



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025
City Council Chambers

Mayor Keith called the Closed Session to order at 5:30 p.m. Council Member Cohen arrived at 5:51 p.m.

There were no members of the public present to comment on the Closed Session item.

CL1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c) regarding potential/anticipated litigation: 1 case

Mayor Keith called the Regular Session to order at 7:00 p.m. with all members present.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

ACTION: There was no reportable action from Closed Session.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Keith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A1. Presentation: Environmental Quality Awards ([Attachment](#)) ([Powerpoint](#))
Award presentation by Environmental Quality Commissioner Kristin Kuntz-Duriseti and Chair Mitchel Slomiak

Accepting the award were homeowners Vivek and Tavinder Wadhwa and representing Clarum Homes were President John Suppes and John Carr, Quality Assurance & Home Warranty Representative.

A2. Presentation by Marian Lee, CalTrain
Presentation made by Marian Lee, Caltrain Modernization Program Acting Director ([PowerPoint](#))

Public Comments

- Don Barby spoke against a blended system with High Speed Rail (HSR).
- Martin Mazmer spoke regarding the blended system discussed in the presentation and that it is in violation of Proposition 1A and AB 3404.
- Adina Levin, Friends of CalTrain, spoke regarding the stability and upgrading of the CalTrain system and spoke in favor of what was included in the presentation.
- Alan Bushell stated that there were shortfalls in the presentation and the HSR program is fraught with problems.

B. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS: None

C. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

- Tim Goode spoke regarding the dangerous and congested situation of the parking lot between the Library and the Arrillaga Gymnasium requesting consideration of the possibility of opening the doors to the Gym opposite to the Library. He requested no cutbacks to the Library.
- Roland Lebrum spoke regarding the trail location on the map in the staff report is right on and addressed the possibility of a Dumbarton tunnel instead of a bridge. (Consent Calendar item D1)
- Adina Levin spoke in support of the completion of the Bay Trail on behalf of the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition. (Consent Calendar item D1)
- Adina Levin stated she supports the Council priority of addressing the Housing Element and expressed concern about not addressing the Transportation Element. (Consent Calendar item D2)

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

D3. Accept minutes for Council meetings of January 31 and February 14, 2012 ([Attachment](#))

ACTION: Motion and second (Cline/Fergusson) to approve the minutes as amended passes unanimously.

D2. Adopt Council goals and deliverables for 2012 ([Staff report #12-031](#))

Item pulled by K. Keith for discussion

ACTION: Motion and second (Cline/Ohtaki) to approve the Council goals and deliverables passes unanimously.

D1. Adopt **Resolution No. 6048** supporting progress toward completion of the Bay Trail Gap from Bayfront Expressway and University Avenue to the existing Bay Trail South of University Avenue on the Mid Peninsula Regional Open Space District Property

([Staff report #12-030](#))

Item pulled by K. Fergusson for questions

ACTION: Motion and second (Fergusson/Ohtaki) to approve **Resolution No. 6048, as amended**, supporting progress toward completion of the Bay Trail Gap from Bayfront Expressway and University Avenue to the existing Bay Trail South of University Avenue on the Mid Peninsula Regional Open Space District Property and noting that the route included in the packet is a non-binding route passes unanimously.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

F. REGULAR BUSINESS

F1. Accept the 2011-12 Mid-year Financial Summary and adopt a Resolution approving the recommended amendments to the 2011-12 Operating and Capital Budgets

([Staff report #12-034](#)) ([PowerPoint](#)) ([Revised Resolution](#))

Staff presentation by Carol Augustine, Finance Director

ACTION: Motion and second (Fergusson/Cline) to accept the 2011-12 Mid-year Financial Summary and adopting **Resolution No. 6049** approving the recommended amendments to the 2011-12 Operating and Capital Budgets and increasing two budgets for work on the Housing

Element; legal budget by \$50,000 and the Community Development budget by \$100,000 for a contract planner passes unanimously.

F2. Approve an Agreement with Capitol Advocates to provide legislative and regulatory advocacy on High Speed Rail issues ([Staff report #12-032](#))

Staff presentation by Starla Jerome-Robinson, Interim City Manager

NOTE: Council Member Cohen and City Attorney McClure announced their recusal on the item due to proximity of property and left the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

ACTION: Motion and second (Fergusson/Cline) to approve an agreement with Capitol Advocates to provide legislative and regulatory advocacy on High Speed Rail issues with a maximum expenditure of \$50,000, quarterly reports at a Council meeting (with no charge from consultant) and to hold a kick-off meeting passes 3-1-1 (Keith dissenting, Cohen recusal).

F3. Consider 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

There was no formal staff report on this item.

I1. Update on staff review of the City of East Palo Alto Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Ravenswood/4 Corners Transit Oriented Development Specific Plan ([Staff report #12-033](#))

Public Comment

- Roland Lebrum spoke regarding the location of the Dumbarton Rail Station should be in an industrial area, should be four (4) tracks and to consider the possibility

J. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Council Members reported on meetings attended in compliance with AB1234 reporting requirements.

K. PUBLIC COMMENT #2: None

L. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

/s/

Margaret S. Roberts, MMC
City Clerk

Minutes accepted at the Council meeting of March 13, 2012