



**MONTE SERENO CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

OCTOBER 7, 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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Leslie Guardino, resident, requested that the Council look into the possibility of a path from the Rose/Andrews area that would lead to Daves Avenue School.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

CONSENT CALENDAR (It is recommended that all items listed be acted on simultaneously unless separate discussion and/or action is required by a Councilmember or a member of the audience.)

1. Approve Minutes Of September 16, 2014 City Council Meeting
2. Approve Warrant List in the amount of \$119,415.74
3. Authorize City Manager To Execute A Professional Service Agreement With Civic Plus For Website Development and Support Services

Council Member Anstandig moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Council Member Allan 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

None

NEW BUSINESS

4. Discuss Traffic Complaint Response Procedures

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

Sergeant JR Langer, Los Gatos/Monte Sereno Traffic Sergeant, provided information on traffic patterns, traffic calls, past traffic incidents, traffic enforcement and various traffic calming measures. He also encouraged residents to contact the police department any time there is a concern or an incident so that efforts and resolutions can be directed appropriately.

Mo Sharma, City Engineer, provided information on past traffic issues and traffic calming measures. He discussed typical traffic complaints and requests and answered questions from the Council. Mr. Sharma further discussed limitation relative to state roads and highway regulations.

Following discussion, Mayor Craig opened the floor for public comment.

Dr. Mangula Noone, resident, discussed traffic issues on Vineland and expressed safety concerns especially for children and elderly in the area.

Sue Anawalt, resident, spoke in favor of implementation of traffic calming measures along Vineland Avenue.

Lan Tong, resident, stated that over the last seven years traffic at Vineland and Winchester has increased and drivers seem to be more hostile and aggressive. She pointed out that part of the problem

has to do with the blind hill on Vineland close to the Winchester intersection. She urged the Council to consider implementation of traffic calming measures.

Tina Shinmori, resident, expressed concern for the safety of children and explained that many children tend to gather to play on Pine Cone Court and that the children run back and forth over Vineland to access Pine Cone Court. She thanked the Council for holding this discussion and attempting to rectify the situation before any major traffic injuries.

Rajeev Gajendran, resident, provided a presentation to discuss and identify the existing traffic problems and intersection situation at Vineland and Winchester Avenue. He requested that the City consider constructing a sharper turn onto Vineland from Winchester to encourage traffic to slow down before turning off of Winchester. He also discussed other options that the Council may want to consider to increase safety in the area.

Tammy Nickel, resident, spoke of past traffic incidents in the area and urged the Council to take action to implement traffic calming measures.

Since there was no one else wishing to speak, Council began discussion.

Councilmember Anstandig inquired about the use of and funding of solar powered crosswalks at key locations. He also suggested a series of raised striping that vibrates vehicles and is audible as vehicles roll over the raised striping. He stated that he felt the issue need to be addressed.

Council Member Allan thanked the people for coming to the Council meeting and voicing their concerns. He spoke in favor of addressing the issue sooner than later.

Council Member Rogers concurred with Council Members Allan and Anstandig and stated that costs of improving safety at the location should not be a factor.

Council Member Huff added that shrubbery can also be used to calm traffic along with signage. He spoke in favor of looking into utilization of solar crosswalks and Council Member Anstandig's rumble striping idea.

Mayor Craig spoke with regard to the long term vision committee and reported that the topic of traffic has dominated many of the discussions. He discussed his own traffic experiences in the subject area and noted that the population of the City will only increase, resulting in more pedestrians and drivers.

There was no action taken by the Council. Staff explained that if Council action is necessary then staff would bring back the appropriate discussion item at that time.

At 8:01 p.m. Mayor Craig called for a brief recess. At 8:10 p.m., the meeting was reconvened.

5. Review 2015-2023 Draft Housing Element And Authorize Submittal To The State Housing And Community Development Department

Management Analyst/Planner Ventura provided a staff report, provided background information and discussed the Housing Element timeline and answered questions from the Council. In addition, Ms. Ventura introduced Melanie Shaffer Freitas.

Consultant Melanie Shaffer-Freitas provided background information on the State's mandate for various housing types. She discussed key findings and the next steps in the process of getting the City's Housing Element certified. She discussed the current and future needs of housing in the City. She also discussed various constraints the City faces, such as the growing need for housing for the senior population, the City's limited amount of developable land, restricted City resources, and housing and land costs. Ms. Shaffer-Freitas also discussed the number of units needed, income and affordability levels and the role second dwelling units have played in meeting the City's affordable housing numbers, as well as in other jurisdictions.

Following Ms. Shaffer-Freitas' presentation, Mayor Craig opened the floor for public comments

Todd Williams, attorney for Russel Stanley, referred to a letter that had been submitted on Mr. Stanley's behalf and urged the Council to not authorize submission of the proposed draft Housing Element. He stated that the City had failed to provide adequate notice of the matter and had also failed in meeting the programs specified to be met during the last Housing Element cycle. He stated that he thought the City had double counted units and did not re-zone property within the City for multifamily development and has not developed a plan to monitor continued affordability of certain units.

Following brief discussion, Council Member Allan moved to direct staff to adopt the Resolution authorizing staff to submit to the State the Draft Housing Element as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Huff and the motion passed with the following 5-0 roll call vote.

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

At 8:27 p.m., Council Member Allan excused himself and left the meeting.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

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

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Huff commented on the ethics program presented by Santa Clara University. He stated that he had attended after hearing about it from Council Member Allan and that he highly recommends the program.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Loventhal reported on various administrative matters.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:36 p.m., Mayor Craig adjourned the meeting to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 21, 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