



**CITY COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
Tuesday, March 10, 2015  
City Council Chambers  
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025

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**4:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION (1st floor Council Conference Room, Administration Building)**

Closed Session Item #1 was cancelled and will be rescheduled for a future date.

**CL1.** Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section §54957:  
Public Employee Performance Evaluation - City Manager

Attendees: City Manager Alex McIntyre, Jan Perkins

Closed Session Item #2 was rescheduled to 5:30 p.m. Mayor Carlton called the Closed Session to order at 5:40 p.m. Councilmember Keith arrived at 5:45 p.m. Councilmember Mueller was not present.

**CL2.** Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section §54957.6 to conference with labor negotiators regarding labor negotiations with SEIU, AFSCME, Unrepresented Management

Attendees: City Manager Alex McIntyre, Assistant City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson, City Attorney Bill McClure

**6:00 P.M. SPECIAL BUSINESS**

Mayor Carlton introduced Mayor Donal Lyons of Galway City, Ireland and recognized him with a proclamation and exchanging of gifts. Chief Executive Brendan McGrath was also present. A video highlighting the recently formed friendship between the Two Menlos was presented and a cake and coffee reception followed. ([Attachment](#))

**6:30 P.M. STUDY SESSION**

**SS1.** Update on the Menlo Gateway Project at 100-190 Independence Drive and 101-155 Constitution Drive including an overview of the new hotel and the project review process ([Staff Report #15-045](#)) ([Applicant's Presentation](#))

Assistant Community Development Manager Justin Murphy introduced the item.

The following spoke on behalf of the applicant team:

David Bohannon

Michael Moskowitz on behalf of Ensemble

Julius Robinson on behalf of Marriott and the Autograph Collection

Jack Highwart on behalf of hotel architect Cunningham

Jeff Heller on behalf of office architect Heller Manus

Public Comment:

- Eileen McLaughlin spoke regarding bird safe design
- Adina Levin spoke regarding community and connectivity benefits

There was Council consensus to direct staff to pursue Option 2. J. Murphy stated that an updated timeline will be brought back to Council at its March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION**

Mayor Carlton called the meeting to order at 7:57 p.m. Councilmember Mueller was absent due to a family illness.

Staff present: City Manager Alex McIntyre, Assistant City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson, City Attorney Bill McClure and City Clerk Pamela Aguilar

Mayor Carlton led the pledge of allegiance.

### **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

There was no reportable action from the closed session held earlier this evening.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The deadline for applications to the Planning Commissions has been extended to March 31st.

### **A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

#### **A1. Proclamation: Red Cross Month ([Attachment](#))**

Tricia Clement accepted the proclamation.

#### **A2. Proclamation recognizing Menlo School on its 100-year anniversary ([Attachment](#))**

Julie Douglas and Amy Sanford, Centennial Committee Co-Chairs, accepted the proclamation.

#### **A3. Presentation to delegation from Galway, Ireland**

This item took place at 6:00pm

### **B. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS - None**

### **C. PUBLIC COMMENT #1**

- Joe Straton spoke regarding airplane noise
- Kim Rubin spoke regarding train safety ([Presentation](#))
- Wynn Grcich spoke regarding fluoride ([Handout](#))

### **D. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Keith pulled Item D-1 for further discussion.

#### **D1. Adopt amended salary schedule for fiscal year 2014-15 ([Staff Report #15-043](#))**

Councilmember Keith stated that this amended Salary Schedule includes a correction of a typographical error to the pay rate for the City Manager classification and the addition of the new classification of Police Corporal.

#### **D2. Approval of \$2,070,000 transfer from unassigned fund balance to Strategic Pension Funding Reserve ([Staff Report #15-025](#))**

#### **D3. Approve minutes for the Council meeting of February 24, 2015 ([Attachment](#))**

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Keith/Ohtaki) to approve Items D2 and D3 on the Consent Calendar passes 4-0-1 (Mueller absent)

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Keith/Cline) to approve Item D-1 passes 4-0-1 (Mueller absent)

**E. PUBLIC HEARING - None**

**F. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- F1.** Approve the preferred alternative for the Santa Cruz Avenue Sidewalk Project between Olive Street and Johnson Street ([Staff Report #15-044](#))([Presentation](#))

At 8:20 p.m., Assistant City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson recused herself due to a conflict of interest that her residence is located within 500 feet of the project area.

Director of Public Works Jesse Quirion gave a presentation.

Public Comment:

- Arnold Wilson spoke regarding safety issues and supports sidewalks on both sides of the street
- Bill Frimel spoke regarding safety issues and the need for parking and bike lanes
- Ingo Lange complimented staff on its outreach efforts and supports the preferred alternative, but suggested it be implemented on a block-by-block
- Whitney McKiernan stated that the Bike Commission recommends Alternate 3 and reflects the input from the community; she expressed that human safety takes priority over landscaping
- Adina Levin supports sidewalks on both sides and buffered bike lanes, but that safety takes priority; she also spoke regarding the turn lane at Johnson and undergrounding
- Michael Doran asked Council to postpone taking action until Councilmember Mueller can participate and spoke regarding property rights and stated that landscaping in the right-of-way enhances the character of the community, but that he supports sidewalks and bike lanes
- Greg Klingsporn urged Council to take action with consideration for users of the sidewalks and bike lanes, and stated that the preferred alternative considers all aspects
- Cindy Welton spoke regarding safety and taking action that encourages walking and biking
- Mickie Winkler stated that five foot sidewalks are not wide enough to support pedestrians and strollers, and that sidewalks should be at least seven feet wide
- Greg Baker supports the preferred alternative
- Horace Nash spoke ([Handout](#)) slowing down traffic, updating existing sidewalks, and landscaping
- Sally Cole supports the preferred alternative with the exception of not using all the right-of-way and eliminating the middle turn lane at Olive
- Dail Koehler expressed concern regarding the elimination of street parking
- Jeff Kleck supports the preferred alternative
- George Otte complimented staff's efforts and supports the preferred alternative and would like to maintain or add parking
- Greg Druehl prefers six foot sidewalks and stated that parents of children attending Hillview School are stakeholders in this issue
- Bill Kirsch complimented the efforts of staff and Council and suggested eliminating the center turn lane in order to slow down traffic
- Pat Finlay supports the preferred alternative but asked to consider the cost to those who would have to modify their landscaping
- Sarah Kernasovsky supports the preferred alternative and asked that the sidewalk between Arbor and downtown be repaired
- Sasha Agamin expressed concern regarding the safety of bicyclists

- Maggie Betsock supports sidewalks and spoke regarding trees
- Russ Petersen supports sidewalks on both sides, removing the center turn lane, adding parking pockets and slowing down traffic
- Eleanor Rac supports sidewalks and bike lanes for the safety of the community
- Lisa McPherson supports sidewalks and maintaining the center turn lane
- Vasile Oros supports maintaining the center turn lane
- Fred Berghout stated that the sidewalk project must proceed, recommends six foot sidewalks and safety should be a priority
- Michelle Otte supports sidewalks at either five or six feet but not wider and maintaining the center turn lane and encourages measures to slow down traffic
- Brett Degner spoke regarding safety issues for bicyclists and possibly breaking up the center turn lane

J. Quirion read the statement of Councilmember Mueller supporting the preferred alternative. ([Letter](#))

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Ohtaki/Cline) to approve the preferred alternative for the Santa Cruz Avenue Sidewalk Project between Olive Street and Johnson Street passes 4-0-1 (Mueller absent) with the following revisions/directions:

Designed with six foot wide sidewalks so long as they do not impact heritage trees, large hedges or fences or other permanent improvements, and where there is an impact the design would decrease to five feet or not less than four feet around a heritage tree if necessary; explore leaving parking on the south side between Fremont Park and Fremont Street or potentially Arbor and if the existing sidewalk can be improved that it be made ADA compliant; explore future undergrounding with PG&E on the south side and that this be done at the same time; prioritizing human safety, i.e. favor bike buffer over sidewalk width around heritage trees but that heritage trees take priority over the bike buffer so long as a four foot sidewalk is maintained.

J. Quirion stated to Council that staff will proceed with the design of six foot sidewalks taking into consideration the impacts that have been identified. If there are areas that need further consideration by Council, they will be brought back in a future study session.

**F2.** Accept the 2014-15 Mid-Year Financial Summary and appropriate \$85,000 in revenue from the Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund for expenditures related to the dissolution of the former Community Development Agency ([Staff Report #15-034](#)) ([Presentation](#))

Finance Director Drew Corbett gave a brief presentation.

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Ohtaki/Keith) to accept the 2014-15 Mid-Year Financial Summary and appropriate \$85,000 in revenue from the Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund for expenditures related to the dissolution of the former Community Development Agency passes 4-0-1 (Mueller absent)

**G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – None**

**H. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION – None**

**I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS - None**

**J. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS - None**

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**K. PUBLIC COMMENT #2**

There was no public comment.

**L. ADJOURNMENT** at 12:14pm



Pamela Aguilar  
City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the Council meeting of March 24, 2015.