



**CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL AND REGULAR MINUTES
Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 6:30 PM
City Council Chambers
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025**

6:30 P.M. CLOSED SESSION (1st floor Council Conference Room, Administration Building)

Mayor Carlton called the closed session to order at 7:00 p.m. All Councilmembers were present.

CL1. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section §54957.6 to conference with labor negotiators regarding labor negotiations with PSA

Attendees: City Manager Alex McIntyre, Assistant City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson, City Attorney Bill McClure, Human Resources Director Gina Donnelly, Finance Director Drew Corbett, Labor Counsel Charles Sakai

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Carlton called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.

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

Mayor Carlton announced the current vacancies on the various City commissions and that the deadline to apply will be extended for all Commissions except the Planning Commission.

SS. STUDY SESSION

SS1. Provide feedback on Downtown Parking Program ([Presentation](#))

Transportation Manager Nikki Nagaya introduced the item. Bill Hurl gave a presentation.

Public Comment:

- Fran Dehn, Chamber of Commerce, spoke regarding the need for on-street parking consistency and 3-hour parking
- Cindy Welton spoke regarding the need to consolidate parking structures and provide space for more bike lanes

Based on Council consensus, staff will bring back a report on potential alternatives to simplify the current parking restrictions in the downtown area. Potential modifications could include modifying time limits, such as extending the 2-hour free parking limit in the public plazas to 3 free hours, modifying 15-minute zones to 30-minutes or 1-hour, or other changes to provide more consistent options and time limits. Feedback was also given to initiate planning for a parking structure, which will be included as part of the upcoming discussion on the City's 5-Year Capital Improvement Program. The staff report will consider implications for parking demand, costs, and revenue implications that could come with such modifications.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS - None

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

C. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

Assistant City Manager Robinson exited the Council chambers during public comment due to a conflict of interest that her residence is within 300 feet of Santa Cruz Avenue.

- Mike Doran spoke regarding Santa Cruz Avenue sidewalks and clarification of the motion from the March 10th City Council meeting
- Greg Druehl spoke in support of six-foot sidewalks on Santa Cruz Avenue
- Betsy Nash spoke regarding Santa Cruz Avenue sidewalks, reducing speed, the immediate need for a survey, undergrounding and interim implementation of the bike buffer
- Cindy Welton spoke regarding bike safety, reducing speed, buffers and restriping on Santa Cruz Avenue
- Tim Brand spoke regarding cement plant pollution in Cupertino
- Barry Chang, Bay Area for a Clean Environment, requested Council to join in an amicus brief supporting an appeal against Lehigh Southwest Cement Company ([Handout](#))

Councilmember Mueller recused himself from further discussion regarding Mr. Chang's comments due to a conflict of interest that within the last year he was employed by Senator Joe Simitian who has jurisdiction over the item.

Assistant City Manager Robinson returned to the Council chambers.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Keith pulled Items D3 and D4 for further discussion.

- D1.** Approve the Environmental Quality Commission 2-Year Work Plan goals for years 2014-2016 ([Staff Report #15-048](#))
- D2.** Approve the design of the solar carport at the Burges Campus, appropriate \$320,000 from the General Capital Improvement Fund balance, and authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment/agreement with Cupertino Electric

[\(Staff Report #15-049\)](#)

D3. Approve the process for reviewing proposed modifications to the Menlo Gateway Project at 100-190 Independence Drive and 101-155 Constitution Drive and authorize the City Manager to execute a letter regarding proposed project modifications after consulting with the Planning Commission and making findings consistent with the Development Agreement and Conditional Development Permit [\(Staff Report #15-046\)](#)

D4. Approve minutes for the Council meeting of March 10, 2015 [\(Attachment\)](#)

ACTION: Motion and second (Keith/Ohtaki) to approve Items D1 and D2 on the Consent Calendar passes unanimously.

ACTION: Motion and second (Ohtaki/Keith) to approve Item D4 with the modifications stated by Councilmember Keith passes unanimously.

In regards to Item D3, Tim Tosta of the Bohannon Development Company provided information and responded to concerns regarding bird strikes.

ACTION: Motion and second (Keith/Ohtaki) to approve Item D3 passes unanimously.

E. PUBLIC HEARING - None

F. REGULAR BUSINESS

F1. Review and Acceptance of the Annual Report on the status and progress in implementing the City's Housing Element and the Annual Housing Successor Report [\(Staff Report #15-047\)](#)

Senior Planner Deanna Chow introduced the item.

ACTION: Motion and second (Ohtaki/Cline) to accept the Annual Report on the status and progress in implementing the City's Housing Element and the Annual Housing Successor Report passes unanimously.

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – None

H. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION – None

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS - None

J. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

J1. Rail Subcommittee update

City Attorney McClure exited the Council chambers due to a conflict of interest that his business location is within 300 feet of the railway.

Councilmember Cline reported on the recent Rail Subcommittee meeting and discussions regarding grade separation at Ravenswood Avenue and modifications to the Ravenswood Crossing.

Councilmember Keith reported on the recent community meeting with Belle Haven residents and Caltrans regarding ballast rock near Chilco Street.

Mayor Carlton and Councilmember Mueller reported on their recent trip to Kochi, India in connection with the cities' economic exchange agreement and showed a short video.

Councilmember Keith reported regarding a recent BAWSCA meeting and a violation of untreated water mixed with Hetch Hetchy water, and potential rate increases.

K. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

There was no public comment.

L. ADJOURNMENT at 10:02 p.m.



Pamela Aguilar
City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the Council meeting of June 2nd, 2015.