



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MINUTES**

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

7:00 p.m.

701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025
Menlo Park City Council Chambers

A Reception
followed the City
Council Meeting at
the Gatehouse.

7:00 p.m. REGULAR MEETING (Menlo Park City Council Chambers)

ROLL CALL – Jellins, Fergusson, Cohen, Duboc (absent), Winkler and incoming Council Members: Boyle, Cline and Robinson

Mayor Jellins announced that there was no Closed Session for lack of a quorum.

Pledge of Allegiance

Staff present: City Manager Boesch, Assistant City Manager Seymour, Acting City Attorney Siegel and City Clerk Vonderlinden. Other City staff was present in the audience.

A. COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Commission members and Chamber of Commerce reports.

B. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS - None

C. PUBLIC COMMENT #1 (Limited to 30 minutes)

Chuck Kinney, former Mayor, spoke about the time commitment that Council Members made and thanked them for their service.

Mary Gilles spoke on behalf of Hank Lawrence who resigned from the Transportation Commission and the Commercial Zoning Ordinance Update Working Group. Ms. Gilles highlighted some of what she believes were meaningful projects accomplished by the outgoing Council Members.

Paula Duarte, representing Supervisor Rose Jacobs-Gibson, presented outgoing Council Members with a commendation from the San Mateo County.

Dick Poe thanked outgoing Council Members for their service and he thanked them for their many hours of service and hard work.

Charles Marsala, Mayor of Atherton, thanked the outgoing officials for their work.

Reg Rice thanked the outgoing Council Members for their work and he is looking forward to the future.

Betty Meisner thanked the outgoing Council Members for their work and support of the Library and Measure K. Ms. Meisner thanked the City staff who worked on the Measure K efforts. She provided an update on the Santa Cruz Avenue kiosk.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR - None

E. PUBLIC HEARING - None

F. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Request by Council Member Cohen to discuss previous Council actions taken relative to 75 Willow Road, 321 Middlefield Road, the Derry Lane Project referendum petitions, and the Agreement with General Motors. (attachment)

Mayor Jellins said there was a request to withdraw the matter and so this is no longer an agenda item.

2. Adoption of resolution no. 5718 declaring the canvass of votes cast and results of the General Municipal Election held on November 7, 2006.

City Clerk Vonderlinden reported that Heyward Robinson received 5,961 votes; Richard Cline 5,745; and John C. Boyle 4,952. Ms. Vonderlinden said that Measure K passed with 5,420 votes in favor and Measure J was defeated with 6,677 votes opposing. She asked Council to certify the results of the election by adopting a resolution.

**M/S Fergusson/Winkler to adopt a resolution declaring the canvass of votes cast and results of the General Municipal Election held on November 7, 2006.
Motion carries 4-0-0 with Council Member Duboc absent.**

3. Recognition of outgoing Mayor and Council Members.

Mayor Jellins thanked outgoing Council Members for their work and read proclamations honoring their work.

Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson recognized Mayor Jellins for his contributions to the City. Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson also thanked the other two outgoing Council Members.

Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson read a proclamation recognizing the outgoing Mayor. She also said some words of appreciation to Council Member Winkler for her passion for this community and to Council Member Duboc for her upbeat and positive attitude.

Mayor Jellins commented on his time on Council and he said that service on behalf of the community has been a wonderful opportunity that he valued.

Mayor Jellins made comments about his mayoral term and he had good wishes for the incoming Council Members.

Council Member Cohen commented on outgoing Council Member Duboc's grace and knowledge of the community. He also thanked Council Member Winkler for inspiring him.

Council Member Winkler shared a map and highlighted areas of the map where projects are developing. She thanked the Council Members and recognized staff's professionalism and dedication. She believes that this is a very dedicated organization.

City Manager Boesch presented the outgoing Council Members with tokens of appreciation.

4. Swearing in of incoming City Council Members.

City Clerk Vonderlinden swore in the three incoming Council Members.

5. Selection of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

City Clerk Vonderlinden opened the floor for nominations. Mayor Pro Tem Fergusson was nominated by Council Member Cohen for the seat. **The nomination carried unanimously and the new Mayor of Menlo Park is Kelly J. Fergusson.**

Mayor Fergusson opened the floor for nominations for the position of Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Robinson nominated Council Member Cohen. The nomination carried unanimously. **The new Mayor Pro Tem of Menlo Park is Andy Cohen.**

Mayor Fergusson made her comments about a fresh start and a united front. She emphasized the values of fairness, inclusiveness, and sustainability in decision making. She gave examples of how bridges could be built to span various divides in Menlo Park, so that "together, we could all realize a

better future.” She invited residents to the brain storming session on December 9, 2006 and she asked that residents come to any of the two meetings in December to provide input. She spoke about a divide in values on land use development, and a need to clarify what city service levels the community wants.

Mayor Fergusson recognized various elected officials present in the audience. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen said he is looking forward to working with the new Council.

Richard Cline congratulated the other incoming Council Members and he believes that the public will keep him honest. He believes in the empowerment of the people and he looks for continued and increased public input.

Council Member Boyle thanked the outgoing Council for their hours of service and the willingness to change. He thanked the residents who supported his campaign and voted for him. He thanked Mary Gilles and Nick Naclerio, for their work and especially his family. He encouraged public input.

Heyward Robinson thanked the outgoing Council Members for their service to the community. He hopes to be able to tap on their knowledge to address the issues that might be ahead. He believes that continuity is a challenge and his hope is that the city business continues as usual. He thanked the residents of Menlo Park for caring so much during this election and for getting involved. He asked for volunteers to get involved in Commissions and task forces.

Mayor Fergusson asked all City Commissioners, current and former, to stand up to be recognized.

G. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION - None

H. INFORMATION ITEM - None

I. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

J. PUBLIC COMMENT #2 (Limited to 30 minutes)

John Beverly Butcher presented incoming Council Members with a book written by Al Gore.

Charles Marsala welcomed the new Council and spoke about the future M-A Arts Center.

Nicholas Jellins, former Mayor, welcomed the new Members of the Council and congratulated Mayor Fergusson and Mayor Pro Tem Cohen for their new leadership roles. He wished them well and hopes the public can rely on them to move forward making the best decisions for the community.

Chuck Kinney, former Mayor, hopes the new Council is not afraid to make decisions and he hopes the Council ceases the opportunities as they come along. Mr. Kinney asked that Council Members respect the opinions of all and not just those who voted them into office.

Gail Slocum appreciates the comments about inclusion and she recognized those who did not get elected and she specifically mentioned Vincent Bressler and the outgoing Council Members. She was grateful that Measure K passed and she appreciates the inclusionary effort.

Mayor Fergusson announced a community meeting for the Dumbarton Dialogue Project which will be held on December 7 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 100 Terminal. She also announced the upcoming brainstorming meeting of December 9, 2006 and that at the two upcoming Council Meetings of December 12 and 19 there will be extended time for public comment.

K. ADJOURNMENT - the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Silvia M. Vonderlinden, Certified Municipal Clerk
Approved at the Council Meeting of March 6, 2007.