



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025
City Council Chambers

Mayor Ohtaki called the Session to order at 5:41 p.m. with all members present.

1. Interview applicant for one vacancy on the Planning Commission
The Council interviewed Katherine Strehl for the Planning Commission vacancy.

There were no members of the public present to make public comments. The Council went into Closed Session at 5:53 p.m.

CL1. Discussion with legal counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) regarding existing litigation – 2 cases:

(1) Town of Atherton, et al. v. California High Speed Rail Authority
Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, Case No. 34-2008-80000022
(Atherton 1)

(2) Town of Atherton, et al. v. California High Speed Rail Authority
Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, Case No. 34-2010-80000679
(Atherton 2)

NOTE: Vice Mayor Mueller announced that he has a conflict of interest regarding the item due to the proximity of previously owned property and left the meeting at 5:53 p.m. and returned at 6:50 p.m.

CL2. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6 to conference with labor negotiators regarding labor negotiations with the Police Officers Association (POA) and Police Management Association (PMA)
Attendees: Alex McIntyre, City Manager, Starla Jerome-Robinson, Assistant City Manager, Bill McClure, City Attorney, Gina Donnelly, Human Resources Director, Robert Jonsen, Police Chief, Dave Bertini, Commander

Mayor Ohtaki called the Regular Session to order at 7:15 p.m. with all members present.

Mayor Ohtaki led the Pledge of Allegiance

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

ACTION: The City Council decided not to pursue an appeal regarding Closed Session Item CL1 4-0-1 (Mueller recused).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A1. Proclamation regarding West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week April 21-27, 2013 ([Attachment](#))

Mayor Ohtaki presented the proclamation to Valentina Cogoni.

A2. Presentation regarding Police Services by Steve Belcher ([Attachment](#))

Steve Belcher gave a presentation on the organizational review of the Police Department.

B. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS

B1. Bicycle Commission quarterly report on status of their 2-year Work Plan
Commission presentation by Chair Gregory Klingsporn

B2. Library Commission quarterly report on status of their 2-year Work Plan
Commission presentation by Vice Chair Michelle Figueras ([Picture](#))

B3. Consider appointment to fill one vacancy on the Planning Commission
([Staff report #13-068](#))

ACTION: By acclamation, the City Council appointed Katherine Strehl to the Planning Commission with a term ending April 30, 2017.

STUDY SESSION

SS1. Discussion of frontage improvement requirements for discretionary permits
([Staff report #13-071](#))

Staff presentation by Roger Storz, Senior Civil Engineer and Chip Taylor, Director of Public Works ([PowerPoint](#))

Public Comment

- Michelle Stribling gave a presentation regarding the lack of a need for sidewalks in the Allied Arts neighborhood. ([PowerPoint](#))
- Thomas Conrad stated he is opposed to frontage improvements due to the number of trees that would need to be removed in the Allied Arts neighborhood.
- J.F. Duhig spoke against sidewalks in the Allied Arts neighborhood.
- Barbara Tyler spoke regarding a survey of impact of enforced sidewalks in the 100 block of Yale Road. ([Survey](#))
- Debra Littleton-Gerow stated that she does not want nor is there a need for sidewalks in the Allied Arts neighborhood.
- Charles Irby stated they value the semi-rural atmosphere of their neighborhood.
- Kathy Parker stated she is opposed to sidewalks in the Allied Arts neighborhood.

ACTION: The Council provided individual input with agreement that sidewalks on low volume local roadways should not be required and took no formal action on the item.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

There were no comments made from the public.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

- D1.** Adopt **Resolution No. 6143** appropriating an additional \$20,000 from the General Fund CIP fund balance, awarding a construction contract for the Belle Haven Child Development Center Playground Improvement Project to Ross Construction in the amount of \$80,561.28, and authorizing a total budget of \$95,000 for construction, contingencies, inspection, and project management ([Staff report #13-070](#))
- D2.** Approve a third amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Greenheart Land Company extending the escrow timeline for the sale of property owned by the former Menlo Park Redevelopment Agency located at 777-821 Hamilton Avenue due to delays in obtaining State Department of Finance approval for the sale ([Staff report #13-072](#))

ACTION: Motion and second (Carlton/Cline) to approve the Consent Calendar passes unanimously.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings scheduled.

F. REGULAR BUSINESS

- F1.** Consider state and federal legislative items, including decisions to support or oppose any such legislation, and items listed under Written Communication or Information Item
There were no legislative items discussed.

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no City Manager report given.

H. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

There were no written communications.

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- I1.** Quarterly financial review of General Fund operations as of March 31, 2013
([Staff report #13-067](#))
Staff answered questions from the Council.
- I2.** Review of the City's investment portfolio as of March 31, 2013 ([Staff report #13-069](#))
The Council received the report.

J. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Council Members reported in compliance with AB1234 requirements.

K. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

There were no public comments made.

L. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned the Regular Session at 10:29 p.m. to return to Closed Session on item CL2.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

There was no reportable action for Closed Session Item CL2.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

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

Margaret S. Roberts, MMC

City Clerk

Minutes accepted at the Council meeting of June 4, 2013