



CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 23, 2002
7:30 p.m.
Menlo Park Council Chamber
801 Laurel Street, Menlo Park

REGULAR MEETING – Mayor Schmidt called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Mayor Pro Tem Kinney and Councilmembers Borak, Collacchi and Jellins were present. Staff present included City Manager Boesch, City Attorney McClure, Assistant City Manager Seymour, City Clerk Ramos and other department heads.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. National Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Schmidt read the proclamation.

Mayor Pro Tem Kinney commented that “Trees for Menlo, Inc.” is a recipient of an award by the National Arbor Day Foundation for its efforts with the City in promoting and preserving roadside trees. He provided a status of the El Camino tree-planting project and said that Trees for Menlo Inc. recently received a grant for additional tree planting.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Jellins reported on the quarterly meeting of the Emergency Services Council and the discussion about its budget approval. He noted that the complete budget is available upon request.

1. Arts Commission (one vacancy) with the deadline for applications April 30, 2002.

Mayor Schmidt announced the current vacancy and its application deadline.

2. Transportation Commission appointment.

Mayor Schmidt noted the memorandum from staff regarding term options for the Transportation Commission appointment since it is to fill an unexpired term ending July 31, 2002.

M/S Schmidt/Jellins to appoint a member to the Transportation Commission for the remainder of the current term ending July 31, 2002 and a four year term ending July 31, 2006. Motion passed 5-0.

The Council made its nominations. Rhoda Alexander received two nominations. The others received single nominations so Mayor Schmidt called for a second round of nominations. Amy Cheun received three nominations. Mayor Schmidt called for a vote between Ms. Alexander and Ms. Cheun.

The Council appointed Amy Cheun to the Transportation Commission to serve a term expiring July 31, 2006 on a 3-2 vote, with Councilmember Collacchi and Mayor Schmidt voting for Ms. Alexander.

3. Library Commission appointment.

The Council made its nominations. Ms. Watkins and Mr. Tedrow received two nominations each. Mr. McDonough received one nomination. Mayor Schmidt called for a vote between Ms. Watkins and Mr. Tedrow.

The Council appointed James Tedrow to the Library Commission to serve a term expiring August 31, 2005 on a 3-2 vote, with Councilmember Jellins and Mayor Schmidt voting for Ms. Watkins.

4. Planning Commission appointments (three seats).

Mayor Schmidt reported that the interviews were held prior to the regular meeting tonight with eight of the nine applicants. He said that William Halleck, who is an incumbent, was not able to come to his interview. Mayor Schmidt asked the pleasure of the Council.

There was consensus to make the appointments to the Planning Commission at next week's Council meeting to provide time for the Council to assimilate the information received from the interviews this afternoon.

5. Councilmember Reports: Schmidt, Kinney, Borak, Collacchi, Jellins.

Councilmember Kinney commented about the success of the City's Kite Day and commended staff for its efforts.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

Kathy Newman, Menlo Park, expressed thanks to the Council for following up to clarify concerns expressed to them by her and other members of the public.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Schmidt read the consent calendar items. Councilmember Borak pulled D2.

M/S Jellins/Collacchi to approve consent calendar items 1 and 3 as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

1. Approval of audited bills for period 42 ending April 12, 2002.
3. Approval of a Resolution in support of the Community Working Group application to San Mateo County for HOME funds for the proposed Opportunity Center of the Mid-Peninsula, a transitional housing and multiple services center for homeless persons and those at risk of becoming homeless, to be constructed on Encina Way in Palo Alto.

PULLED ITEM

2. Community Development Agency approval of a six-month extension to the Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement (ENRA) with Peninsula Habitat for Humanity for the property located behind properties fronting on the north side of Terminal Avenue, between the Beechwood School and Menlo Park Fire Protection District Station No. 77, and south of the Samtrans owned railroad right of way, including 297 Terminal Avenue, and authorize the Executive Director to execute the extension agreement.

Councilmember Borak commented that she hopes the extension will not prejudice other applications that might come before the Planning Commission and the Council and said that she is not comfortable with "X" zoning designations.

M/S Borak/Collacchi to approve this item as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

E. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Adoption of a Resolution defining the service area and adopting a four percent increase in the garbage, recycling and plant material collection fees for fiscal year 2002-2003 for all single family residences in Menlo Park.

Uma Chokkalingam, Finance Director, presented the staff report.

Staff responded to Council questions regarding the financial plan, maintaining the reserve fund, recycling rates, and a consideration to include fees for street debris recycling or street sweeping if those services were part of the City's BFI contract.

Councilmember Jellins suggested adding to the Council's annual project priority setting session next year, an item to ask staff to look into the feasibility of including street debris recycling or street sweeping services as part of the City's recycling fees.

Mayor Schmidt questioned whether the debris picked up by the street sweepers is recyclable and suggested including this information in the study.

Mayor Schmidt opened the public hearing at 8:25 p.m.

Mr. Meyerhoff, said he is happy with the current service provided by BFI and questioned whether the public hearing is for a new service or process.

Mayor Schmidt provided clarification. There were no additional testimonies and the public hearing was closed at 8:30 p.m.

M/S Jellins/Collacchi to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion passed 5-0

F. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Approval of the third lease addendum extending and modifying the lease between the City of Menlo Park and the California Family Foundation for the premises commonly known as the Beechwood School.

Audrey Seymour, Assistant City Manager, presented the staff report.

M/S Borak/Jellins to approve the third lease addendum as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Consideration of legislative items listed in the League of California Cities Bulletin(s), or items referred to in Written Communications or Information Items, including decisions to support or oppose any such legislative, communication or information item.

Councilmember Jellins reported on the 33rd Annual Progress seminar sponsored by the San Mateo and Redwood City Chambers of Commerce in Monterey addressing topics including water and state budgetary issues. He encouraged the Council to attend next year.

G. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter dated April 16, 2002, from Deborah Ruddock, to the City Selection Committee regarding a nomination for an appointment to the California Coastal Commission (Central Coast District).

Mayor Schmidt noted the applicants who are seeking a recommendation for a nomination by the City Selection Committee for an appointment to the California Coastal Commission. He said that the City Selection Committee would be taking a vote on Friday, April 26, 2002, to recommend a nominee for appointment. Mayor Schmidt recommended the nomination of Deborah Ruddock because of her active role and leadership.

There was consensus to recommend Ms. Ruddock to the City Selection Committee to nominate her for the appointment to the California Coastal Commission seat.

Mayor Schmidt noted he would prepare the letter of recommendation and forward it to the appropriate persons.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS - None

I. PUBLIC COMMENT #2 – None

J. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Ramos, CMC
City Clerk