



CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025
City Council Chambers

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Cline called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with all Council members present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Mayor Cline

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

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

Environmental Quality Commission Chairperson Kristin Kuntz-Duriseti made a statement on behalf of the Commission supporting the Water Efficient Landscaping ordinance

B. STUDY SESSION

1. Direction to staff on revisions to Chapter 12.44, "Water Efficient Landscaping," of the Menlo Park Municipal Code pursuant to enactment of the Water Conservation in Landscaping Act (Assembly Bill 1881) ([Staff report #10-020](#))

Staff presentation by Lisa Ekers, Engineering Services Manager

Public comment by:

- Brian Schar spoke in opposition of the ordinance and for homeowners rights
- Jessie Raeder spoke in favor of adopting the BAWSCA plan rather than the State's
- Peter Drekmeier spoke regarding a recent presentation at SRI regarding the water crisis
- James Workman spoke regarding a business venture
- Gail Sredanovic spoke in favor of adopting BAWSCA standards

Council gave staff the following direction:

- 1) 1000 square foot threshold; Boyle recommends 5000 square feet
- 2) Voluntary turf limitations; Fergusson recommends offering alternatives
- 3) Applicable projects must have a nexus to landscaping
- 4) No deed restrictions; Robinson recommends deed restrictions; Cline would like a phased approach
- 5) Model homes – yes
- 6) Pool & spa covers – yes; Boyle recommends, but would not make it a requirement
- 7) Base fee – yes; Robinson recommends waiving fee for projects below 500 square feet

C. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Consideration of a Resolution supporting the full restoration of the Cargill Salt Ponds and inclusion of the salt ponds in the Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge and declaring opposition to the proposed development plans by Cargill and DMB & Associates of the Salt Ponds ([Staff #10-019](#))

Councilmember Fergusson introduced the item

Public comment by:

- Gail Sredanovic spoke in opposition to the project and in support of regional involvement
- Davena Gentry spoke in opposition to the project and in support of the proposed resolution
- Peggie Macleod spoke in opposition to the project and encouraged Council to restore the salt ponds
- Stephen Knight of Save the Bay spoke in opposition to the project and in support of restoring the natural habitat of the salt ponds
- Pat Maines spoke against the project and in support of the proposed resolution
- Joan Knowles spoke against the project and for protecting the bay shoreline
- Janet Larson of the Woodside-Atherton Yard Club regarding the negative affects of the project
- Pat Walker spoke regarding the negative affects of the project and in favor of the resolution
- Michael Henderson of Redwood City Saltworks spoke in favor of the project and encouraged the Council to engage in the process
- Lennie Roberts of the Committee for Green Foothills spoke in favor of the resolution and of the value of the bay lands
- April Vargas spoke against the project and urged Council to take action early
- Morris Brown spoke against the project and urged Council to pass the resolution immediately
- Jessie Reader spoke against the project and stated it will adversely affect the regional water supply

Action: Motion and second (Cohen/Robinson) to adopt **Resolution 5912** supporting the full restoration of the Cargill Salt Ponds and inclusion of the salt ponds in the Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge and declaring opposition to the proposed development plans by Cargill and DMB & Associates of the Salt Ponds passes (4-1, Boyle dissents)

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

- Morris Brown spoke regarding High Speed Rail
- Matt Henry spoke regarding the Menlo Gateway project and the process

E. ADJOURNMENT – 11:06 p.m.

Pamela Aguilar
Deputy City Clerk

The minutes were accepted at the Council meeting of 02/23/2010