



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 19, 2013
6:00 P.M.
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025
City Council Chambers

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Ohtaki called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with all members present. Barbara Kautz was present as Special Counsel.

Mayor Ohtaki led the pledge of allegiance.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

The closed session scheduled at 6:00 p.m. today was cancelled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager McIntyre announced the appointment of Pam Aguilar as the new City Clerk.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS – None

B. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS

C. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

- Adina Levin spoke regarding bicycle safety at the intersection of Bayfront Express and the potential housing site at Haven.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR – None

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

F. REGULAR BUSINESS

F1. Review of the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan, including potential direction for changes ([Staff report # 13-176](#))

Special Counsel Kautz stated Mayor Pro Tem Mueller's conflict of interest in regards to this item. Due to Mayor Pro Tem Mueller selling property within 500 feet of the subject location, specifically the southeast area of El Camino Real which includes the Stanford property, and that this property is a source of income for Mayor Pro Tem Mueller, he remains recused from this item for one year following the sale of the property.

At 7:15 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Mueller exited the Council chambers.

Staff presentation by Senior Planner Thomas Rogers
Planning Commission presentation by Chair John Kadvany

Public Comment:

- Joel Butler stated that the plan controls development, brings in business patrons and revenue and eliminates urban blight. He urged Council to stay the course.
- Jason Moody stated that the Specific Plan is a good plan
- Harold Justman, Menlo College, stated that the plan is good for the community

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- Charlie Bourne stated that Santa Cruz Avenue should be exempt from the plan and that the plan should be terminated
 - Clem Moloney stated his appreciation for all those who have been involved with the process
 - Katherine Strehl (as an individual) commended staff and stated that the Planning Commission's deliberations and analysis were thorough and that no changes should be made
 - Steve Pierce, Greenheart Land Co., stated that development should be built according to the community vision without any delays
 - Gita Dev, Sierra Club, urged Council to consider the jobs-to-housing balance ([handout](#))
 - Adina Levin, as an individual, supports the Planning Commission plan to fund infrastructure and transportation recommendations
 - Stefan Petry, Save Menlo, asked the Council to cap office use and to align maximum height of southeast area of El Camino Real and to consider an infrastructure fee
 - John Boyle supports moving forward with the plan with no changes
 - Doug Marks supports moving forward with the plan with no changes
 - Sam Wright supports approving a zoning ordinance created by the plan
 - Patrick Lane, Stanford Park Hotel, supports the plan and believes it brings vibrancy to the area
 - Jonathan Moeller supports the plan, which gives developers the opportunity to improve the community
 - Howard Crittenden supports moving forward with the plan without any changes and is excited about the future
 - Mike Moran stated the need for residential, commercial and retail development and for controlled growth
 - Steve Schmidt spoke regarding balancing office use with other uses and public benefit
 - Marc Bryman spoke regarding the allowable development area and that one or two projects should not encompass the entire plan
 - Roy Sardina-Thiele supports moving forward with the plan, encouraging the Council to stay the course
 - Henry Riggs, as an individual, spoke regarding 500 El Camino Real, traffic impacts and the responses from Stanford, Council and the public and the process
 - Rosanne Foust, San Mateo County Economic Development Association, supports the plan
 - Gino Gasparini, Chamber of Commerce, stated that the process was thoughtful and supports the plan with no changes
 - John Donahoe, Stanford University, spoke regarding open space requirements, public benefit and the Planning Commission's recommendations and in support of the letter from the Sierra Club
 - Kevin Sheehan, Save Menlo, spoke regarding traffic concerns
 - Cherie Zaslowsky stated that the plan is contradictory to suburban values and should be scaled down
 - Steve Elliott spoke regarding the Stanford project, transparency and good planning
 - Wallace Murfit stated not to make any changes to the plan
 - Skip Hilton spoke regarding urban blight and vacant lots on El Camino Real and encouraged mixed use and density
 - Fran Dehn, Chamber of Commerce, stated that the plan meets the goal statement as originally envisioned and addresses growth and housing
 - Harry Bims supports going forward with the plan
 - Vincent Bressler stated that the Planning Commission should be given more control under architectural control
 - Patti Fry spoke regarding balancing office use against other uses

ACTION: Motion and second (Carlton/Cline) to discuss PC Recommendations #4 (Infrastructure – Implementation), #5 (Infrastructure – Revenue generation), #7 and #8 (Traffic & Mobility) as part of the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) process passes 4-0-1 (Mueller recused).

ACTION: Motion and second (Carlton/Keith) to consider implementation of a City-wide Transportation Management Association (PC Recommendation #6 - Traffic & Mobility) as part of the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) process passes 4-0-1 (Mueller recused).

ACTION: Motion and second (Keith/Cline) to approve PC Recommendations #1 (Scope of PC Architectural Control), #2 (Public Benefit and Architectural Control Thresholds; Public Benefit Categories) and #3 (Middle Plaza & ECR SE Zone), with the acknowledgement that #2 and #3 could be achieved through interpretation/clarification memorandums if there aren't any other changes made to the Specific Plan, passes 4-0-1 (Mueller recused).

ACTION: Motion and second (Cline/Keith) that PC Recommendation #9 (Downtown) be considered as part of the CIP process passes 4-0-1 (Mueller recused).

ACTION: Motion and second (Keith/Cline) to reject PC Recommendation #11 (Middle Plaza & ECR SE Zone) passes 4-0-1 (Mueller recused).

ACTION: Motion and second (Keith/Ohtaki) to approve PC Recommendation #10 (Middle Plaza & ECR SE Zone) and delete the words "and construction" (in both locations) passes 4-0-1 (Mueller recused).

ACTION: Motion and second (Carlton/Keith) to reject PC Recommendation #12 (Middle Plaza & ECR SE Zone) passes 4-0-1 (Mueller recused).

ACTION: Motion and second (Cline/Keith) to limit medical and dental office uses to a maximum of 33,333 square feet for any individual development project passes 4-0-1 (Mueller recused).

F2. 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

I1. Quarterly financial review of General Fund operations as of September 30
(*Staff report # 13-173*).

This item was continued to the December 10, 2013 Council meeting

I2. Review of the City's Investment Portfolio as of September 30 (*Staff report # 13-174*)

This item was continued to the December 10, 2013 Council meeting

I3. Quarterly review of Economic Development (*Staff report # 13-175*)

This item was continued to the December 10, 2013 Council meeting

J. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

K. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:01 a.m. on November 20, 2013.



Pamela Aguilar
City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the Council meeting of January 28, 2014.