



**CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.
Menlo Park Council Chambers
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025**

The Closed Session was called to order by Mayor Keith at 5:30 p.m. with all members present.

There were no members of the public present.

CL1. Conference with legal counsel pursuant to Government Code 54956.9: Provide direction on a late claim request regarding *Lucius/Maude Barker BCJP-17031A* (Attachment)

The City Council sitting as the Successor Agency to the former Menlo Park Community Development Agency for the following two items.

CL2. Conference with legal counsel pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(c)
Potential litigation - 1 case
Police substation 1283-1299 Willow Road

CL3. Conference with real property negotiators pursuant to Government Code 54956.7
Property: 777 – 821 Hamilton Avenue
Agency Negotiators: Bill McClure and Alex McIntyre
Under negotiations: Sale of property including price and negotiation parameters

Mayor Keith called the Regular Session to order at 7:10 p.m. with all members present.

Mayor Keith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

ACTION: CL1: The Council voted unanimously (5-0) to reject the late claim *Lucius/Maude Barker BCJP-17031A*. There was no reportable action on Items CL2 and CL3.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Caltrain Holiday Train will be in Menlo Park at 7:45 p.m. on Sunday, December 2nd
- The County Board of Supervisors approved an EIR and ordinance at their October 23, 2012 meeting. The City of Menlo Park is participating with most jurisdictions in San Mateo County in the EIR, and will be proposing that the City Council adopt the same model ordinance.
- Menlo Park will hold informative community meeting on December 12, 2012 at 6:30 at the Recreation Center to discuss the ordinance and hear community feedback.
- The ordinance will be proposed to City Council in January 2013
- If passed, ordinance would likely become effective April 22, 2013-Earth Day.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: None

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

C. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

- The following people spoke in opposition to high density housing and/or having a homeless shelter in Linfield Oaks:
 - Lucy Calder
 - Susan Connelly
 - Juliana (no last name provided)
 - JoAnne Goldberg
 - Rob McCool
 - Vincent Bressler
 - Nancy Hosay
 - Rosario Rodolfo
 - Charles Preuss
 - Ann Diederich
 - Veneta Kanelakos
 - Charles Jagoda
 - Dole Holmes
- Roland Kelly requested the Council to consider at a future meeting an ordinance banning loitering in center medians.
- Aram James spoke regarding a safe parking program. (*Handouts*)

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

D2. Accept the minutes of the October 22 and 23, 2012 minutes (*Attachment*)

ACTION: Motion and second (Cohen/Fergusson) to accept the minutes of October 22 and October 23, 2012 passes unanimously.

D1. Approve the Rail Council Subcommittee Mission Statement and Statement of Principles, and the Council Position Summary on Rail/High Speed Rail issues (*Staff report #12-160*)

This item was pulled from consent for discussion by Mayor Keith.

NOTE: Council Member Cohen and City Attorney Bill McClure announced they have a conflict on the item due to proximity of their property and left the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Public Comment

Adina Levin, Friends of Caltrain, spoke about an inconsistency between two of the attachments to the staff report.

ACTION: Motion and second (Fergusson/Ohtaki) to approve the Rail Council Subcommittee Mission Statement and Statement of Principles, and the Council Position Summary on Rail/High Speed Rail issues as in the staff report passes by the following votes:

Ayes: Cline, Fergusson, Ohtaki
Noes: None
Abstain: Keith
Recused: Cohen

NOTE: Council Member Cohen and City Attorney Bill McClure returned to the City Council meeting at 8:08 p.m.

E. PUBLIC HEARING: None

F. REGULAR BUSINESS

- F1. Direction on the parameters for negotiating the Development Agreement for the Facebook West Campus Project located at the intersection of Bayfront Expressway and Willow Road (Staff report #12-161)

Staff presentation by Rachel Grossman, Associate Planner (PowerPoint) (Handout)

Facebook presentation by: (PowerPoint)

- John Tenanes – Director of Real Estate (Facebook)
- Craig Webb – Partner (Gehry Partners)
- David Ebersman – Chief Financial Officer (Facebook)

Public Comment

- Louise DeDera requested that the Council not request more from Facebook than what is fair.
- Halle Hewitt spoke in favor of Facebook and their support of Jobtrain.
- William Nack, SM County Building Trades Council, spoke in support of the Facebook West Campus Project.
- Mark Leach spoke in support of moving forward with the Facebook West Campus Project.
- Bob Power spoke in support of the Facebook West Campus Project and there will be unforeseen benefits.
- Tamara Fagin, Fit Kids Foundation, stated that they receive a lot of support from Facebook with their program and urged the Council to move forward with the project.
- Sharon Williams, Jobtrain executive director, encouraged the Council to move forward with this project as Facebook has been an asset to the community and the graduates of Jobtrain.
- David Tuipulotu spoke in favor of the Facebook Project.
- Opha Wray, Mt. Olive Church, spoke in favor of the Facebook Project as they have been a great partner with the community.
- Victor Torreano, Sheetmetal Workers, spoke in favor of the Facebook Project and all of the jobs that it will bring to the community.
- Ian Perkins spoke in support of the Facebook Project and the West Campus will be an attraction that brings people to Menlo Park.
- Adina Levin spoke in support of the Project and the thoughtful environmental work that is being included in the project.
- Fran Dehn, Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce, spoke in favor of the Facebook Project and pointed out that Facebook will take a contaminated site into a Silicon Valley icon.
- Mike Wallau spoke in support of Facebook as they have made a difference with small businesses in the community.
- Nevada Merriman spoke in favor of the project and encouraged the Council to move forward with the project.
- Kau Lubarsky, Jobtrain Marketing, stated that Facebook has been a great partner. Facebook has done tremendous things in the community and has already shown the impact on so many lives.
- John Asenso spoke in favor of Facebook for their contributions to Jobtrain and the lives that are being turned around because of their generosity.
- Jo Gonzales spoke in support of moving the Facebook Project forward.

ACTION: There was no formal action on the item.

F2. Council review and possible direction regarding a proposed hotel at 555 Glenwood Avenue and associated use definition, public benefit bonus, parking rate and use of the Garwood Way right-of-way (*Staff report #12-162*)
Staff presentation by Thomas Rogers, Senior Planner

NOTE: Council Member Cohen announced that he has a conflict of interest in the item due to the proximity of his property and left the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

Speaking on the item:

Sand Hill Properties:

- Reed Moulds (main applicant)
- Mark Lin (hotel specialist)

Casa on the Peninsula:

- Ann Villapando (corporate executive director)

Public Comment

- Steve asked how length of stay is calculated, and commented on parking spaces on Garwood Way.
- Adina Levin stated her concerns around the permanent granting of the 29 parking spaces on Garwood Way as well as a major north/south route.

ACTION: There was no formal action on the item.

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: None

J. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

K. PUBLIC COMMENT #2: None

L. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.


Margaret S. Roberts, MMC
City Clerk

Minutes accepted at the Council meeting of November 13, 2012