



**CITY OF LOS ALTOS
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025
6:00 p.m.
1 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos, CA**

*Joe Beninato, Chair
Richard Roche, Vice Chair
Mehruddin Jon Ahi, Commissioner
Kate Disney, Commissioner
Susan Mensinger, Commissioner
Eric Steinle, Commissioner*

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Joe Beninato, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM: All Planning Commissioners were present and in person during the meeting with the exception of Commissioner Disney who was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Approval of the DRAFT minutes of the Joint Planning Commission/Historical Commission meeting of February 6, 2025.

2. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Approval of the DRAFT minutes of the Special Planning Commission meeting of February 27, 2025.

Motion by Commissioner Mensinger and Second by Commissioner Roche to approve the consent calendar. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

PUBLIC HEARING

3. Consider the draft ordinances and provide recommendation to the Los Altos City Council for the adoption of the proposed ordinances which include:

1. An Ordinance of the Los Altos City Council of the City of Los Altos Amending Chapter 14.50 of the Los Altos Municipal Code; and
2. An Ordinance of the Los Altos City Council of the City of Los Altos Repealing in its Entirety the Sherwood Gateway Specific Plan of the Los Altos Municipal Code; and
3. An Ordinance of the Los Altos City Council of the City of Los Altos Amending Chapter 14.88 of the Los Altos Municipal Code and Rezoning Certain Parcels Located along San Antonio Road and El Camino Real in the City of Los Altos to Commercial Thoroughfare (CT) Zoning District; and

Find that the proposed zone change and amendments are exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15183 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines since the zone change and amendments are consistent with the adopted General Plan.

Nick Zornes, Assistant City Manager, presented the project.

Commissioners asked staff questions.

Chair Beninato opened the public comment period.

Three residents provided comments.

Chair Beninato closed the public comment period.

The Planning Commission discussed the project.

Motion by Commissioner Steinle and Second by Commissioner Roche to adopt the proposed ordinances which include: 1. An Ordinance of the Los Altos City Council of the City of Los Altos Amending Chapter 14.50 of the Los Altos Municipal Code; and 2. An Ordinance of the Los Altos City Council of the City of Los Altos Repealing in its Entirety the Sherwood Gateway Specific Plan of the Los Altos Municipal Code; and 3. An Ordinance of the Los Altos City Council of the City of Los Altos Amending Chapter 14.88 of the Los Altos Municipal Code and Rezoning Certain Parcels Located along San Antonio Road and El Camino Real in the City of Los Altos to Commercial Thoroughfare (CT) Zoning District; and Find that the proposed zone change and amendments are exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15183 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines since the zone change and amendments are consistent with the adopted General Plan. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

SPECIAL ITEM

4. **Special Presentation** - Presentation on State Housing Laws.

Nick Zornes, Assistant City Manager, and Stephanie Williams, Deputy Director of Development Services, presented.

Commissioners asked staff questions.

Chair Beninato opened the public comment period.

There were no public comments.

Chair Beninato closed the public comment period.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS – Chair Beninato shared comments.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Stephanie Williams

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Development Services Deputy Director

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