



**MONTE SERENO CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
7:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER 18, 2014**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

Mayor Craig reported that the Council held a Closed Session earlier in the evening pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.5 to conduct public employee performance evaluation of The City Manager and the City Attorney and that no action was taken and there was nothing to report.

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, and City Clerk Chelemengos

ORDERS OF THE DAY

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Carl Guardino, President and CEO of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, spoke with regard to the annual Turkey Trot, its benefit to the community and encouraged the Council to participate. He also distributed flyers with regard to the event.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

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 October 7, 2014 City Council Meeting
2. Approve Warrant List in the amount of \$475,410.02
3. Approve Monthly Treasurer's Report For September 2014 and October, 2014
4. Approve Monthly Financial Report For September 2014 and October 2014

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

5. Update on City Website Project

City Manager Loventhal provided a staff report and answered questions from the Council. He spoke with regard to the goal to increase communication to the residents and provided a timeline in which the website should be activated and discussed some of the key features of the new website. He requested that the Council Members reach out to the community for contributions of photos that could be used on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Consider Applications and Make Appointments (3) To The Site and Architectural Commission

City Manager Loventhal provided a report on the matter and noted the absence of one of the applicants and the presence of the other three applicants.

Mayor Craig invited the applicants to address the Council.

Jim Barth, incumbent applicant, stated that he had served on the Commission for the past six years and feels that he is really getting comfortable with serving on the Commission. He stated that he is finding that the key to the success of the Commission is balancing the rights of the applicant along with the rights of the neighbors. He stated that he enjoys serving on the Commission and meeting the residents of Monte Sereno. He concluded by requesting that he be re-appointed to the Commission.

Suzanne Jackson, applicant, stated that she had previously served on the Commission for two years during her tenure on the City Council. She stated that she is adamant about property rights and that she would consider both the applicants' desires and the neighbors' desires. She also discussed her

feeling on tree removals and tree preservation. She concluded that she is interested in serving the City again in this capacity.

Evert Wolsheimer, incumbent applicant, stated that he has served on the Commission for the last four years and would like to continue to serve. He stated that if reappointed he will continue to work on streamlining the process and that the Council could look forward to some suggested changes with regard to the submittal requirements.

Mayor Craig invited the rest of the public to comment. There was no one wishing to comment.

The City Council voting commenced.

City Manager announced that Jim Barth, Evert Wolsheimer and Eric Wade had received the most City Council votes.

Council Member Huff moved that the Council appoint Jim Barth, Evert Wolsheimer and Eric Wade to the Monte Sereno Site and Architectural Commission. The motion was seconded by Council Member Allan and the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

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 7:43 p.m., Mayor Craig adjourned the meeting to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 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