



**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.  
110 Terminal Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025  
Belle Haven Senior Center**

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Mayor Cline called the meeting to order in the Senior Center Main Hall at 5:42 p.m. with Council Member Cohen recused, all other Council Members present (Council Member Fergusson arrived at 5:46).

1. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 to conference with legal counsel regarding potential litigation against the California High Speed Rail Authority regarding the adequacy of the Final Revised Programmatic Environmental Impact Report for the Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train Project

**Public Comment on Closed Session**

- Kathy Hamilton, Park Forest Area – Urged the City Council to join the lawsuit against the California High Speed Rail Authority.
- Kevyn Allard, Representing the Felton Gables Neighborhood and the Community Coalition for HSR – Urged the City Council to join the lawsuit against the California High Speed Rail Authority.
- Russ Peterson – Urged the City Council to join the lawsuit against the California High Speed Rail Authority.
- Steve Schmidt – Urged the City Council to use a rational approach and consider that the lawsuit will not do much.
- Ken Sutherland, Felton Gables Neighborhood - Urged the City Council to join the lawsuit against the California High Speed Rail Authority.
- Marcy Abramowitz, Felton Gables Neighborhood – Encouraged the Council to become more proactive for the community on this issue and to join the lawsuit against the California High Speed Rail Authority.

At 6:03 p.m. the Council adjourned to Closed Session with legal counsel in the Community Room.

Mayor Cline reconvened in open session in the Senior Center Main Hall at 7:02 p.m. with all members present.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Cline.

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**Action:** The City Council in closed session voted 4-0 (Council Member Cohen recused) to join the lawsuit against the California High Speed Rail Authority regarding the

adequacy of the Final Revised Programmatic Environmental Impact Report for the Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train Project.

**A. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Matt Henry suggested continued talks with the business and property owners on Hamilton Avenue and to schedule meetings with the business and property owners on a regular basis.

**B. STUDY SESSION**

1. Consideration of and possible direction on the Work Program on the Willow Business Area and M-2 Zoning District Area (Staff report # 10-130)

Staff report by Glen Rojas, City Manager; David Johnson, Business Development Manager and Justin Murphy, Development Services Manager (PowerPoint Presentation)

**Phase 1: Willow Business Area**

Goal: Streamline processes to reduce turnaround time and increase certainty of standards for zoning review of permit applications to remodel and expand buildings in order to provide greater opportunity for business development that benefits the City's fiscal sustainability in the Willows Business Area.

Public Comments on the item

- Tig Tarlton, Chairman, Tarlton Properties – Stated his thanks to the Council for moving forward on how to improve the permit process; In Sunnyvale, in one meeting with all departments present, all requirements were on the table and the meeting lasted one hour.
- John Tarlton, President, Tarlton Properties – Stated support for the effort undertaken by staff and encouraged the Council to follow staff recommendations.
- Mark Hanson, executive, AMB Properties – Stated that the communities in the Silicon Valley are fast paced and cities that are able to move at that pace, are succeeding. The Menlo Park area south of Highway 101 is a prime location to draw in businesses. In order to attract life science companies and green companies, the City must destroy the myth that it is difficult to do business here.
- Susan Eschweiler, DES Architect (for Tyco) – Stated she is supportive of what staff is recommending.
- Alex Melendez, Facilities Manager, Tyco – Stated he is pleased with the interactions with the City, he is hoping to go through the processes to implement a Campus Master Site Plan without roadblocks.

The Council gave direction to proceed as outlined in the staff report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The State of the City Address will be held on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Stanford Park Hotel beginning at 6:00 p.m. and is open to the public free of charge.

The City Manager and Chief of Police will meet with the Belle Haven community tomorrow night at Café Zoe regarding a recent increase in burglaries in the neighborhood.

**C. ADJOURNMENT – 9:19 p.m.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Margaret S. Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Margaret S. Roberts, MMC  
City Clerk

These minutes were accepted at the Council meeting of October 26, 2010.

