



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

**Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025
City Council Chambers**

Mayor Cline called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with all members present.

The pledge of allegiance was lead by Mayor Cline.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The community is invited to the grand re-opening of the Arrillaga Recreation Center on Saturday, June 4 beginning at 10am, including guided tours of the building and an opportunity to participate in classroom demonstrations.
- The following Saturday, June 11 join the City for the Kelly Park grand opening event at noon. There's still time to sign up for the three-on-three basketball tournament that day that provides cash prizes. We just need a couple of more teams to complete the women's division so get your hoop on and get signed up at 330-2221.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A1. Presentation: "Tip a Cop" – Special Olympics fundraiser by Police Department
Staff presentation by Police Chief Bryan Roberts ([Slides](#))

A2. Presentation: Housing Endowment and Regional Trust of San Mateo County (HEART)
Presentation by Paula Stinson, Development and Communications Manager HEART of San Mateo County ([PowerPoint](#))

A3. Presentation by C/CAG Consultants TJKM regarding recommended near term improvements on Willow Road between Bayfront Expressway and US-101 in conjunction with the Peninsula Gateway Corridor 2020 Study
Presentation by John Wong with C/CAG and Rich Haygood of TJKM Consultants ([PowerPoint](#))

B. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS

B1. Consider applicants for appointment to fill three vacancies on the Library Commission
([Staff report #11-076](#))
Staff presentation by Margaret Roberts, City Clerk

ACTION: Motion and second (Cohen/Keith) to appoint to the Library Commission Jacqueline Cebrian and Vin Sharma for terms ending April 30, 2014 and Alaina Sloo for a term ending April 30, 2015 passes unanimously.

Planning Commission Report:

Henry Riggs on behalf of the Planning Commissioner

At the January 10, 2011 Planning Commission meeting, the Commission discussed possible Community Development projects not listed on the CIP or other action lists. The Commission identified four areas that they would like the Council to consider:

1. Commercial Streamlining
2. Limited residential zoning streamlining
3. BMR construction requirements
4. Coordination with adjacent agencies on development

C. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

- Barbara Hunter – Spoke regarding the Willows Traffic Plan and the process to date. (Letter)
- Julie Figliozzi – Spoke regarding Flood Park and suggested if the City takes over the park to retain the zoning (Open Space & Conservation) and to consider outsourcing some aspects to non-profit organizations such as San Mateo County 4-H Clubs.
- Peri Wong – Spoke regarding Flood Park and if the City takes over the park to allow 4-H to have an animal farm at Flood Park.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

- D1.** Adoption of **Resolution No. 5996** giving preliminary approval of the Engineer's Report for the Menlo Park Landscaping District for fiscal year 2011-12 which proposes no increases to the tree or sidewalk portions of the assessment; and adoption of **Resolution No. 5997** a Resolution of intention to order the levy and collection of assessments at the current rates for the Menlo Park Landscaping District for fiscal year 2011-12 ([Staff report #11-079](#))
- D2.** Adoption of **Resolution No. 5998** approving a third amendment to the agreement with the County of San Mateo for animal control services to adjust the payment schedule, modify the term, include an indemnity clause and clarify services and to authorize the City Manager to execute the third amendment ([Staff report #11-074](#))
- D3.** Adoption of **Resolution No. 5999** authorizing continued participation in the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG), approving the Joint Powers Agreement, and authorizing execution of the Joint Powers Agreement by the Mayor ([Staff report #11-078](#))
- D4.** Acceptance of Council minutes for the meetings of May 3 and 10, 2011 ([Attachment](#)) ([Amendment](#))

ACTION: Motion and second (Ohtaki/Fergusson) to approve the Consent Calendar with the changes to the May 10, 2011 minutes passes unanimously.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- E1.** Adoption of the revised 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2011-12 through 2015-16 ([Staff report #11-077](#))([PowerPoint](#))
Staff presentation by Kent Steffens, Deputy City Manager and Carol Augustine, Finance Director

The Public Hearing was opened at 9:11 p.m.

- Allan Bedwell, Friends of Bedwell Bayfront Park – Suggested that the City terminate a contract from the 1980s regarding the purchase of electricity from the methane at Bedwell Bayfront Park.
- Steve Schmidt – Spoke regarding the costs of the lobbyist for High Speed Rail and suggested using the funding elsewhere.

ACTION: Motion and second (Keith/Fergusson) to close the public hearing at 9:19 p.m. passes unanimously.

NOTE: For any voting on the CIP the following conflict of interests were announced:

- Andrew Cohen – High Speed Rail Coordination due to the proximity to his property.
- Kelly Fergusson – Willows Area-Wide Traffic Study Implementation due to the proximity of her property.
- Kirsten Keith – Willows Area-Wide Traffic Study Implementation due to the proximity of her property.

NOTE: The Council had a discussion on the High Speed Rail Coordination and Andrew Cohen and Bill McClure restated their conflict of interest on this issue and left the Council Chambers at 9:32 p.m.

Public Comments on the HSR Coordination item in the CIP:

- Andrew Cohen (speaking as an individual) – There are other lobbyists available to contract with in the state. There is a group of cities in Northern San Mateo County that have the opposite opinion from Menlo Park's opinion.

ACTION: Motion and second (Keith/Ohtaki) to cut the HSR Coordination amount in the proposed CIP from \$100,000 to \$50,000 passes 3-1-1 (Ayes: Cline, Keith, Ohtaki, Noes: Fergusson, Recused: Cohen)

Andrew Cohen and Bill McClure returned to the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

NOTE: The Council had a discussion on the Willows Area-Wide Traffic Study Implementation and Kelly Fergusson and Kirsten Keith restated their conflict of interest from the item and left the Council Chambers at 9:49 p.m.

Public Comments on the Willows Area-Wide Traffic Study Implementation item in the CIP:

- Kirsten Keith (speaking as an individual) – Stated that the Transportation Commission only voted on one option and she requested it go back to the Transportation Commission to vote on the other two options.

Kelly Fergusson and Kirsten Keith returned to the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

ACTION: Motion and second (Ohtaki/Fergusson) to approve the revised 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2011-12 through 2015-16 and including adding a sound wall separating Highway 101 and Kelly Park passes unanimously with the following recusals:

- Andrew Cohen – High Speed Rail Coordination line item
- Kelly Fergusson – Willows Area-Wide Traffic Study Implementation line item
- Kirsten Keith – Willows Area-Wide Traffic Study Implementation line item

E2. Review of the City Manager's proposed 2011-12 Budget and Capital Improvement Program for the City of Menlo Park; consideration of the revised long-term financial forecast; and discussion of the continuation of the current reduced rate of Utility Users Tax beyond September 30, 2011 ([Staff report #11-081](#))([PowerPoint](#))

Staff presentation by Glen Rojas, City Manager and Carol Augustine, Finance Director

The Public Hearing was opened at 10:16 p.m.

- Rene Morales, SEIU 521 – Spoke on behalf of the union regarding potential cuts in public works personnel.

ACTION: Motion and second (Fergusson/Keith) to close the public hearing at 10:19 p.m. passes unanimously.

F. REGULAR BUSINESS

F1. Introduction of an Ordinance adopting local amendments to the 2010 Green Building Standards Code to include additional sustainable building requirements ([Staff report #11-080](#)) ([Attachment](#))

Staff presentation by Ron La France, Building Official

ACTION: Motion and second (Keith/Fergusson) to introduce the ordinance adopting local amendments to the 2010 California Green Building Standards Code as outlined in the staff report passes unanimously.

- F2.** Consideration of the adoption of a Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Menlo Park and the Menlo Park Police Sergeants' Association (PSA), representing the classification of Police Sergeant, for the period beginning July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013 ([Staff report #11-075](#))
Staff presentation by Glen Kramer, Interim Personnel Director

ACTION: Motion and second (Cohen/Fergusson) to approve **Resolution No. 6000** approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Menlo Park and the Menlo Park Police Sergeants' Association (PSA), representing the classification of Police Sergeant, for the period beginning July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013 passes unanimously.

- F3.** 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: None

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: None

H. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION: None

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: None

J. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Council Members reported on meetings attended meeting the AB1234 reporting requirements.

K. PUBLIC COMMENT #2: None

L. ADJOURNMENT: 11:39 p.m.

Margaret S. Roberts, MMC
City Clerk

Minutes accepted at the Council meeting of June 7, 2011