:** None

Councilmember Taylor did not vote on this item

- d. **Authorize** the Town Manager to Amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 to allocate additional funds for legal services associated with the Housing Element Update

Mayor Aalfs asked for a motion to approve item 4 d.

Vice Mayor Wernikoff made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hasko to approve item 4 d. of the consent agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mayor Aalfs, Vice Mayor Wernikoff, Councilmembers Hufty, Hasko, and Taylor

**Nays:** None

- e. Appointments to Conservation and Nature and Science Committee' to fill unscheduled vacancies

## 5. REGULAR AGENDA-PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Town Council selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor

The following spoke in public comments:

- Jon Silver
- Onnolee Trapp
- Rita Comes
- David Cardinal
- Caroline Vertongen
- Sarah Simbeck
- John Golden
- Alice (no last name provided)
- Majda
- Linda Hames-Clever
- Sue Crane
- Greg Franklin
- Leslie Kriese
- Kristi Corley

Interim Town Attorney, Catherine Engberg, clarified the process/procedure for council reorganization

Councilmember Taylor made nomination for Vice Mayor Wernikoff as Mayor, seconded by Councilmember Hufty. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mayor Aalfs, Vice Mayor Wernikoff, Councilmembers Hufty, Hasko, and Taylor

**Nays:** None

Councilmember Taylor made nomination for Councilmember Hasko as Vice Mayor, seconded by Councilmember Hufty. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mayor Aalfs, Vice Mayor Wernikoff, Councilmembers Hufty, Hasko, and Taylor  
**Nays:** None

**b. Adoption of Affordable Housing Fund Policy**

Presentation by Interim Planning Director, Jon Biggs. Thanked Councilmembers Hasko and Hufty for their work on this policy

The following spoke in public comments:

- Jon Silver
- Ronnie Eastman
- David Cardinal
- Kristi Corley
- Rita Comes

Councilmember Taylor made a motion to remove item 3 from policy and approve as amended, seconded by Councilmember Aalfs. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mayor Wernikoff, Vice Mayor Hasko, Councilmembers Hufty, Taylor, and Aalfs  
**Nays:** None

**c. Review and discuss the (Draft) Joint Work Plan with the Woodside Fire Protection District and Consider Providing Direction to Staff**

The following spoke in public comments:

- Bob Turcott
- Jon Silver
- Rusty Day
- David Cardinal
- Danna Breen
- Rita Comes
- Kristi Corley

**6. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL AGENCIES REPORTS**

Oral and written reports arising out of liaison appointments to both in-town and regional committees and initiatives. The Town Council does not take action under this agenda item.

The following spoke in public comments:

- David Cardinal
- Kristi Corley
- Danna Breen
- Jon Silver

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:25 PM, the Mayor adjourned the December 13, 2023 meeting. The next Regular Town Council meeting will be held on January 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.