



TOWN of PORTOLA VALLEY

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Town Council Meeting Summary – March 23, 2022

The Town Council took the following actions at their March 23rd meeting:

- Heard from the [Town's Lobbyist](#) on recently introduced bills, the Governor's proposed budget, and took questions and comments from the Council
- Approved an ordinance updating the Town's organic recycling process, per [state law](#).
- Received an update on the ongoing [Housing Element update](#). The Council approved a budget increase of up to \$441,432 to both ensure that the Town meets State statutory requirements to complete the Housing Element on time as well as exploring recent ideas from the [Housing Element Committee](#):
 - Explore new housing sites including further analysis of the Glen Oaks Stanford parcel, the El Mirador parcel behind Town Hall, and the Neely property on Portola Road
 - Further study the potential for mixed-use in the Town's C-C and A-P zones while preserving local-serving businesses
 - Further study the development potential of the two vacant parcels on Alpine Road as sources of multi-family housing
 - Explore an "opt-in" approach where property owners could volunteer for upzoning
 - Investigate dispersing housing sites throughout the community via an overlay zone allowing for up to six dwelling units/acre, with the understanding that such units would be market-rate with the potential for a small number of affordable units
 - Revisit the list of Town-owned property to see if there is development potential
 - Consider using the Town's affordable housing fund to provide incentives for affordable housing (such as multifamily or ADUs)
 - Revisit the ADU process to see if additional streamlining is possible.
- Approved updated charters for the [Parks and Recreation](#) and [Wildfire Preparedness](#) Committees.
- Appointed a new member to the [Emergency Preparedness Committee](#). Congratulations Rob!
- Appointed a new member to the [Conservation Committee](#). Congratulations Adnan!
- Approved minor changes to the FY 2022-23 Council Priorities as presented at the March 9 meeting, and adopted the priorities

Items mentioned during the Council Liaison/Town Manager reports:

- Hybrid meeting modifications to the Historic Schoolhouse are underway. We anticipate the first meetings in person (with the hybrid capabilities) to commence in April!
- [PV Palooza](#) is coming this June! A great new concert event as planned by the Cultural Arts Committee, 12 bands will be playing on June 11. We hope you can make it! The CAC is also looking at a kids' movie night, with more to come.
- The Horse Fair has been cancelled due to a challenging equine horse virus. Please take caution when you interact with horses as it is very easy for humans to spread the virus between horses.

- Mayor Hughes recently held a [PV Donuts](#) with businesses at Village Square and discussed the Housing Element update and other issues.

Future Council meetings will include the following agenda items:

- April 13
 - Presentation by Fire Marshall Bullard on the [CPAW grant](#)
 - Farmers Market annual report
 - Undergrounding Study update
- Future meetings
 - Presentation by the Public Works Department
 - Discussion of PV Donates small-scale donation program for town projects
 - [Green Building Ordinance](#) update
 - Presentation by the [Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District](#) on the future [Hawthorns Open Space Preserve](#)

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