



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025
Menlo Park City Council Chambers

ROLL CALL – Cohen, Robinson, Boyle, Cline, Fergusson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was dedicated to the four Oakland Police Officers slain in the line of duty over the weekend.

Agenda items G1 and H1 were moved up in the agenda to follow agenda item E3.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Chamber of Commerce launched their new website over the weekend
- There is a meeting on the Bicycle and Pedestrian crossing tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center at the end of Terminal Avenue in east Menlo Park
- The Rosewood Hotel grand opening is April 2nd

A. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS –

1. Consider applicants for an appointment to fill one vacancy on the Environmental Quality Commission and six vacancies on the Bicycle Commission ([Staff Report #09-036](#))

It was pointed out that commissioners cannot serve more than two consecutive full terms.

Fergusson nominated Chris MacIntosh for the Environmental Quality Commission; however M. Roberts advised that an email was received stating that she was available for appointment at this time due to a heavy workload.

Action: Boyle nominated Lawrence Byers and by acclamation was appointed to serve on the Environmental Quality Commission.

Action: Robinson nominated Robert Steele and Jim Rowe to serve a four year term and by acclamation they were appointed to serve on the Bicycle Commission with terms ending April 30, 2013.

Action: Boyle nominated Maynard Harding and Watson Lohmann to serve a four year term and by acclamation they were appointed to the serve on the Bicycle Commission with terms ending April 30, 2013.

Action: By Acclamation Gregory Klingsporn and Walter Kohn were appointed to fill the vacancies with terms ending April 30, 2011.

2. Consider appointment of one or two liaisons to the Menlo Park Fire Protection District ([Attachment](#))

Action: Robinson nominated Cline and Cohen to serve as liaisons and with no objections they were appointed.

3. Provide direction to the Mayor regarding filling the vacant seat on the San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors ([Staff Report #09-045](#))

Fergusson nominated Linda Koelling of Foster City; Cline nominated Jerry Deal of Burlingame.

Action: With votes from Boyle, Fergusson, and Robinson; Linda Koelling of Foster City will receive the City's votes to fill the vacant seat.

B. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Presentations of certificates of recognition to three Girl Scouts who have received the Gold Award ([Attachment](#))

C. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

- Tyler Silva – Relay for Life event in Menlo Park ([Document submitted by the speaker](#))
- Barbara Franklin – Second hand smoke ([Document submitted by the speaker](#))
- Mike Mahoney – SBWMA Facility Operator
- Davena Gentry – Earth Hour
- Marcia Perez – Belle Haven youth programs
- Henry Riggs – Employee costs
- Renee Morales (SEIU) – Budget
- Elizabeth Gruber – Menlo Children's Center ([Document submitted by the speaker](#))

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Action: Moved and second (Cline/Fergusson) and passed with Cohen abstaining approval of items D1 and D4.

1. Approval of the Mission Statement for the City Council High Speed Rail Council Sub-Committee ([Staff Report #09-037](#))
2. Approval of Encinal Safe Routes to School Plan and adoption of Resolution No. 5848 authorizing the City Manager to submit a joint application with the Town of Atherton for a California Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Grant for the improvement of pedestrian and bicycle safety for safe routes to Encinal School ([Staff Report # 09-039](#))

Action: Moved and second (Fergusson/Robinson) and passed unanimously approval of agenda item D2.

3. Approval of capital and other project priorities to be included in the proposed 2009-10 budget ([Staff Report #09-044](#))

Action: Moved and second (Fergusson/Cline) and passed 3-1-1 (Ayes: Cline, Fergusson, Robinson, Noes: Boyle, Abstain: Cohen) approval of item D3.

4. Council Minutes for December 5, 2008, January 6, January 27 and February 3, 2009 ([Attachment](#))

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Adoption of a Resolution amending the City's Master Fee Schedule to incorporate proposed changes in fees to become effective immediately or as required by Statute for the following departments: Administrative Services, Community Services, Police, Public Works, Community Development, and Library ([Staff Report #09-043](#))

Action: Moved and second (Boyle/Cohen) staff recommendation with the exception of the childcare and to direct staff to come back with a specific proposal to be in line with a comp average for childcare fees.

Action: Substitute motion by Fergusson, second by Robinson and passed unanimously to adopt the staff recommendation putting aside the MCC fees; then take up the MCC fees separately.

Action: Moved and second (Boyle/Cohen) and passed 4-1 (Fergusson dissenting) to bring back fees of MCC with an appropriate market comp average and to raise the fees by a similar percentage.

2. Adoption of Resolution No. 5849 approving rate increases in Solid Waste Collection Rates, effective retroactively to January 1, 2009, of 20 percent for all Menlo Park commercial customers and multi-family residential customers ([Staff Report #09-040](#)) ([Additional protest letters](#))

Action: Moved and second (Robinson/Cohen) and passed unanimously to adopt Scenerio #7 as presented in the staff report.

3. Adoption of Resolution No. 5850 defining the service area for all single-family residences and approving rate increases in solid waste collection rates for all Menlo Park single-family residential customers of 20 percent to be effective July 1, 2009 ([Staff Report #09-040](#)) ([Additional protest letters](#))

Action: Moved and second (Robinson/Cohen) and passed unanimously to approve staff recommendation using Scenario #7 from the staff report.

ITEMS MOVED TO THIS LOCATION IN THE MEETING:

G. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

Follow-up discussion and consideration of approach to the Budget Process for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 ([Staff Report #09-042](#))

H. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Mayor Robinson and Council Member Fergusson request that City Council consider becoming a sponsor of "Earth Hour" ([Attachment](#))

Action: By consensus the City will support Earth Hour

F. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Approval of the comment letter 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 #09-041](#)) ([Presentation slides](#))

Action: Moved and second (Fergusson/Robinson) and passed unanimously to approve the comment letter with the two specific additions environmental analysis guideline and electromagnetic issues as well as the comments around which had majority support with the understanding that the Mayor will have a final look through and allow him to make modest amendments for clarification purposes.

Friendly amendment by Robinson and accepted by Fergusson that any Council Member could look at the letter prior to being sent.

2. Consideration of state and federal legislative items, including decisions to support or oppose any such legislation, and items listed under Written Communication or Information Item

I. INFORMATION ITEM - None

J. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Report from City Council Subcommittee on High Speed Rail

K. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

- Morris Brown – High Speed Rail

L. ADJOURNMENT – adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Margaret S. Roberts, MMC
City Clerk

Approved at the Council meeting of March 31, 2009