

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL/PARKING
AUTHORITY/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MARCH 16, 2009**

The Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

TOWN COUNCIL/PARKING AUTHORITY/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Mike Wasserman, Vice Mayor Diane McNutt, Council Member Joe Pirzynski, Council Member Steve Rice, Council Member Barbara Spector

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/COMMENDATION - LOS GATOS BICYCLE RACING CLUB

Mayor Mike Wasserman presented the **Los Gatos Bicycle Club** with a commendation for their participation in the community.

Linda Wells, sang the Star Spangled Banner and the **Los Gatos Bicycle Club** led the Pledge of Allegiance. The audience was invited to participate.

Mr. Gordon thanked the Town of Los Gatos for hosting the Cat's Hill Bicycle Race.

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamations

Disaster Service Worker Week (3/22-28)

- **Mayor Mike Wasserman** proclaimed the week of March 22 - 28, 2009 as Disaster Service Worker's Week.
- **Sergeant Kerry Harris** accepted the proclamation on behalf of Town employees and thanked Council and all Town employees being prepared to respond and recover in the event of a disaster.

Presentations – Continued

Proclamation - Continued

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

- **Mayor Mike Wasserman** proclaimed the Month of March, 2009 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.
- **Amy Goldsbury** accepted the proclamation on behalf of the American Cancer Society.
- **Ms. Goldbury** thanked the Town and community for the proclamation and commented on awareness, testing and prevention of colorectal cancer.

Presentation

Project Cornerstone

- **Mayor Mike Wasserman** introduced **Richard Whitmore**, Superintendent, LGUSD.
- **Mr. Whitmore** introduced **Marla Rodriguez**, Director of Student Services, LGUSD, **Cary Matsuoka**, Superintendent, LGSUHSD, and **Anne Ehresman**, Executive Director, Project Cornerstone.
- The group presented information about building a community that values children and youth.
- **Mayor Mike Wasserman** commented on the benefits of Project Cornerstone and encouraged the community to get involved.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

(Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: APN 527-25-005 (Mulberry School), APN 510-44-069 (Main Street Parking Lot) Negotiator: Greg Larson, Town Manager Under Negotiation: Price and terms

Mr. Korb stated that direction was given and no action was taken.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Town Negotiator (Lead): Rumi Portillo, Human Resources Director Employee Organization: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Police Officers' Association (POA), Town Employees Association (TEA), Confidential Employees, Management Employees

Mr. Korb stated that direction was given and no action was taken.

TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL/TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

Council Matters

Vice Mayor Diane McNutt

- Commented about Silicon Valley Reads and encouraged the community to attend the event on March 23, 2009.
- Commented that the author Brian Copeland will be discussing his book "Not a Genuine Black Man."
- Gave an update on her meeting with West Valley Sanitation District. The discussion was focused on the Pollution Protection Program and the Safe Medicine Disposal Program.
- Requested Council consideration to agendize a discussion about a pilot project to become a drop off site for the Safe Medicine Disposal Program.
- Commented that the program is aimed at keeping medicine from ending up in the creeks, bays, and landfills.
- **Council Member Joe Pirzynski** concurred and **Mayor Mike Wasserman** requested that staff agendize the issue for discussion.

Manager Matters

Mr. Larson

- Introduced **Wendie Rooney** as the new Community Development Director.
- Commented that **Bud Lortz** has moved to Deputy Town Manager and will coordinate a series of special projects.
- Commented about the new textile exhibit located in the Town Council Chambers and invited the community to come view the art.
- Commented on the recent burglary arrests made in coordination with the Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Police Department, Campbell Police Department, and San Jose Police Department.

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

1. Ratify payroll for the month of February 2009.
2. Ratify accounts payable for February 2009.
3. PPW Job No. 07-17 - FY2008-09 Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk Repair and Replacement Project (411-813-9921) Adopt a resolution accepting the work of Golden Bay Construction Company and authorizing the Town Manager to execute a Certificate of Acceptance and Notice of Completion for recording by the Clerk Administrator.
RESOLUTION 2009-020

Consent Items – Continued

4. **Adopt resolution amending the current fees and fines schedule to increase parking violations by \$3.00 to reflect the January 1, 2009 state mandated surcharge for parking violations.
RESOLUTION 2009-021**
5. **Adopt resolution amending Town Council Agenda Format and Rules.
RESOLUTION 2009-022**

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

6. **Ratify accounts payable for February 2009.**

TOWN COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

7. **Approve Council/Agency minutes of March 2, 2009.**
8. **Environmental Review for New Library Adopt a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to direct Geier and Geier Consulting, Inc., to conduct environmental review for the new library project in an amount not to exceed \$100,758.00. RESOLUTION 2009-023**

Mr. Davis pulled Consent Item #8.

Mayor Mike Wasserman stated that Consent Item #8 would be combined with Verbal Communications and **Mr. Davis** would be allotted 5 minutes to speak on the issues.

MOTION: **Motion by Council Member Barbara Spector to approve Consent Items #1-7.
Seconded by Council Member Joe Pirzynski.**

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously.**

PULLED CONSENT ITEM AND VERBAL COMMUNICATION

8. Environmental Review for New Library Adopt a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to direct Geier and Geier Consulting, Inc., to conduct environmental review for the new library project in an amount not to exceed \$100,758.00. RESOLUTION 2009-023

Mr. Davis

- Commented that the Redevelopment Agency program is being violated by the construction of a new library.
- Stated that if the Town does not stop the environmental studies report he may file a complaint with the District Attorney.
- Commended Council for their discussions relating to Mulberry School for sports uses.
- Commented that there is a street light out near the crosswalk at the Los Gatos Shopping Center and that it presents a dangerous situation.
- Would like to request that the light be fixed as soon as possible.

Mr. Davis received his first warning for disrupting the meeting.

Mr. Larson

- Clarified that the street light has been reported and that Parks and Public Works has scheduled replacement.

Mr. Korb

- Clarified that the Town's Redevelopment Plan does provide for construction of public facilities such as libraries and police buildings.

Closed Verbal Communications.

MOTION: **Motion by Council Member Joe Pirzynski to approve Consent Item #8.**
 Seconded by Council Member Barbara Spector.

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously.**

OTHER BUSINESS

9. Presentation regarding the temporary closure and transition of the Community Hospital of Los Gatos.

Staff report made by **Greg Larson**, Town Manager.

Bruce Lee, Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System, EMS Director

- Commented about the requirements in State Law relating to the closure of a hospital.
- Commented about the 90 day notice prior to the closure of a hospital and that the tenants served notice on January 8, 2009 and that the community meetings were held in February 19, 2009 and March 3, 2009.
- Commented that the closure process begins on April 1, 2009 and that the hospital will close on April 10, 2009.
- Commented that there may be longer ambulance times for some residents and that there may be an impact with overcrowding at neighboring hospitals in the area.
- Commented that both hospitals are cooperating to ensure the continued high level care of their patients.

Council Comments

- Questioned if any issues were raised at the community meetings that have been unresolved.

Mr. Lee

- Clarified that he feels that there were not questions unresolved and that they will keep an eye on the situation.

Paul Beaupre, Chief Medical Officer/Chief Operating Officer, Good Samaritan Hospital

- Commented on the process that Good Samaritan Hospital has taken to ensure that the community is well served for its health care needs during the closure.
- Commented that the hospital has opened 5 additional emergency bays and added additional staff to take on more patients.
- Commented that they have extended the hours to perform surgical operations and extended the invitation to staff at Community Hospital to join the Good Samaritan staff during the closure.

Council Comments

- Questioned if there will be any deficiencies during the closure period that may require some attention by the medical community outside Good Samaritan Hospitals accommodations.

Other Business Item #9 – Continued

Mr. Beaupre

- Clarified that Good Samaritan Hospital would be able to handle the increased load during the interim period and does not see any kind of fall off in the services provided to the community.

Mr. Reeder, Chair of the Board of Directors. El Camino Hospital

- Commented on the background of El Camino Hospital and that an El Camino Hospital District tax was approved by their current community and that patient revenue supports the day-to-day business of the hospital.
- Commented that El Camino Hospital will remain an independent hospital and was rated by Forbes Magazine as one of the Top 5% of hospitals in the United States and their Strategic Plan for the new hospital is to strive to be among the top 5% of hospitals for quality of care and patient satisfaction on all factors within 3 years.
- Commented that part of El Camino Hospital's patients come from Los Gatos and surrounding communities.
- Commented that the physicians, administrators, employees and volunteers are committed to doing whatever it takes to ensure patient care and safety.
- Commented that the vision of El Camino Hospital District is to ensure quality care for all patients and to provide the very best in medical technology.

Council Comments

- Question if the Town would become part of the El Camino District.
- Questioned if the hospital would consider forming a district in the Los Gatos area.

Mr. Reeder

- Clarified that El Camino Hospital would not be using tax payers money for the new hospital.
- Commented that there is always a potential to discuss the option of forming a district within the surrounding areas of the new hospital.
- Commented that at this time El Camino Hospital is expanding its primary service area which has always been larger than the district.
- Commented that there are long term benefits from forming a district.

Other Business Item #9 – Continued

Mr. Graham, CEO, El Camino Hospital

- Commented about the service area for El Camino Hospital and that the high level care will continue at the new hospital.
- Commented about the convenience of the two hospitals being connected by a freeway.
- Commented about resources and capabilities for the new hospital.
- Commented about the cooperation between Good Samaritan Hospital and Community Hospital to ensure patient care.
- Announced that they are able to acquire the hospital earlier than expected.
- Commented that they will acquire the hospital on April 11, 2009 anticipate reopening in mid July, 2009.
- Commented that the board will be announcing a specific target date for the reopening of the new hospital by mid April.
- Introduced **Dr. Pifer** and commented that he joined El Camino Hospital in 2007.
- Commented that **Dr. Pifer** will be the President of the new hospital.

Council Comments

- Commended the agencies for their cooperation to ensure the high level care of the patients through the interim period.

Dr. Pifer, Chief Medical Information Officer, El Camino Hospital

- Commented on the services that will be offered with the opening of the new hospital.
- Commented that the hospital will reopen as an acute care hospital, which will include a neonatal center and that they will be investing in orthopedics and spine care.
- Commented that they are looking into urology and neurology as a specialty area.
- Commented on the process to reopen the hospital.
- Commented that they have extended the hours at El Camino Hospital during the interim, to ensure that the Los Gatos and surrounding communities receive the continued high level of care.
- Commented on partnering with Santa Clara County, Good Samaritan Hospital and Santa Clara County Medical Center to address issues relating the closure period.
- Commented on the upcoming community forums in the area. and invited members of the community to visit WWW.lgelcamino.org

Other Business Item #9 – Continued

Wes Alles, Board Vice Chairperson

- Commented that the Town's vision of Service, Stewardship, and Future Focus are concepts which El Camino Hospital is very familiar with and will provide a great foundation as they reopen the hospital.
- Commented that El Camino Hospital would like to continue the "pride and trust" that the community has had with Los Gatos Community Hospital in the past.
- Thanked Good Samaritan Hospital for working with El Camino Hospital to serve the community during the interim period.

Open/Close Public Comments

Council Comments

- Thanked Good Samaritan Hospital for their service to the community and going beyond the call of duty to maintain the high level of care during the interim period.

Mr. Larson

- Commented that **Wendie Rooney**, Director of Community Development will be available to assist El Camino Hospital with any issues relating to the early opening.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

Jackie D. Rose, Clerk Administrator