



**MONTE SERENO CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

AUGUST 19, 2014

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, Anstandig, Huff, Rogers and Mayor Craig

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Loventhal, City Attorney Powell, Management Analyst/Planner Ventura and City Clerk Chelemengos

PRESENTATION

- Proclamation to Retiring Monte Sereno Building Official Howard Bell

Council Member Allan moved to adopt the Proclamation of Appreciation for Retiring Monte Sereno Building Official Howard Bell. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rogers and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no changes to the orders of the day.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Tony Jeans spoke with regard to rules governing basements as they pertain to sloping lots.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Consider Letter From Gladie Rabitz And Sue Anawalt Regarding Los Gatos Teen Center Building

City Manager Loventhal introduced the matter and answered questions from the Council.

Council Member Allan stated that he was uncomfortable discussing the matter as a Council given that the building, and the fate of the building, is not within the Council's jurisdiction. He suggested that perhaps the Council Members, as individuals, may want to support or oppose the matter of the future of the building previously used for youth activities.

Mayor Craig stated that he had placed the matter on the agenda hoping to support the authors of the letter in their effort to convince the Town of Los Gatos to retain the building for youth events and use.

Council Member Allan stated that he preferred not to consider the matter, but that he would participate in discussion if the majority of the Council were inclined to discuss the matter.

City Attorney Powell spoke with regard to the listing of the matter on the agenda and limitations regarding Council action.

Council Member Huff stated that the timing may not be good with regard to getting involved in a matter that is not within the City's jurisdiction. He expressed concerns with the Council's involvement in Los Gatos' affairs and how it may be received by the Town of Los Gatos. He stated that given the ongoing discussion between Monte Sereno and the Town of Los Gatos regarding the cost and payment of certain police investigation fees, any Council involvement may not be well received by the Town of Los Gatos.

Council Member Anstandig agreed that the issue should be pursued individually with the Town and not as a Council. He further stated that he did not think the timing was good for Monte Sereno, as a City, to involve itself in the affairs of the Town of Los Gatos.

Mrs. Anawalt spoke with regard to the building in Los Gatos used as a teen center. She provided background information and discussed the lack of response she and others had received from the Town of Los Gatos with regard to their concern and possible options for use of the building.

Betty Knopf also provided background information on the initial startup of the youth building and programs operated out of the building. She expressed concern that once the building is sold or demolished the youth of the community will not have another opportunity for a youth center.

Council Member Allan stated that he understands that the issue has been on-going for two years and that those concerned feel as if their concerns have not been heard or addressed by the Town of Los Gatos and Monte Sereno is now being asked to assist. He stated that he feels it would be ill advised for the City to become involved in the matter and that those who are interested should offer support as individuals.

Council Member Rogers concurred with Council Member Allan's comments.

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Council Member Huff stated that he feels that there are many issues and costs involved in maintaining a building for youth activities that all may not be aware of. He agreed that the matter should be supported or opposed on an individual basis. He expressed concern with how Monte Sereno's involvement as a City or City Council may be received by the Town of Los Gatos.

No action was taken.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approve Minutes Of August 5, 2014 City Council Meeting
3. Approve Warrant List in the amount of \$21,674.60
4. Approve Monthly Treasurer's Report for Month of July, 2014
5. Approve Monthly Financial Report For Month of July, 2014
6. Adopt Resolution Of The Monte Sereno City Council Proclaiming September 2014 As Library Card Sign-Up Month In The City Of Monte Sereno And Celebrating The 100th Anniversary Of The Santa Clara County Library District
7. Hold Second Reading And Adopt An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Monte Sereno Repealing Monte Sereno Municipal Code Chapter 7.02 Regulating Swimming Pool Services

Council Member Anstandig moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Council Member Huff and the motion passed (5-0) with the following vote.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. Consider Youth Commission Appointment

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

Council Member Anstandig moved that the Council appoint Shreya Koushik to the Monte Sereno Youth Commission. The motion was seconded by Council Member Allan and the motion passed with the following 5-0 vote:

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

Abstain: None
Absent: None

9. Discuss Secondary Dwelling Unit Amnesty Program

Erin Ventura, Management Analyst/Planner, provided a staff report and answered questions from the Council.

Council discussion commenced. There was Council consensus to direct staff to proceed with an extension of the Second Dwelling Unit Amnesty Program.

10. Update on Civic Facility Master Plan

Erin Ventura, Management Analyst/Planner provided an update to the Council.

11. Update on City Picnic

City Manager Loventhal provided a report and answered questions from the Council regarding the upcoming picnic.

NEW BUSINESS

12. Consider Mid-Year Report on Construction Process Customer Satisfaction

Erin Ventura, Management Analyst/Planner presented a report and answered questions from the Council.

Tony Jeans, resident, noted that some people do not like to respond negatively or are hesitant to provide negative feedback when the City is involved or if they have an ongoing or upcoming project.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

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

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Loventhal reported on various administrative matters.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00 p.m., Mayor Craig adjourned the meeting to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 2, 2014 to be held in the City Council Chambers located at 18041 Saratoga-Los Gatos Road, Monte Sereno, California.

Burton Craig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea M. Chelemengos, City Clerk