



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at 7:00 PM
City Council Chambers
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. with all councilmembers present.

Mayor Mueller led the pledge of allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A1. Proclamation

Mayor Mueller presented a proclamation to Police Chief Robert Jonsen ([attachment](#))

A2. Presentation on Belle Haven Neighborhood Action Plan Update ([Staff report # 14-152](#))

Staff presentation by Derek Schweigart, Assistant Community Services Director ([presentation](#)). Rachel Kaci, member of Belle Haven Community Development fund, provided information about the Belle Haven Mini-Grant program and Dennis Bower, spoke regarding the Public Safety Action Team.

Public Comment:

- Joellen McGruder expressed appreciation for Chief Jonsen, the Belle Haven community and staff's involvement with the improvements in the Belle Haven neighborhood
- Carolyn Clarke expressed appreciation for the improvements in the Belle Haven neighborhood and in opposition to recent liquor license application by neighborhood business
- Vicky Robledo expressed appreciation for the improvements in Belle Haven neighborhood

A3. Quarterly Update from San Mateo County Mosquito & Vector Control District Trustee

Presentation by Valentina Cogoni, Trustee and Brian Weber, Assistant Manager for San Mateo County Mosquito & Vector Control District Trustee ([presentation](#))

Council requests San Mateo County Mosquito & Vector Control District to return to a future City Council Meeting to recap information provided today regarding recent fogging, noticing and safety.

B. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS

B1. Transportation Commission quarterly report on the status of their 2 Year Work Plan
Commission Chair Bianca Walser gave the report.

B2. Bicycle Commission quarterly report on the status of their 2 Year Work Plan
Commission Chair Bill Kirsch gave the report.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

- Sheryl Bims provided pictures of ballast rocks stored by Caltrain along the Chilco corridor and requests Council to request Caltrain to remove the ballast rocks
- Joan Dentler introduced herself as the new field representative for Senator Jerry Hill and invited Council to Senator Jerry Hill's event in Los Altos on Sept. 5th ([handout](#))

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

D1. Waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 1009 rezoning property located at 151 Commonwealth Drive and 164 Jefferson Drive
([Staff report # 14-156](#))

D2. Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. to provide annual tree maintenance services for five years with authorization to extend the contract for up to five additional years up to the budgeted amount each year ([Staff report # 14-155](#))

D3. Approve Resolution No. 6228 authorizing the annual destruction of records
([Staff report # 14-151](#))

Mayor Pro Tem Carlton commented briefly on Item D3 and suggested streamlining this process. Councilmember Cline also agreed with updating the policy.

D4. Waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 1008 to amend Chapter 8.04 [Nuisances] of Title 8 [Peace, Safety and Morals] of the Menlo Park Municipal Code, to include payday lenders and auto title lenders as added nuisances
([Staff report # 14-157](#))

D5. Accept and appropriate the State of California, Department of Transportation Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant PT1529, in the amount of \$85,000, and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary agreements to conduct specified traffic enforcement operations ([Staff report # 14-131](#))

ACTION: Motion and second (Cline/Keith) to approve all items on the Consent Calendar passes unanimously.

E. PUBLIC HEARING – None

F. REGULAR BUSINESS

F1. Adopt a resolution authorizing the installation of stop signs at the northerly and southerly ends of Wallea Drive at San Mateo Drive (continued from May 6th meeting) ([Staff report # 14-154](#)) ([presentation/powerpoint](#))

Public Comment:

- Robert Caletti spoke in opposition of stop signs on Wallea Drive and suggested either installing a stop sign on San Mateo Drive or a yield sign on Wallea Drive
- Judy Caletti spoke in opposition of stop signs on Wallea Drive and in favor of stops signs on San Mateo Drive instead
- Catherine McMillan spoke in support of the installation of stop signs on Wallea Drive
- Lyn Masbou spoke in opposition of stop signs on Wallea Drive and in favor of stops signs on San Mateo Drive instead
- JP Masbou spoke in opposition of stop signs on Wallea Drive and suggested installing warning signs on San Mateo Drive instead
- Greg McMillan spoke in support of the installation of stop signs on Wallea Drive
- Elias Blawie spoke in opposition of any traffic signs on the northerly side of Wallea Drive and in favor of yield signs instead of stop signs on the southerly side of Wallea Drive

ACTION: Motion and second (Ohtaki/Cline) to adopt **Resolution No. 6229** authorizing the installation of yield sign at the northerly and southerly ends of Wallea at San Mateo Drive and bike crossing signs on San Mateo Drive passes 3-2 (Carlton and Mueller dissent).

F2. Adopt an urgency ordinance to implement the State Water Resources Control Board's emergency mandatory regulations for water conservation; adopt a resolution to establish a Water Conservation Plan; introduce an ordinance to continue the mandatory regulations upon expiration of the urgency ordinance; and approve a new Environmental Programs Specialist position and outreach program in the amount of \$155,000 to be covered by the water fund ([Staff report # 14-158](#))

Staff presentation by Jesse Quirion, Interim Public Works Director ([presentation](#))

Public Comment:

- Carolyn Dorsch spoke in support of an outreach program and against an urgency ordinance
- Michael Yantos spoke in opposition of a 30% conservation requirement for all Menlo Park residents and suggested to allow those residents that are already conserving a lower percentage of 20%
- Elias Blawie asked for clarification whether the Ordinance was for all three water agencies and where funding comes from for the City's water fund.

ACTION: Motion and second (Keith/Carlton) taking the following actions passes unanimously:

1. Adopt an urgency **Ordinance No. 1010** to:
 - a) Enact chapter 7.35 of the Menlo Park Municipal Code allowing City Council to adopt by resolution a Water Conservation Plan consistent with any emergency water regulations adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) or drought-related actions imposed by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC).
 - b) Suspend Chapter 7.34 on Water Rationing (Ordinance 821) to the extent it is inconsistent with Chapter 7.35.
 - c) Suspend Chapter 7.38 on Water Conservation (Ordinance 849) to the extent it is inconsistent with Chapter 7.35.

2. Adopt **Resolution No. 6230** to establish a Water Conservation Plan that will implement Stage 3 of the City's WSCP and the additional requirements of the new SWRCB regulations.
3. Introduce an ordinance to continue implementing the SWRCB's regulations upon expiration of the urgency ordinance.
4. Staff to explore other water conservation outreach program staffing options and bring their recommendation to the next City Council meeting on September 9th.

F3. Authorize the City Manager to apply for restoration funding with the Department of Education to reinstate full-day child care services in Room Four at the Belle Haven Child Development Center and approve 1.25 additional FTEs at a net cost of \$16,384 for fiscal year 2014-15 to staff the room ([Staff report # 14-153](#))
Presentation by Community Services Director Cherise Brandell ([presentation](#))

ACTION: Motion and second (Keith/Carlton) to apply for restoration funding with the Department of Education to reinstate full-day child care services in Room Four at the Belle Haven Child Development Center and approve 1.25 additional FTEs at a net cost of \$16,384 for fiscal year 2014-15 to staff the room passes unanimously

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – None

H. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION – None

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – None

J. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Keith reported on her participation in Tour De Menlo.
Councilmember Ohtaki reported on the General Plan Advisory Committee meeting.

K. PUBLIC COMMENT #2 – None

L. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 11:18 p.m.

Nicole Mariano
Deputy City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the Council meeting of January 13, 2015.