



# CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.  
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025  
Menlo Park City Council Chambers

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## A. STUDY SESSION

1. Consideration of goals, challenges, and priorities for the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan ([Staff Report #09-033](#))

Staff presentation by Associate Planner, Thomas Rogers and consultants Prakash Pinto and Mark Hoffheimer. Each Council Member provided individual remarks on the most important goals, the greatest challenges to achieving the goals, and the priorities of the consultant team.

## B. BUDGET WORKSHOP

1. Discussion and direction regarding the 2009-10 budget process; consideration of proposed capital and other Project Priorities for Fiscal Year 2009-10 ([Staff Report #09-035](#)) ([PowerPoint Presentation](#))

### Summary results

- Add Extended Tree trimming
- Add Middle Ave Bike Lane Study
- Add Santa Cruz Sidewalks design
- Add smoking ordinance
- HSR (add as a place holder and begin process of determining costs)
- Add Trees for Menlo (below the line)
- Reduce street resurfacing by amount needed to cover adds (181,000)

### General approval of Budget Goals

- Maintain key services to community
  - Reduce/eliminate programs not considered essential
  - Gain efficiencies through
    - restructuring the organization
    - outsourcing where appropriate
    - retaining talent within the organization
- Maintain the organization's ability to meet Council goals
- Maintain long-term focus / prepare for recovery opportunities
- Maintain existing infrastructure to avoid higher costs in the future
  - Delay new projects not considered to have detrimental impacts in the short term
- Approve a 2009-2010 budget moving the City toward a sustainable budget over the next five years

There was a general consensus to bring back for final approval at next meeting.

### Speakers:

- Charlie Bourne – Budget
- Rene Morales – Contracting out/budget – SEIU 521

- Hugo Torres – Contract out/budget – SEIU 521
- Barbara Franklin – Second hand smoke
- Nicole Lance - Budget
- Marzieh Gachipour – Menlo Children’s Center
- Osnat Loewenthal – Budget
- Yael Caspi - Donated time – Menlo Children’s Center

**C. REGULAR BUSINESS**

1. Authorization of the Mayor to sign a regional letter commenting on the scope of the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the San Francisco to San Jose Segment of the California High Speed Train System ([Staff Report #09-034](#))

Council Member Cohen recused himself due to the proximity of his home to the project.

**Action:** Moved and seconded (Boyle/Robinson) and passed (4-0-0-1) to authorize the Mayor to sign a regional letter for the California High Speed Train System.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT (*Limited to 30 minutes*)**

- Richard Reitmeyer – Budget Priorities

**E. ADJOURNMENT – 11:27 p.m.**

Margaret S, Roberts, MMC  
City Clerk

Approved at the Council meeting of April 14, 1009