DATE: May 22, 2012

AGENDA ITEM # 3

AGENDA REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Jon Maginot, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: Amendments to the Municipal Code regarding City Commissions

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Ordinance No. 2012-379 amending Chapter 2.08 of the Los Altos Municipal Code to establish the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, the Design Review Commission, and the Planning and Transportation Commission

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SUMMARY:

Estimated Fiscal Impact:

Amount: None

Budgeted: Not applicable

Public Hearing Notice: Not applicable

Previous Council Consideration: February 28, 2012 and May 8, 2012

CEQA Status: Not applicable

Attachments:

1. Ordinance No. 2012-379

BACKGROUND

At its May 8, 2012 meeting, the City Council introduced and waived further reading of Ordinance No. 2012-378 amending Chapter 2.08 of the Municipal Code establishing the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, the Design Review Commission, and the Planning and Transportation Commission.

DISCUSSION

During the May 8, 2012 meeting, the Council amended the Ordinance to modify Section 3 to retain the current powers and duties of the Traffic Commission under the new Planning and Transportation Commission. Those changes have been highlighted in the attached Ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

PUBLIC CONTACT

A summary of the May 8, 2012 Council action was published in the *Los Altos Town Crier* on May 16, 2012 and the tentative date of May 22, 2012 was given in that notice for adoption of the Ordinance.

Posting of the meeting agenda serves as notice to the general public.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Modify the Ordinance and direct staff to reintroduce the Ordinance
2. Not adopt the Ordinance

ATTACHMENT

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-379

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS AMENDING CHAPTER 2.08 OF THE LOS ALTOS MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO CITY COMMISSIONS GENERALLY

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos Municipal Code Chapter 2.08 and the City Council Norms and Procedures hold that the City Council is responsible for appointing members of the community to the City's Commissions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that the adoption of reasonable standards, restrictions and requirements concerning the membership requirements of its Commission members are necessary to protect Los Altos' unique character and existing land uses; and to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents and its community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council on February 28, 2012 voted to change the organizational and reporting structure of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) from reporting to the Traffic Commission to reporting directly to Council and to change it from a Committee to a Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Council on February 28, 2012 voted to merge the Planning and Traffic Commissions into a Planning and Transportation Commission (PTC); and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Los Altos does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF CODE: Chapter 2.08 is hereby amended to revise subsections F. and G. of Section 2.08.010, to read as follows:

"F. Planning and Transportation Commission: Seven members;
G. Design Review Commission: Five members;"

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF CODE: Chapter 2.08 is hereby amended to add subsection K to Section 2.08.010, to read as follows:

"K. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission: Seven members."

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT OF CODE: Chapter 2.08 is hereby amended to revise Section 2.08.060, to read as follows:

"2.08.060 – Powers and duties of the Planning and Transportation Commission.

The Planning and Transportation Commission shall have those powers and duties given it by the State Planning Act (Title 7 of Chapter 3 of the Government Code of the state,

commencing with Section 65100), as amended from time to time, and such other powers as granted it by the other provisions of this Municipal Code, or as may be entrusted to it by the Council from time to time, and shall submit an annual report to the Council.

The Planning and Transportation Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the Council on transportation issues. Transportation issues shall include automobile circulation, pedestrian, bicycle and handicapped access, and public transportation on all public streets, roadways and paths within the city limits of the City of Los Altos.

The Planning and Transportation Commission shall advise the Council on existing and proposed City policies related to traffic calming and traffic enforcement.

The Planning and Transportation Commission shall advise the Council on projects and budget priorities for traffic-related capital improvements."

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT OF CODE: Chapter 2.08 is hereby amended to revise Section 2.08.110, to read as follows:

"2.08.110 – Powers and duties of the Design Review Commission.

The Design Review Commission shall have those powers and duties granted it by other provisions of this Municipal Code, or as may be entrusted to it by the Council from time to time, and shall submit an annual report to the Council."

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT OF CODE: Chapter 2.08 is hereby amended to add Section 2.08.160, to read as follows:

"2.08.160 – Powers and duties of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission advises the Council on bicycle and pedestrian issues, recommends updates to the City's Bicycle Transportation Plan, identifies and prioritizes projects that will improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and access within Los Altos and shall submit an annual report to the Council."

SECTION 6. CONSTITUTIONALITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Code is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Code.

SECTION 7. PUBLICATION. This Ordinance shall be published as provided in Government Code section 36933.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be effective upon the commencement of the thirty-first day following the adoption date.

The foregoing ordinance was duly and properly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Los Altos held on May 8, 2012 and was thereafter, at a regular meeting held on May 22, 2012 passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

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Valorie Cook Carpenter, MAYOR

Attest:

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Jon Maginot, DEPUTY CITY CLERK