

PORTOLA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING - JANUARY 10, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

The January 10, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Portola Valley convened at approximately 7:01 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Others: Town Manager Sharif Etman, Interim Town Attorney Catherine Engberg, Assistant Town Manager Corie Stocker, Town Clerk Jennifer Torres

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke during oral communications:

- Martin Miller
- Karen Askey
- Rita Comes
- Danna Breen
- Caroline Vertongen

3. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Historical Resource Committee Award; Recognizing respectful restoration of historic properties in Portola Valley

Public Comment: None

- b. Proclamation for Carol Borck; Honoring 25 years of service

The following spoke during public comment:

- Rita Comes
- Danna Breen
- Martin Miller
- Kim Giuliacci from Woodside FPD
- Kristi Corley

All council members commented on Item 3 b. and personally thanked Carol Borck for her dedication and service to the Town of Portola Valley.

4. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Public Comment: None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

The following spoke during public comment for items on the consent agenda:

- Rita Comes
- Caroline Vertongen
- Martin Miller

Councilmember Hufty pulled Item 5 b.

Mayor Wernikoff asked for a motion to approve Items 5 a., 5 c., and 5 d.

Councilmember Taylor made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Aalfs, to approve Items 5 a., 5 c., and 5 d. on the consent agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

- a. Approval of Regular Minutes of December 13, 2023
- b. Approval of Warrant Lists - 12/27/23 and 01/10/24

Mayor Wernikoff asked for a motion to approve Item 5 b.

Councilmember Hufty made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, to approve Items 5 b. on the consent agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

- c. Adopt Resolution No. 2939–2024, Authorizing rebidding for Rescoped Rehabilitation Project of Westridge Drive and Authorize the Town Manager to Award the Project
- d. Adopt Salary Schedule Update

6. REGULAR AGENDA

- a. Introduce the Ordinance to Update the Animal Control Chapter of Municipal Code

The following spoke in public comments:

- Caroline Vertongen

Interim Town Attorney, Catherine Engberg, introduced the Ordinance. Marlene Dehlinger and Lori Morton-Feazell from San Mateo County remotely joined the meeting to answer questions or provide clarification on the ordinance.

Mayor Wernikoff asked for a motion to approve Items 5 b.

Councilmember Aalfs made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, to approve

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

- b. Dissolve and Restructure Certain Advisory Committees

Patty Dewes, Chair of Parks and Recreation Committee, spoke about the committee restructure and committee chart

The following spoke in public comments:

- Dale Pfau
- Rita Comes
- Caroline Vertongen
- Kristi Corley
- David Cardinal
- Ellen Vernazza

Mayor Wernikoff asked for a motion to adopt Item 6 b.

Councilmember Taylor made a motion to approve but allow the Emergency Preparedness Committee to meet again and decide if they want to dissolve at a later date, seconded by Councilmember Aalfs. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

c. Adoption of 2023-2031 Portola Valley Housing Element Update and Conforming General Plan Amendments

Interim Planning Director, Jon Biggs, gave a brief presentation about some last-minute changes received from HCD before the meeting.

The following spoke in public comments:

- Martin Miller
- Rita Comes
- Bob Adams

Mayor Wernikoff asked for a motion to adopt Item 6.c.

Councilmember Aalfs made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Taylor. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

7. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL AGENCIES REPORTS

The following spoke in public comments:

- Caroline Vertongen
- Kristi Corley
- Rita Comes

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:21 p.m., the Mayor adjourned the January 10, 2024 meeting.

Sarah Wernikoff, Mayor

Jennifer Torres, Town Clerk

Approved by the Town Council at its January 24, 2024 meeting.