



**MONTE SERENO CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**

**JULY 15, 2014**

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Craig called the meeting to order.

**PLEDGE OF ALLIEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Members Allan and Anstandig and Mayor Craig

Absent: Council Members Huff and Rogers

Staff Present: City Manager Loventhal, City Attorney Powell, and City Clerk Chelemengos

**PRESENTATION**

- Present Retiring Los Gatos/Monte Sereno Police Chief Scott Seaman with a Proclamation of Appreciation

Council Member Allan moved to adopt the Proclamation of Appreciation for Retiring Police Chief Seaman to be presented at his retirement dinner. The motion was seconded by Council Member Anstandig and the motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

There were no changes to the orders of the day.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve Minutes Of June 17, 2014 City Council Meeting
2. Approve Warrant List in the amount of \$236, 703.85

3. Approve Monthly Treasurer's Report For The Month Of June 2014
4. Approve Monthly Financial Report For The Month Of June 2014

Council Member Anstandig moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Council Member Allan and the motion passed (3-0) with the following vote.

Ayes: Council Members Allan, Anstandig and Mayor Craig  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Council Members Huff and Rogers

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5. Consider Resolution Amending Salary Ranges For Employees And Establishing The Position Of Management Analyst/Planner

City Manager Loventhal presented a report and answered questions from the Council.

At 7:05 p.m., Mayor Craig invited public comment. There was no one wishing to speak.

Council Member Anstandig moved to approve the resolution amending salary ranges for employees and establishing the position of Management Analyst/Planner. The motion was seconded by Council Member Allan and the motion passed (3-0) with the following vote.

Ayes: Council Members Allan, Anstandig and Mayor Craig  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Council Members Huff and Rogers

Brief discussion commenced regarding the upcoming open position of Building Official. City Manager Loventhal stated that the City would be considering all viable options with regard to obtaining Building Official services.

6. Consider Resolution Placing Measure Proposing an Increase of City Council Term Limits from 2 consecutive terms to 3 consecutive terms on the November 5, 2014 Ballot

City Manager Loventhal presented a report and answered questions from the Council.

Discussion commenced.

At 7:15 p.m. Mayor Craig opened the floor for public comment. There was no one wishing to speak.

Council Member Allan moved that the Council adopt the Resolution placing a measure proposing an increase of city council term limits from two consecutive four year terms to three consecutive four year terms on the November 5, 2014 ballot. The motion was seconded by Council Member Anstandig.

Council Member Anstandig expressed concern with the language in the proposed ordinance defining the two year hiatus and how it is confusing and may actually prohibit one from being eligible to run in the Council election two years following the last term of service.

The City Attorney suggested the following wording to help clarify the issue raised by Council Member Anstandig - Shall an ordinance be adopted that would change the number of consecutive terms a Council Member may serve from two to three with a right to serve again after at least two years have lapse since last holding office.

Council Member Allan moved to amend the motion as suggested by the City Attorney (above). Council Member Anstandig, seconder of the motion, accepted the amended motion.

Council Member Allan stated that he has gone back and forth with regard to his position on the matter. He reported that he had polled constituents regarding the matter and found that only a few voiced support for extension of the term limits. He expressed concern with the cost of placing the issue on the ballot and the change having little effect. He stated that he hesitates to place the matter on the ballot at such a cost and without strong community support.

Council Member Anstandig stated that he was not in favor of the proposed resolution. He stated that the cost seems to be excessive and extension of term limit is not necessary, since there is already a provision that allows for additional terms. He stated that in a way term limits help to ensure diversity among the Council. He stated that in a community the size of Monte Sereno, civic participation needs to be encouraged and opportunity provided and sometimes re-running of incumbents deter new candidates. He recalled the last time the issue was considered and the opposition voiced at that time.

Mayor Craig agreed that the cost is expensive. However he stated he found some interest and support among the residents of Monte Sereno when he posed the question on a social media site.

Mayor Craig called for the question. The motion (above) failed with the following 1-2 vote:

Ayes: Mayor Craig  
Noes: Council Members Allan and Anstandig  
Abstain: None

Absent: Council Members Huff and Rogers

6. Update On City Council Goals For 2014

City Manager Loventhal presented a report and answered questions from the Council regarding the goals.

**NEW BUSINESS**

7. Consider Youth Commission Appointments

City Manager Loventhal provided a staff report and answered questions from the Council report.

Saya Sivaram, Youth Commission applicant, introduced herself and explained why she would like to serve on the Youth Commission.

Nikolas Mekechuck, past youth commissioner, introduced himself and stated that he had enjoyed serving on the Youth Commission and would like to be re-appointed, but that he has temporarily moved out of the City.

Vishall Narayan, Youth Commission applicant, introduced himself and discussed his reasons for wanting to serve on the Youth Commission.

The Council commended the youth for their interest and for introducing themselves to the Council.

Discussion commenced. The Council explained that although Nikolaus Mekechuck had served previously on the Youth Commission, and was and would be an asset to the Youth Commission, and that they would like to re-appoint him to the Youth Commission, the rules governing eligibility of applicants prohibit his appointment at this time. The Council encouraged Nikolaus to continue to participate with the Youth Commission and at the time he has resumed his residency in the City, to contact staff so that his appointment to the Youth Commission can be promptly placed on the City Council agenda.

Council Member Allan moved that the Council appoint all ten applicants. The motion was seconded by Council Member Anstandig and the motion passed with the following 3-0 roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Allan, Anstandig, and Mayor Craig  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Council Members Huff and Rogers

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS**

The Council Members reported on the activities of their assigned Commissions/Committees.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

None

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Loventhal reported on various administrative matters.

Mayor Craig acknowledged Mr. Knowles and asked if had wanted to speak on a matter.

Jonathon Knowles, representing the Los Gatos Music and Arts, thanked the Council and the City for its past and continued support of the organization and presented a letter of thanks.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:55 p.m., Mayor Craig adjourned the meeting to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 5, 2014 to be held in the City Council Chambers located at 18041 Saratoga-Los Gatos Road, Monte Sereno, California.

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Burton Craig, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Andrea M. Chelemengos, City Clerk