

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

7:00 PM - Tuesday, September 09, 2025
via Videoconference and In Person

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The Mayor will open public comment and will announce the length of time provided for comments during each item.

AGENDA

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

SPECIAL ITEMS

Issue Proclamation Recognizing the Service and Retirement of Public Works Director Aida Fairman

Issue Proclamation Recognizing September 17 - 25, 2025 as Constitution Week

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Members of the audience may bring to the Council's attention any item that is not on the agenda. The Mayor will announce the time speakers will be granted before comments begin. Please be advised that, by law, the City Council is unable to discuss or take action on issues presented during the Public Comment Period. According to State Law (also known as "The Brown Act") items must first be noted on the agenda before any discussion or action.

[09-09-2025](#) Written Public Comment

CONSENT CALENDAR

These items will be considered by one motion unless any member of the Council wishes to remove an item for discussion. Any item removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion will be handled at the discretion of the Mayor.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approve the Draft Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 26, 2025

2. Adoption of Resolution - Designating a Regular Meeting Date

Adopt a Resolution Designating the City Council Meeting of September 30, 2025 a Regular Meeting in Accordance with Los Altos Municipal Code Section 2.04.010 "Meetings."

3. Adoption of Resolution - Construction Contract

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a construction contract with Randazzo Enterprises, Inc. of Castroville, California in an amount not-to-exceed \$86,000, and up to 15% contingency not-to-exceed \$12,900, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$98,900, to complete the demolition and removal of the Caretaker House in Redwood Grove

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Commission Appointments

Confirm Appointments to Various City Commissions

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY

There will be no discussion or action on Informational Items

5. Tentative Council Calendar and Housing Element Update Implementation Calendar

6. 09-09-2025 Council QA

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

(Council Norms: It will be the custom to have a recess at approximately 9:00 p.m. Prior to the recess, the Mayor shall announce whether any items will be carried over to the next meeting. The established hour after which no new items will be started is 11:00 p.m. Remaining items, however, may be considered by consensus of the Council.)

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From: [Angelo De Giuli](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Comment to Item 9 (Library) of 8/26 City Council
Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 11:37:44 AM

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my concern about one important aspect of the Downtown Library remodeling project: the lack of a plan to replace the old cooling and heating system with a highly efficient, non-polluting, all-electric heat pump.

I became aware of this issue through a conversation with a neighbor who is a Friend of the Library. This led me to attend the Library Commission meeting on August 7, where I made a public comment on the subject. Several members of the public raised similar concerns, and both a commissioner and the design consultant expressed agreement. However, Pierre Bedard, the Commission Chair, confirmed that providing a healthier, more comfortable, and environmentally friendly cooling/heating system was not included in the current goals of the remodel.

From my understanding, the project goals were established through a bottom-up process based on stakeholder input. While that approach makes sense from the Commission's perspective, I believe it is also essential for the City Council to set goals that reflect broader community-wide priorities—such as those outlined in the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP).

As a member of GreenTown Los Altos and the St. Simon Parish Green Team, I respectfully request that the City Council, which represents the entire Los Altos community and is responsible for its long-term wellbeing, direct the Library Commission to make the installation of a healthier, more comfortable, and environmentally sustainable all-electric heat pump a non-negotiable objective of the remodeling.

The Downtown Library is one of the most heavily used public spaces in Los Altos. This project is an important opportunity for the City to lead by example and show residents how, when opportunities arise, we can transition to more efficient, healthier, and climate-friendly solutions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Angelo De Giuli

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1816 Granger Ave, 94024

From: [Robert Mayo](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: public comment for item 9 -- Review Main Library Design Concept
Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 11:38:49 AM

Dear Council Members,

As we move from design concepts into technical specifications, this is the moment to set clear goals for the next phase of the library renovation. The systems we choose — heating, cooling, and other technical systems — will shape the building and affect everyone who uses it. I urge the council to set the following goal: a library that is healthy, comfortable, and climate-friendly.

A big concern I've heard is that going all-electric would mean very high electrical loads and costly service upgrades. To check that, I spoke with commercial HVAC consultants and staff at Silicon Valley Clean Energy. They told me:

“Architects and engineers often rely on overly conservative rules of thumb to estimate power demand in commercial buildings. In reality, most buildings consume less power than predicted. Additionally, major electrification projects typically provide energy efficiency opportunities which can greatly offset any increase in electricity demand growth. A more detailed study is required to better understand implications to electric demand.”

Based on this advice, I urge the council to direct the architect to design the library as an all-electric facility, or at a minimum, set goals that ensure it is healthy, comfortable, and climate-friendly.

Thank you for your leadership on climate action,

Robert "Bob" Mayo

From: [cat hung](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Re: Los Altos Dog Park design - cut 6" & metal lever gate handle & cutting 6" in parking space
Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 2:59:02 PM
Attachments: [IMG_1925.png](#)
[IMG_1926.png](#)

To Los Altos City Council -adding to #10

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My car door touched the black Mercedes & my hips barely squeezed thru my door opening!!! A fatter person wouldn't be able to get out!!
Returning I climbed in over the passenger side as I had just that much more space to get into my car.

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B. When rainy season & earlier darker hours, anyone can slip & fall walking the distance from police station parking lot even from community center area to the library, especially carrying books or kids. Or attending an evening program at the library.

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Catherine Hung & Bentley-terrier, regular dog park users Thank You!











From: [cat hung](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Re: Los Altos Dog Park design - cut 6" & metal lever gate handle & cutting 6" in parking space
Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 3:06:56 PM

Also against artificial turf - not sustainable, Always stinky, Way too hot.
Wasn't it over 60% who voted against turf they all the community hearings-meetings-polling?

On Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 02:57:10 PM PDT, cat hung <cathung2@yahoo.com> wrote:

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From: [Jeanine Valadez](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: [External Sender]Public Comment Item Not on the Agenda Dogpark Surface
Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 7:12:07 PM

2025_08_26 Public Comment - Not on the Agenda Dog Park

To: Mayor Dailey, Vice Mayor Fligor, Councilmembers Lang, Meadows, and Weinberg

CC: City Mgr Engeland, City Clerk Thurman

First, disclosures:

I am a member of PARC and a Los Altos Rotarian, and a dedicated member of its Climate Action Committee; however, I am speaking my own truth today based on my research, my opinion and my status as a long-time resident and multiple-dog owner.

Why write now:

I have waited this long to write my comment, even at the expense of you all not having time to read it, because I wanted to wait to read all the comments that have come in on the topic of the field surface planned for the upcoming dog park.

I am confident you all know that the approval of any field surface **material is not on the docket today**. The question before the council is to approve the allocation of Public Art Fund monies to the addition of select art features, as specified in the report, which I supported as a member of PARC, and which features I believe have a duality in their significant functional benefits including shade, kickplate function, and visual shielding inside-out and outside-in.

My request and stance

My first request is that you confine the talk and decision-making in Item 10 on the point of the funding.

The main purpose of this public comment for an item NOT on the agenda is to state my opinion on the matter of surface material.

Bottom-line, and as a resident, I endorse the plan to use a majority of artificial turf (AT), along with some smaller areas of stabilized DG and hardscape to complete the park, and, importantly, NO unstabilized DG, no mulch, chips, gravel, rock, or sand

Not just any AT and not just any installation

My endorsement is based on the understanding that the City Council and staff believe in doing what they can, including spending the monies required, to protect the environment and both human and animal health while creating a much needed legal way for people to exercise their dogs off-leash and build community with fellow dog owners year around. If the prior sentence is true, then the following considerations should be amenable to both legislators and city executives. The AT portions of the park (or the whole park ideally) should be designed with the minimum requirements listed below.

- The AT provider must use the highest rated AT in terms of its stable composition, known recycling capabilities and facilities, and lifetime. No particle infill. Permeable. No paint application for demarcation. All PE.

- Automatic irrigation to provide small-burst watering to cool the surface
- Deep-cleaning methodology that is best class; hormonal and enzymatic versus chemical
- Shaded to protect from direct sun*
- A closed system such that all runoff whether from dog waste, cleaning, or rain, goes into the sewer and NOT into groundwater nor storm drain. Unfortunately, bioswales take too much space for an already small park and would still need to be accompanied by artificial filtration as well.
- Substantial filtering underlayers to make sure runoff does not escape the closed system.

*since people like to throw balls, metal and low height shade structures should not be in the field of play; however, with trees and shade sails high up and outside the southerly perimeter of the dogpark, sufficient cooling effects can happen without compromising play.

About the dissenter's claims:

While dissenters are sincere in their desire to eliminate plastics in this case, and I laud that, I can dispute many of their claims, which are too often circumstantial, conjecture, or obsolete. They are also not being practical.

But let me be clear: I support fully the drive against plastics in general, while understanding that we, at least for now, cannot escape their presence in our lives. We all make choices every single day about plastics, polymers, chemicals, and how things are mined, milled, manufactured, and retired. Moreover, I believe in latching onto initiatives that have the largest strategic value in terms of specific deployment. There are other uses of AT in our city that I believe Council should disallow, most significantly, the use on home sites and in general use parkland.

Of course, one could cherry pick what I have just said above and say, look Jeanine, I read what you just wrote...you agree with me, so let's go whole hog and say NO to AT anywhere and everywhere!

I disagree with that surmisal.

Instead, we must consider how, if we go against AT whole hog, all field usage will be highly curtailed, especially in a land-locked, infill-only, highly residential and growing city such as ours. We already get to **use grass special-use fields only part of the year**. Both dog park pilots failed after the first quarter of usage and have never been the same since (this is why they are mostly empty – I personally do not want to take my dogs to a dirt field). Fall and winter soccer seasons would cease. **We only have small parks**, obviating the possibility of phased usage. **We have demanding neighbors** who don't want dogs or kids or traffic or parking near their homes.

Now to Decomposed Granite (DG)

There are two rallying cries from climate advocates about DG as the best alternative for any parkland: It's almost as good as grass or dirt in sequestering carbon and it's much more permeable than AT.

Carbon Sequestration

The biggest overstatement is that DG is a significant carbon sequester, not as good as grass or plantings, but almost as good. This is not true.

I won't go into a detailed breakdown of the science, but the fact remains that Enhanced Weathered Rock's (EWR's) carbon sequestration metrics demand the use of stone that weathers quickly. Why? Because it is through the chemical interaction of the stone's

constituents with the elements, including any chemicals added to accelerate the weathering artificially, that bicarbonate and other carbon sequestering compounds are formed, flow into large body of water where the carbon is sequestered.

At the very least, the use of DG (granite!) is altogether the WRONG stone to use as EWR. Other stones, including sand (yuck) are the best because they continue to degrade quickly. And if DG is a must, then chemicals get added to DG to make it weather (code for “disintegrate”) more quickly if carbon footprints are legislated. Weathering is counter to what one needs for a high-use specialty surface like a playing field or a dog park.

Compromised quality

Degraded stone fines become dust which exposes the surface to deformation, displacement, and inhalation by humans and animals. All three of these effects are not good for staff duty cycles, material costs, and health. Stabilization (chemical) or using more inert stones, like granite, mean insufficient carbon sequestration.

Permeability

The dissenters are understating another key issue with DG: Poor Permeability. DG is NOT as permeable as many claim. It is infamous for having lakes and pools even after light rains. And if slope is added, then you have runoff. And if you want your DG hardpacked, then you degrade permeability AND carbon sequestration. Most astute cities that care about the useability and longevity of their DG (at the lowest cost) and other fines installations (like clay fines for batting sports infields), close the fields BEFORE the rains and keep them closed until things drain and dry. DG also requires constant refurbishment to keep it level, pitless, and weedless.

Compromised Utility

Besides deformation, airborne silica and stone dust, and pools of water, DG is not a safe surface when it comes to ensuring traction, avoiding injury, and removing waste residue. I have taken my dogs to Selma Ollinder Park in SJ a couple times, only because I have friends who live there. I take them there no more. We all get filthy, I feel like I must wear a mask, and no one can actually run around with their dogs because the surface is too hard to wear any kind of cleats to gain traction. The dogs slide out a lot because they love to run. There is no shade at this park, so the DG surface gets hot, too.

Conclusion reiterated

Sports fields and small dogparks are not the place for battle because there is no viable alternative right now.

As a resident, I endorse the plan to use a majority of artificial turf (AT), along with some smaller areas of stabilized DG and hardscape to complete the park, and, importantly, NO unstabilized DG, no mulch, chips, gravel, rock, or sand .

Respectfully,

Jeanine Valadez

From: psap@psocalis.com
To: Public Comments
Subject: Online Form Submission: Public Comment Submission to City Council
Date: Sunday, August 31, 2025 11:05:56 AM

Public Comment Submission to City Council

Submitting Written Comments on Agenda Items
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Public comments submitted by 5:00 PM of the meeting date will be included in the agenda packet.

Public comments and any associated attachments are subject to the California Public Records Act.

Your Public Comment
I wonder whether the City of Los Altos could implement a free community shuttle like the Mountain View Community Shuttle (https://url.lavanan.click/v2/01/_/https://mvcommunityshuttle.com/_YKAzOmxcv2FsdG8zYZE6YTpvOmQyOQhmMzI2Yz3MDkyOTQzZD8kZnNmOTEyNAzZDUzOjc6ZjY3NTphYTdmZnVlMjI1NGQzZnNmM2M1YWM2NjY3NA4YTk0NnQ2NjE2MnNlYjI1ZTBiNAkzZGZMmUzMDUwZWVlZTRjOnQ6VDpO). Not only would this provide an accessible way around the city, but it would also help reduce emissions and promote a greener way of life. This would be especially helpful for youth because it could provide a convenient public transportation option instead of relying on their parents to drive them to and from school events.

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From: [Brian Jones](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Items Not on the Agenda of the 9/9/25 City Council Meeting
Date: Sunday, September 7, 2025 9:54:27 PM
Attachments: [Flock's Policy Violations.pdf](#)

Esteemed Council,

Please find attached an update on various Flock policy and law violations on the state and national levels. These violations raise concerns about Flock as a trustworthy partner for our city's law enforcement.

We hope you find this information useful.

-Brian Jones, for Los Altos for Representation and Equity

Esteemed Councilmembers,

We write to support the Council's effort to monitor the deployment of Automated License Plate Readers in Los Altos. Recent local, state, and federal developments warrant the attention and consideration of Council.

In summary:

- Despite state laws and policy to the contrary, ALPR data from police departments (including Atherton and Menlo Park) **has been shared with Federal and out-of-state authorities**, including Customs and Border Patrol. These concrete examples demonstrate that violations of both policy and law are much more than theoretical possibilities; in fact, they constitute actual threats.
- Flock continues to aggressively expand the surveillance capabilities of their network, including a new product to use AI facial recognition to connect specific people to license plates, and the proliferation of private ALPR networks not subject to data-sharing laws.
- We recommend that the Council closely monitor the extent to which our Los Altos policies are being followed by other departments, and allow access only to those departments that are making good-faith showings of policy compliance.

We urge the Council to study the information provided below and consider what steps could be implemented to ensure, with a highest possible degree of certainty, that our policies and laws are being followed.

Violations of California state law and/or local policy

On July 30 of this year, The Almanac published an article (<https://www.almanacnews.com/investigative-story/2025/07/30/hundreds-of-agencies-tap-athertons-surveillance-system-for-feds-town-fails-to-follow-own-rules/>) describing violations of Atherton's ALPR policy. It appears that other California agencies searched Atherton's ALPR network on behalf of ICE or CBP. Such searches are illegal under SB 34, as clarified by Attorney General Rob Bonta in 2023.

On August 19 of this year, The Almanac published an article (<https://www.almanacnews.com/investigative-story/2025/08/19/menlo-park-police-broke-state-law-shared-license-plate-data-out-of-state/>) describing violations of Menlo Park's ALPR policy. For an unknown period of time in this year, departments in Houston, Texas and

Sauk Village, Illinois performed searches on Menlo Park's data, in violation of SB 34 and Menlo Park policy. It is not clear how such searches were allowed.

These breaches expose the Achilles' heel of data policies: they are only as good as their practice. In the case of the Flock ALPR network, that practice is made more difficult by the technology. Departments can search "All of California" with the click of a button. Access is granted without requiring the downloading and review of a local policy. Once a network has granted access, future searches may not even require this tiny step. It's easy to imagine an officer doing a search without being aware of any of the network policies.

Most disturbingly, Flock apparently began a "pilot program" with Customs and Border Patrol without any data safeguards. "We also didn't create distinct permissions and protocols in the Flock system to ensure local compliance for federal agency users," Flock CEO Garrett Langley admitted. The programs have since been "paused."

(<https://www.ctinsider.com/connecticut/article/ct-flock-safety-dhs-license-plate-readers-lpr-21015952.php>,
<https://abc7chicago.com/post/evanston-oak-park-end-contracts-flock-safety-license-plate-reader-company-investigation-illinois/17678137/>,
<https://evanstonroundtable.com/2025/08/26/evanston-shuts-down-license-plate-cameras-terminates-contract-with-flock-safety/>)

In March of 2025, Flock implemented a software change to prevent out-of-state organizations from searching California networks, in order to force compliance with SB 34. As a result, the number of out-of-state searches has plummeted.

This is a good example of the difference between "technology enforced" policy prescriptions and "good behavior" policy prescriptions. The former are much to be preferred: we must make the technology heavily favor policy-compliant behavior.

However, even that is not enough. Also in March, Flock blocked searches when the reason for the search given is "ICE", "Immigration", "HSI", and some other related keywords. This was supposed to prevent ALPR searches on behalf of immigration enforcement. Obviously, it's simple to get around this restriction by simply using a vague reason like "Investigation" and avoiding the forbidden keywords. In fact, a recent public records request response shows that many searches do just that. LARE plans to release an analysis of that data in the coming weeks.

A CalMatters investigation published on June 13 of this year

(<https://calmatters.org/economy/technology/2025/06/california-police-sharing-license-pla>

[te-reader-data/](#)) found 10 departments in Southern California performing searches on behalf of ICE. They also raised the likelihood that departments like the Riverside County Sheriff's Office were using vague search reasons to obscure the actual purpose of the search.

The Los Altos City Council and Los Altos Police Department worked hard to craft an ALPR policy that balances legitimate law enforcement needs with the civil liberties of our residents. The current configuration of our ALPR network discourages other departments from following those policies, making all of Los Altos' work impotent.

Flock's AI Human-recognition system

Multiple new agencies report that Flock is preparing a new product, code-named Nova, that will use artificial intelligence to connect images of people with license plate data. 404 Media obtained quotes from an internal Flock meeting, attributed to a Flock employee: "You're going to be able to access data and jump from LPR to person and understand what that context is, link to other people that are related to that person [...] marriage or through gang affiliation, et cetera."

(<https://www.404media.co/flock-decides-not-to-use-hacked-data-in-people-search-tool/>) Obviously this is an alarming development from a civil liberties perspective. It is a much more powerful tool than the current ALPR system. That means that if similar breaches of law and policy were to happen with this product, the implications on people's privacy would be very much greater.

This is the kind of surveillance creep that we need to be diligent about. While each continuing step may seem small and inconsequential, it can lead to a world where a government has complete knowledge of every person's activities, associations, health issues, and location. Especially in light of our current national situation, where norms of policy seem to be no longer operative, these expansions of surveillance technology represent a dangerous expansion of state power.

Recommendations

In summary, we recommend that the City Council:

- **Investigate ways to institute "technological enforcement" of our policies.**
Whenever possible, it should be difficult or awkward to violate the policy, and it should never be easy to unintentionally or unknowingly violate it. We cannot count on

every law enforcement officer in the state who does a Flock search to know and actively abide by our policies.

- **Monitor the compliance of the departments who use our data, and restrict access from those who do not comply.** Network audits show the reasons for searches; departments that search for illegitimate reasons or that use an unreasonably large number of vague terms in their reasons should be excluded from our sharing agreements. In some cases, departmental representatives make public claims that they do not intend to honor certain policy or legal requirements; those departments should be excluded immediately.

We know that the City Council and Los Altos Police Department are striving to implement an ALPR system that will not be turned into a tool of authoritarianism or violate our civil rights. Flock's behavior, often in violation of local and state policies, does not seem to support that effort.

Thank you for your diligence in oversight and investigation.

Sincerely,

Brian Jones

Los Altos for Representation and Equality

From: [Jim Wing](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Council 09/09/2025 Meeting Agenda Item 3 Construction Contract
Date: Monday, September 8, 2025 7:36:38 AM

Mayor Dailey and Distinguished Council Members,

I support award of construction contract to demolished Redwood Grove "Caretaker House". Foundation has several half inch wide cracks and erosion that exposes bottom of foundation. PG&E overhead line that is supported by Redwood Trees will be removed to top of west ridge power pole transformer. In 1990's Council approved removal of "sister caretaker" house located across the road. Just a few years ago, Council approved "condemning" this structure. Grass Roots Ecology tools have been moved to Boy Scout "storage sheds" near Halsey House. I am looking forward to Phase 2 of this funded CIP that constructs solar power permanent restroom and "office" at this site. Restroom can use existing connection to Los Altos Adobe Creek sewer line.

Thank you for your consideration! Jim Wing Milverton Road Los Altos

From: [JAMES HENNESSY](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Fw: Park Creation
Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 10:46:05 AM

My original message is below. I had the wrong email address.

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From: JAMES HENNESSY <henness@pacbell.net>
To: council@losaltos.gov <council@losaltos.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 10:40:32 AM PDT
Subject: Park Creation

As a longtime resident of Los Altos, my wife and I want to strongly object to the Councils plan to remove parking at Lots 1 & 2 to create a park. Having tried to find a parking spot several times between 11am and 2pm on multiple occasions seem to reinforce the idea that we already have a parking problem. Removing parking spots on main street for parklets has only exasperated the issue.

We already have an underused park (Lincoln) right across the street.

The amount of time and money needed to create an underground parking structure with a park on top, in our opinion, is a recipe for disaster for residents and downtown businesses.

If you put this to the voters, I imagine it would fail quite easily.

Thank You,

Jim & Pam Hennessy,



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From: [Karina Nilsen](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public comment - not on the agenda. DOG PARK ASTROTURF
Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 1:39:05 PM

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members,

Thank you for your willingness to reconsider ASTROTURF. I attended the City Council meeting last month, and while I didn't speak, many others articulated my view that astroturf is not a good candidate for a heavily used dog park. (I hadn't known about its being on the July agenda, too much summer travel)

My vote for astroturf in a word:

NO!

- it sheds chemicals into the soil AND the water table
- critters that depend on Earth are impacted Ultimately this [includes humans](#). Plastics have even been discovered in our bloodstream, lung tissue....
- it cannot be kept clean
- gets moldy and contaminated with animal and bird feces
- it is murderously hot when the sun is strong.

<https://cleanwater.org/2024/09/16/turf-artificial-harm-very-real>

THANK YOU for filling in the exposed, trip-hazard tree roots. It's a big help.

MAGIC MOMENT occurred last night when someone arranged chairs in a circle (socio-petal seating), and just like that, everyone was engaged in conversation while dogs enjoyed playing. *It was a magic moment of the highest order for our community.*

Thanks to a community member who thoughtfully contributed lawn chairs that you can actually get out of (unlike the Adirondack chairs). Disabled people still like to bring their dogs to the park!

Sincerely,

Karina Nilsen
1148 Laureles Dr
Los Altos, CA. 94022

Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities.
— Voltaire

From: [Agada W](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Los Altos City Commission Appointments
Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 4:02:43 PM

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Do you trust this sender?

[Yes](#) [No](#)

Dear Los Altos Council Members,

As a resident of Los Altos, I feel compelled to share my concern about certain applicants for city commissions who have previously contributed to controversy in our community.

Now more than ever, our city needs commissioners who can set aside political agendas and focus on representing the diverse interests of all residents. These positions should be filled by individuals who strengthen community bonds rather than deepen divisions.

With respect to the upcoming appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission, I ask that you give priority to candidates who demonstrate fairness, inclusivity, and a genuine commitment to serving all residents. This is especially important given that some members of the Jewish community have already experienced feelings of exclusion and marginalization.

I also urge you to prioritize Erin McDonald in order to give representation to South Los Altos.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

From: [Sun blas](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Concern Regarding Park and Recreation Committee Appointment
Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 4:27:06 PM

Dear Los Altos Council memebers,

I am writing as a Los Altos resident to express my concern about a potential appointment to the Park and Recreation Committee. Candidates should be evaluated based on their ability to serve the community impartially and to strengthen unity, rather than promote the interests of one group over another.

In the past, there have been requests for substantial financial allocations tied to personal or narrowly defined purposes from one of the candidates. Such actions raise concerns about impartiality and whether decisions would truly be made in the best interest of the entire community. In addition, on other occasions, the same candidate positions have contributed to division rather than fostering cooperation and inclusivity among residents.

The Park and Recreation Committee plays a vital role in maintaining trust, transparency, and fairness. Its members should be unifying figures who prioritize the needs of all residents.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the council to consider candidates who will best represent impartiality, collaboration, and community unity.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Los Altos resident

From: [Guy Resheff](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Closed-Session Discussion on Commission Appointments
Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 4:35:13 PM

Dear Los Altos City Council Members,

I write with concern that individuals with a history of community discord are seeking appointment to our city commissions. At this pivotal moment, it is essential to select commissioners who set aside personal or political agendas and who will faithfully represent the needs and values of all Los Altos residents.

Accordingly, I respectfully urge you to give particular consideration to the nominees for the Parks & Recreation Commission. Please prioritize candidates whose commitment to inclusivity and fairness is demonstrated by their past service, and who will work to ensure that no member of our Jewish community—or any other group—feels excluded or marginalized.

Thank you for your thoughtful deliberation.

Sincerely,

Guy Resheff

From: [Nellie Brook](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Amal Kahn, Park & Rec commission candidate
Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 4:43:38 PM

To the Los Altos City Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the appointment of Amal Khan to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Community commissions should bring people together, but Ms. Khan's record shows the opposite.

She works at Maristan, an organization tied to CAIR and AROC — groups widely criticized for spreading divisive and anti-Israel rhetoric. On October 7, the very day of Hamas' brutal attack, Maristan posted a prayer calling for "victory" in Palestine. That kind of messaging is deeply hurtful to many in our city.

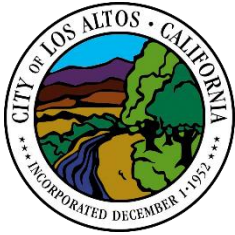
Ms. Khan also co-signed a Town Crier article that unfairly attacked Councilmember Pete Dailey, twisting his remarks condemning antisemitism into accusations of "anti-Palestinian racism." This was a gross mischaracterization meant to discredit him, not to foster understanding.

Beyond that, she promoted her husband's City Council campaign in school groups without disclosing the relationship, hosted a fundraiser for Sunnyvale Councilmember Omar Din — known for his radical views — and even tried to secure \$15,000 in city funds for a religious event. These actions raise serious questions about her judgment, transparency, and respect for the boundaries of public service.

Los Altos needs commissioners who unite the community, not those who align with divisive organizations and attack others in our city. If Ms. Khan wishes to engage in national political battles, she is free to do so elsewhere — but she should not be given a public role here that touches all families.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject her appointment.

Respectfully,
Los Altos Resident.



**CITY OF LOS ALTOS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025
7:00 p.m.
1 N. San Antonio Rd. ~ Los Altos, CA**

Agenda Item # 1.

*Pete Dailey, Mayor
Neysa Fligor, Vice Mayor
Larry Lang, Councilmember
Sally Meadows, Councilmember
Jonathan D. Weinberg, Councilmember*

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – **Pete Dailey, Mayor**, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM – All Councilmembers were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – **Larry Lang, Councilmember**, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

There was no reportable action from the Closed Session meeting of August 26, 2025.

CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the order of the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following member of the public spoke during Public Comment:

- Sasha Barrese
- Chloe Chiang
- Arthur Whipple
- Carl van Reis
- Laura Fay
- Lonnie Gary
- Sherry Auerbach
- Bonnie Burdett Walker
- Andrea Wald
- Barbara Hoffman
- Peter Fay
- Janet Harding
- Kurt Schwarz
- Arthur Stern
- Jackie Wright
- Alyssa Kansas
- Tami Mulcahy
- Jeanine Valadez
- High School Student

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public speakers for the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Lang and Second by Meadows to adopt the Consent Calendar. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approve the Draft Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 8, 2025

2. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Quarterly Treasurer's Report summarizing treasury account balances and disbursements for April-June 2025

3. Adoption of Resolution - Fee Waiver Policy

Adopt a Resolution Updating the Non-Profit and Civic Organization Meeting Fee Waiver Policy

4. Adoption of Resolution - COPS Grant Funding

Adopt a Resolution and Accept Grant Funding from the Citizens Option for Public Safety/Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (COPS/SLESF) and authorize revenue and allocate it to the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund for Fiscal Year 2025/2026

5. Acceptance of County Program

Review and accept the Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025 (Year 4)

6. Adoption of Resolution - Contract Amendment

Adopt a Resolution approving Contract Amendment No. 2 with Beauchaine Consulting Group, LLC, in the amount of \$75,000, to provide continued Support for the final phase of the City's Tyler ERP implementation

7. Confirm Council Liaison Role to Committee

Confirm appointment of Councilmember Larry Lang to serve as Council Liaison for the Joint Community Volunteer Service Awards Committee (JVAC) through the remainder of 2025

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Designate Voting Delegate - CalCities 2025 Annual Conference

Designate a Voting Representative Delegate and Alternate to Vote on Proposed Resolutions at the CalCities 2025 Annual Conference in Long Beach, CA on October 8-10, 2025

There were no public speakers regarding the item.

Motion by Dailey and Second by Meadows to designate **Jonathan D. Weinberg, Councilmember** as the Voting Delegate and **Larry Lang, Councilmember**, as the Voting Alternate for the City of Los Altos at the CalCities 2025 Annual Conference in Long Beach, CA on October 8 – 10, 2025. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

9. Review Main Library Design Concept

Review Main Library Design Concept and forward funding request to the North County Library Authority (NCLA) for next phase of project

Anthony Carnesecca, Assistant to the City Manager, presented the report.

The following members of the public spoke regarding the item:

- David Cain
- Massimo Carli
- Paola Zeni
- Bob Mayo
- Eric Steinle
- Janet Ramusack Levine
- Duncan MacMillan

Motion by Weinberg and Second by Meadows to forward the funding request to the North County Library Authority (NCLA) for the next phase of the project. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

10. Adoption of Resolution - Public Art Funds

Review the Hillview Dog Park 95% submittals and adopt a resolution authorizing the use of Public Art funds in the amount not to exceed \$70,000 for art components to be included in the Hillview Dog Park project

Manuel Hernandez, Parks & Recreation Director and Brian Fletcher, Callendar & Associates, presented the report.

Sally Meadows, Councilmember, recommended an amendment to the resolution to include the language “not to exceed \$70,000”.

The following members of the public spoke regarding the item:

- Jeanine Valadez

Motion by Meadows and Second by Dailey to adopt a resolution, as amended, authorizing the use of Public Art funds in the amount not to exceed \$70,000 for art components to be included in the Hillview Dog Park project. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY

There will be no discussion or action on Informational Items

- 11.** Tentative Council Calendar and Housing Element Update Implementation Calendar
- 12.** Update on City Website
- 13.** 08-26-2025 Council QA

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Pete Dailey, Mayor**, requested a future agenda item:
 - Study Session for Shuttle Service in Los Altos (*Supported by all Council*)

- **Jonathan D. Weinberg, Councilmember**, requested future agenda items:
 - Review of surface options at Hillview Dog Park (*Supported by Fligor and Lang*)
 - Review of Mills Act Program and Contracts (*Supported by Meadows and Dailey*)

ADJOURNMENT – The regular meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

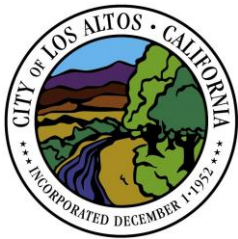
The meeting minutes were prepared by Melissa Thurman, City Clerk, for approval at the regular meeting on September 9, 2025.

Pete Dailey
Mayor

Melissa Thurman, MMC
City Clerk

The August 26, 2025, City Council meeting recording may be viewed via the following external website: <https://www.youtube.com/@CityofLosAltosCA>

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City Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: September 9, 2025

Prepared By: Melissa Thurman

Approved By: Gabriel Engeland

Subject: Adopt a Resolution Designating the City Council Meeting of September 30, 2025 a Regular Meeting in Accordance with Los Altos Municipal Code Section 2.04.010 “Meetings.”

COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

- ☐ Public Safety
- ☐ Business Communities
- ☐ Circulation Safety and Efficiency
- ☐ Environmental Sustainability
- ☐ Housing
- ☒ General Government

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution Designating the City Council Meeting of September 30, 2025 a Regular Meeting in Accordance with Los Altos Municipal Code Section 2.04.010 “Meetings.”

FISCAL IMPACT

Not Applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Not Applicable.

BACKGROUND

At the November 12, 2024 City Council meeting, the City Council adjusted the regular meeting of September 23, 2025, to September 30, 2025, due to a religious holiday on September 23rd.

On April 8, 2025, staff presented the City Council with an ordinance amendment to Section 2.04.010 “Meetings.” of the Los Altos Municipal Code, which would allow regular meeting dates to be moved to alternate dates, by resolution adoption. The ordinance was adopted on April 8, 2025.

The attached resolution will designate the meeting of September 30, 2025 a regular meeting of the City Council.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution
2. Ordinance 2025-524

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
DESIGNATING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 A
REGULAR MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOS ALTOS MUNICIPAL CODE
SECTION 2.04.010 “MEETINGS.”**

WHEREAS, Section 2.04.010 “Meetings.” of the Los Altos Municipal Code details regular and special meetings of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2024 the City Council moved the regular meeting of September 23, 2025 to September 30, 2025 due to a religious holiday on September 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2025, the City Council adopted Ordinance 2025-524, amending Section 2.04.010 “Meetings.” of the Los Altos Municipal Code, allowing for exceptions to regular and special meeting designations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council may change the day and/or time of a regular or special meeting by resolution; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Altos does hereby designate the City Council meeting of September 30, 2025 as a regular meeting.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on the 9th day of September, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Pete Dailey
Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Thurman, MMC
City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-524

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2.04.010 OF THE LOS ALTOS MUNICIPAL
CODE “MEETINGS.”**

WHEREAS, the Ralph M. Brown Act requires the City Council to set the place and time of its regular meetings “by ordinance, resolution, bylaws, or whatever other rules is required for the conduct of business”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos last amended the ordinance which set the regular meeting date and time schedule in 2012 as Ordinance No. 2012-376; and

WHEREAS, the amendment to Section 2.04.010 aims to provide more liberties to the City Council in creating and/or canceling meetings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Los Altos does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 2.04.010. AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE. Chapter 2, Section 2.04.010 is hereby amended in the Los Altos Municipal Code as set forth in Appendix A to this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. CONSTITUTIONALITY; AMBIGUITIES. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof. Any ambiguities in the Los Altos Municipal Code created by this Ordinance shall be resolved by the City Clerk, in their reasonable discretion, after consulting the City Attorney.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be effective upon the commencement of the thirty-first day following the adoption hereof.

The foregoing Ordinance was duly and properly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Los Altos held on March 25, 2025, and was thereafter, at a regular meeting held on April 8, 2025, passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Dailey, Fligor, Lang, Meadows, Weinberg
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:



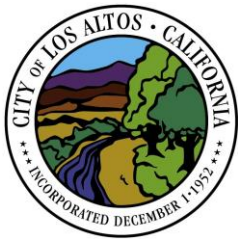
Pete Dailey
MAYOR

Attest:


Melissa Thurman (May 21, 2025 09:07 PDT)
Melissa Thurman, MMC
City Clerk

2.04.010 Meetings.

- A. The council shall hold its regular meetings in the community meeting chambers located at One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. A special meeting of the city council may be called at any time by the mayor, or by a majority of the members of the city council, in accordance with state law. Any meeting of the city council may be cancelled in advance by majority vote of the council. The mayor may cancel a meeting in the case of an emergency or when a majority of members have confirmed in writing their unavailability to attend a meeting.
- B. Exception. The city council may from time to time, by resolution, change the day and/or time of a regular or special meeting or meetings as provided in subsection A of this section. If the city council so elects, a resolution shall be adopted which clearly states the duration of the change, or if no termination is stated, the revised start time shall prevail until altered by a resolution of the city council.



City Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: September 09, 2025

Prepared By: Scott Reeves

Approved By: Gabriel Engeland

Subject: Award of Contract for the Caretaker House Demolition Project (CF-01049)

COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

- ☐ Business Communities
- ☐ Circulation Safety and Efficiency
- ☒ Environmental Sustainability
- ☒ Housing
- ☐ Neighborhood Safety Infrastructure
- ☐ General Government

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a construction contract with Randazzo Enterprises, Inc. of Castroville, California in an amount not-to-exceed \$86,000, and up to 15% contingency not-to-exceed \$12,900, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$98,900, to complete the demolition and removal of the Caretaker House in Redwood Grove.

POLICY QUESTION(S) FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

None.

FISCAL IMPACT

The construction will be the Base Bid in the amount not-to-exceed \$86,000, and up to 15% contingency, if needed, in the amount not-to-exceed \$12,900 for a total amount not-to-exceed \$98,900.

The funding sources for the construction contract include:

- \$383,516 approved budget for CF-01034 from funding source CIP Fund.

Funds already encumbered to the project:

- LSA Associates, Inc. (Riparian Delineation Services) \$3,625.00
- Millenium Consulting Associates \$14,859.00

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed project is Categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 (I) (Existing Facilities) as the proposed project demolishes and removes an individual small structure; and there is no reasonable possibility that the activity

will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances including location, biological resources, historic resources, or hazardous conditions.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

None.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The FY 25/26 Capital Improvement and Major Maintenance Program includes Project CF-01049 which intends to demolish and remove the existing Caretaker House based on the condition of the structure and proximity to Adobe Creek. Furthermore, based on the 2013 Historic Resource Evaluation, the Caretaker House was determined not to be an historic structure or have any historic significance.

The construction contract includes erosion control, abatement of lead and asbestos materials, demolition and removal of the Caretaker House, material recycling and wastestream tracking, capping of associated utilities, and returning the footprint to a natural state. Staff intends to temporarily close the portion of Redwood Grove immediately adjacent to the Caretaker House and along the contractor's access route to University Avenue while they are actively demolishing and/or hauling debris out. This will temporarily result in no through-access into Redwood Grove from Shoup Park. Redwood Grove may be accessed through alternative pedestrian pathways.

Staff released the construction documents for public bidding on June 04, 2025, posting the project to the City of Los Altos Request for Bids webpage (PlanetBids). A Notice to Contractors was published in the Los Altos Town Crier on June 04 and June 11, 2025. A mandatory pre-bid conference was held on June 25, 2025 at the project site with five (5) contractors in attendance. One (1) sealed bid was received on July 09, 2025. The Engineer's Estimate was \$125,000. The Base Bid includes all critical improvements necessary to complete the project. The Randazzo Enterprises, Inc. bid was 69% of the Engineer's Estimate.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACT WITH RANDAZZO ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR THE CARETAKER
HOUSE DEMOLITION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$86,000
AND UP TO 15% CONTINGENCY FUNDS NOT-TO-EXCEED \$12,900**

WHEREAS, the proposed project, which consists of removing the existing Caretaker House is part of the City’s 2025/26 Capital Improvement Plan that was approved by City Council; and

WHEREAS, through a competitive bid process, Randazzo Enterprises, Inc. was the lowest responsible, responsive bidder for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15301(L) of the state guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as the proposed project consists of demolition of an individual small structure.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby:

- 1. Authorizes the City Manager to execute a Construction Contract in an amount not-to-exceed \$86,000 and up to 15% contingency funds not-to-exceed \$12,900 (total project amount not to exceed \$98,900) to perform the Caretaker House Demolition Project.
- 2. Authorizes the City Manager to take such further actions as may be necessary to implement the foregoing agreement.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on the 9th day of September 2025 by the following vote:

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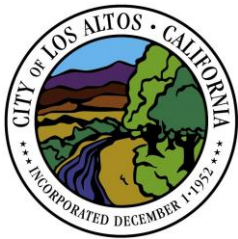
AYES: Councilmembers
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Pete Dailey, MAYOR

Attest:

Melissa Thurman, MMC
City Clerk



City Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: September 9, 2025
Prepared By: Melissa Thurman
Approved By: Gabriel Engeland

Subject: Confirm Appointments to Various City Commissions

COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

- ☐ Business Communities
- ☐ Circulation Safety and Efficiency
- ☐ Environmental Sustainability
- ☐ Housing
- ☐ Neighborhood Safety Infrastructure
- ☒ General Government

RECOMMENDATION

Confirm Appointments to Various City Commissions

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Not Applicable

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Commission appointments are conducted annually by the City Council.

BACKGROUND

From early July – September 1, 2025, the City Clerk’s Office conducted recruitment for vacancies on various city commissions.

The recruitment was successful, with the City Clerk’s Office receiving 32 qualified applications for consideration for appointment. Many of the applicants listed other commissions they were also interested in serving on, should they not be appointed for their first choice. The applicant's choices are listed in the order in which they appeared on the application forms, with the first choice being displayed in bold font.

During the special meeting of September 9, 2025, the City Council interviewed applicants for various city commissions. At the conclusion of the meeting, the City Council provided voting ballots to the City Clerk, listing their preferred appointments for each commission.

The applicant list for each commission is as follows:

Complete Streets Commission – One vacant short-term seat expiring in September 2026

• Clara Roa – 1st Choice

Environmental Commission – One vacant short-term seat expiring in September 2028

• Angelo DeGiuli – 1st Choice	• Alexandra Nguyen – 2nd Choice
• Khashayar Hooshiyar – 2nd Choice	• Les Poltrack – 2nd Choice
• Peter Liaw – 2nd Choice	• Teresa Morris – 2nd Choice

Financial Commission - Three full-term seats expiring in September 2029, with one possible re-appointment

• John Claras - Incumbent	• Julia Lovin – 1st Choice
• Jonathan Chang – 1st Choice	

Historical Commission - One full-term seat expiring in September 2029

• Karen Scussel – 1st Choice	• Eman Ghanma – 2nd Choice
• Alice Mansell – 1st Choice	• Khashayar Hooshiyar - 3rd Choice
• Jonathan Edge – 2nd Choice	

Library Commission – Three full-term seats expiring in September 2029 (one vacant), with two possible re-appointments

• Pierre Bedard – Incumbent	• Nila Yeung – 2nd Choice
• Carolle Carter – Incumbent	• Jeanine Valadez – 2nd Choice
• Ambica Bhardwaj – 1st Choice	• Jonathan Edge – 3rd Choice
• Julia Lovin – 2nd Choice	• Khashayar Hooshiyar – 4th Choice

PARC – Five full-term seats expiring in September 2029 (one vacant), with four possible re-appointments, and one vacant short-term seat expiring in September 2027

• Teresa Morris – Incumbent	• Matthew Poehler – 1st Choice
• Dylan Ardalan – 1st Choice	• Misti Sangani – 1st Choice
• Ellen Dolich – 1st Choice	• Yvette Stout – 1st Choice
• Jonathan Edge – 1st Choice	• Nila Yeung – 1st Choice
• Khashayar Hooshiyar – 1st Choice	• Ambica Bhardwaj – 2nd Choice
• Betty Hsu – 1st Choice	• Sara Kiani – 2nd Choice
• Amal Khan – 1st Choice	• Eman Ghanma – 3rd Choice
• Peter Liaw – 1st Choice	• Alexandra Nguyen – 3rd Choice
• Erin McDonald – 1st Choice	

Planning Commission – Two vacant short-term seats expiring in September 2026

• Sara Kiani – 1st Choice	• Jonathan Chang – 2 nd Choice
• Alexandra Nguyen – 1st Choice	• John Claras – 2 nd Choice
• Les Poltrack – 1st Choice	• Angelo DeGiuli – 2 nd Choice
• Daphne Ross – 1st Choice	• Ellen Dolich – 2 nd Choice
• Jeanine Valadez – 1st Choice	• Matthew Poehler – 2 nd Choice
• Bob Zamani – 1st Choice	• Yvette Stout – 2 nd Choice

Senior Commission – Two full-term seats expiring in September 2027, with two possible re-appointments

• Kris Olson – Incumbent	• Dylan Ardalan – 2 nd Choice
• Eman Ghanma – 1st Choice	• Julia Lovin – 3 rd Choice
• Linda Kramer – 1st Choice	• Jeanine Valadez – 3 rd Choice

The City Clerk will read the names of the applicants who received the most votes, as selected by the Council, to fill the open seats.

ATTACHMENT

None

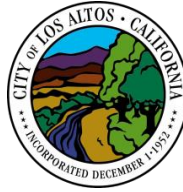
PROGRAM	SUB PROJECT	INITIATION DATE	HEU COMPLETION DATE	STATUS
Program 2.D: Encourage and streamline Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).	Budget & Hire Planning Technician		December 31, 2022	COMPLETED
Program 2.D: Encourage and streamline Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).	Amend ADU Ordinance based upon HCD's letter		6 months or less	COMPLETED
Program 6.G: Housing mobility	Allow more than one JADU (at least two per site)		with ADU Ordinance Update	COMPLETED
Program 3.H: Amend design review process and requirements.	Eliminate 3rd Party Architectural Review		February 28, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 3.H: Amend design review process and requirements.	Dismiss Design Review Commission		February 28, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 3.L: Eliminate the requirement of story poles.			March 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 2.E: Conduct annual ADU rental income surveys.	Budget & Hire Housing Manager	March 31, 2023		COMPLETED
residents.	Transportation Demand		June 30, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 2.D: Encourage and streamline Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).	RFP-Permit Ready ADU Plans		July 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 1.H: Facilitate housing on City-owned sites.	Financial Analysis	July 1, 2023	December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 3.D: Evaluate and adjust impact fees.		August 1, 2023	December 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 1.H: Facilitate housing on City-owned sites.	Release RFP	December 31, 2023		COMPLETED
Program 6.C: Target housing development in highest resource areas.	Initial Outreach		September 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 6.D: Promote Housing Choice (Section 8) rental assistance program.			September 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 2.A: Continue to implement and enhance inclusionary housing requirements.			December 31, 2023	ONGOING
Program 2.B: Establish an affordable housing in-lieu fee and commercial linkage fee.	Housing in-lieu fee.		December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 2.F: Water and Sewer Service Providers.			December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 3.B: Modify building height in mixed-use zoning districts.	Downtown Districts		December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 3.E: Ensure that the density bonus ordinance remains consistent with State law.			December 31, 2023	ONGOING

Program 3.H: Amend design review process and requirements.	Code Amendments		December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 3.K: Standardize multimodal transportation requirements.	Bicycle Storage and Charging Regulations		December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 3.K: Standardize multimodal transportation requirements.	Remove CSC Review of Housing Developments		December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 4.C: Allow Low Barrier Navigation Centers consistent with AB 101.			December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 4.D: Allow transitional and supportive housing consistent with State law.			December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 4.E: Allow employee/farmworker housing consistent with State law.			December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 4.F: Reasonably accommodate disabled persons' housing needs.			December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 6.B: Maintain and expand an inventory of affordable housing funding sources.	Prepare Inventory.		December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 6.E: Prepare and distribute anti-displacement information.			December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 1.A: Rezone for RHNA shortfall.			January 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 1.G: Rezone housing sites from previous Housing Elements.			January 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 3.G: Amend Conditional Use Permits findings applicable to housing developments.			March 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 3.I: Allow residential care facilities consistent with State law.			January 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 3.J: Explicitly allow manufactured homes consistent with State law.			January 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 3.F: Reduce Conditional Use Permit requirement for residential mixed-use and multi-family.			September 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 1.B: Facilitate higher density housing in the Commercial Thoroughfare (CT) District.			January 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 1.C: Allow housing in the Office Administrative (OA) District.			January 31, 2024	COMPLETED

Program 1.E: Update the Loyola Corners Specific Plan.			January 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 2.D: Encourage and streamline Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).	Adopt-Permit Ready ADU Plans		December 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 3.A: Prepare a Downtown parking plan and update citywide parking requirements.	Downtown Parking Plan		December 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 3.A: Prepare a Downtown parking plan and update citywide parking requirements.	Comprehensive Parking Ordinance Update		December 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 3.B: Modify building height in mixed-use zoning districts.	Neighborhood (CN) District		December 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 3.C: Remove floor-to-area ratio (FAR) restriction at Rancho Shopping Center and Woodland Plaza.			December 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 3.M: Modify parking requirements for emergency shelters consistent with State law.			December 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 2.B: Establish an affordable housing in-lieu fee and commercial linkage fee.	Commercial linkage fee.	December 31, 2025		COMPLETED
Program 1.D: Allow housing on certain Public and Community Facilities District sites and facilitate housing on religious institution properties.			December 31, 2025	IN-PROGRESS
Program 6.G: Housing mobility	Allow housing on all religious sites within the City		December 31, 2025	IN-PROGRESS
Program 1.F: Rezone Village Court parcel.			December 31, 2025	COMPLETED
Program 4.H: Provide additional density bonuses and incentives for housing that accommodates special needs groups.			December 31, 2025	IN-PROGRESS
Program 4.I: Allow senior housing with extended care facilities in multi-family and mixed-use zoning districts.			December 31, 2025	IN-PROGRESS
Program 1.I: Incentivize Downtown lot consolidation.			July 31, 2026	
Program 4.G: Assist seniors to maintain and rehabilitate their homes.			July 31, 2026	ONGOING
Program 6.C: Target housing development in highest resource areas.	Follow-up Outreach		September 31, 2026	

Program 1.H: Facilitate housing on City-owned sites.	Entitlement Review		December 31, 2026	
Program 3.N: Modify standards in the R3 zoning districts.			December 31, 2026	COMPLETED
Program 4.J: Facilitate alternate modes of transportation for residents.	Capital Improvement Project for above head pedestrian crossing signals on San Antonio Road near Downtown Los Altos		December 31, 2027	
Program 5.F: Incentivize the creation of play areas for multi-family housing projects.			December 31, 2027	
Program 1.K: Participate in regional housing needs planning efforts.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 1.L: General Plan amendments.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 1.M: SB 9 implementation.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 1.N: Facilitate and monitor pipeline housing projects.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 2.C: Assist in securing funding for affordable housing projects.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 2.D: Encourage and streamline Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 2.E: Conduct annual ADU rental income surveys.	Annual Survey		Annually	ONGOING
Program 4.A: Support efforts to fund homeless services.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 4.B: Continue to participate in local and regional forums for homelessness, supportive, and transitional housing.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 5.A: Monitor condominium conversions.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 5.B: Continue to administer the City's affordable housing programs.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 5.C: Restrict commercial uses from displacing residential neighborhoods.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 5.D: Implement voluntary code inspection program.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 5.E: Help secure funding for housing rehabilitation and assistance programs.			Ongoing	ONGOING

Program 6.A: Assist residents with housing discrimination and landlord-tenant complaints.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 6.B: Maintain and expand an inventory of affordable housing funding sources.	Inform, Evaluate Apply/Submit		Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 6.F: Affirmatively market physically accessible units.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 7.A: Promote energy and water conservation and greenhouse gas reduction through education and awareness campaigns.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 7.B: Monitor and implement thresholds and statutory requirements of climate change legislation.			Ongoing	ONGOING



City of Los Altos 2025 Tentative Council Agenda Calendar

September 30, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.

CONSENT:

- Award General Plan Consultant
- Award Contract of Fitness Equipment
- Contract Amendment – Harris & Associates
- Contract Amendment – Dewberry & Associates
- Adopt a Resolution approving a Vesting Tentative Map Application No. TM22-0003 to create thirteen (13) condominium lots and one (1) common lot at 996 Loraine Avenue, per the recommended findings and conditions of approval and consideration of the September 4, 2025 Planning Commission Recommendation; and find the project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Statutory Exemption under Section Public Resources Code (PRC) 21080.66 of the California Environmental Quality Act

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Introduce Ordinances for Historic Preservation and Mills Act

DISCUSSION ITEM:

- Transition Presentation

October 14, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

CONSENT:

- Adoption of Historic Preservation & Mills Act Ordinances
- Amendment No. 13 to the Agreement with the City of Palo Alto RWQCP

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Introduction to 2025 Building Codes Ordinance

DISCUSSION ITEM:

- MOU for the Woodland Library Patio Expansion

The remaining 2025 City Council agenda calendar items are pending and will be published at a later date.

All items and dates are tentative and subject to change unless a specific date has been noticed for a legally required Public Hearing. Items may be added or removed from the shown date at any time and for any reason prior to the publication of the agenda.

DATE: 9/9/2025

TO: COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

SUBJECT: COUNCIL Q&A FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Agenda Item 3 (Construction Contract – Demolition of Caretaker House):

- Isn't this expenditure within the City Manager's discretion? If so, why is this item coming before the Council?
Answer: Although the contract amount falls just within the City Manager's signing authority, this is a construction contract that went through a formal bid process with an engineer's estimate in excess of \$100,000. Adding to that, staff wanted to be as transparent as possible due to the change in use of that space and closure of the trail.
- What is the time frame for the demolition to take place?
Answer: The expected start date is October 01, 2025 and the expected completion date is October 30, 2025.
- How long with the demolition take to be completed?
Answer: The duration of work is 30 calendar days.
- What will the site be used for when the caretaker's house is removed?
Answer: Once the demolition is completed, the site will be restored with native plants by Grassroots Ecology.
- Will the portion of the park that is to be closed affect ADA access? If so, what accommodation will the City make to keep the park ADA accessible?
Answer: The site is not located along an ADA path of travel so no impact to ADA access is anticipated.
- Resolution updated to include CEQA language?
Answer: CEQA language has been added to the resolution to match the staff report. Resolution attached. Copies of the updated resolution will be available to the public at the meeting tonight.

Agenda for Sept 9

- After "Changes to the Order of the Agenda", the next item should be "Special Items", not "Council/Staff Reports and Directions on Future Agenda Items".
Answer: Thank you, this has been corrected.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACT WITH RANDAZZO ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR THE CARETAKER
HOUSE DEMOLITION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$86,000
AND UP TO 15% CONTINGENCY FUNDS NOT-TO-EXCEED \$12,900**

WHEREAS, the proposed project, which consists of removing the existing Caretaker House is part of the City’s 2025/26 Capital Improvement Plan that was approved by City Council; and

WHEREAS, through a competitive bid process, Randazzo Enterprises, Inc. was the lowest responsible, responsive bidder for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is Categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301(l) (Existing Facilities) as the proposed project demolishes and removes an individual small structure; and there is no reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances including location, biological resources, historic resources, or hazardous conditions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby:

- 1. Authorizes the City Manager to execute a Construction Contract in an amount not-to-exceed \$86,000 and up to 15% contingency funds not-to-exceed \$12,900 (total project amount not to exceed \$98,900) to perform the Caretaker House Demolition Project.
- 2. Authorizes the City Manager to take such further actions as may be necessary to implement the foregoing agreement.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on the 9th day of September 2025 by the following vote:

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AYES: Councilmembers
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Pete Dailey, MAYOR

Attest:

Melissa Thurman, MMC
City Clerk