



**CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 6:00 PM
Menlo Park Senior Center
110 Terminal Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025**

6:00 P.M. STUDY SESSION

Mayor Carlton called the Study Session to order at 6:10 p.m.

All Council members were present. Councilmember Mueller arrived at 6:15 p.m. Councilmember Cline arrived at 6:27 p.m.

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

SS1. Review and provide general direction on different strategies for defining public benefit ([Staff report #15-063](#))

Economic Development Manager Jim Cogan introduced the item. Michael Yarne of Up Urban made a presentation. ([Presentation](#))

Public Comment:

- Chief Harold Schapelhouman, Menlo Park Fire Protection District, spoke regarding land, traffic and road access, impact fees, having a standard methodology for determining public benefit and working together with the City and community
- Adina Levin spoke regarding prioritizing public benefit by change area of the plan update
- Ana Adriano spoke regarding access to transportation and education
- Tamarra (no last name given) spoke regarding the need for quality education in Belle Haven
- Terri Epidendio expressed concern regarding the reliance on Facebook
- Maya Perkins thanked the Council for holding its meeting in Belle Haven and determining benefits according to the needs of each area as they will be different
- Sheryl Bims spoke regarding undergrounding, street landscaping and education

Council discussion ensued and feedback was provided regarding the different tools Council would like more information about.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Carlton called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:46 p.m. All Council members were present.

Mayor Carlton led the pledge of allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A1. Proclamation celebrating Earth Week ([Attachment](#))
Diane Bailey of Menlo Spark accepted the proclamation.

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

C. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

- Jane Perry spoke regarding traffic
- Alana MacGillivray expressed the need for affordable housing for those who work in the Belle Haven community
- Ana Adriano spoke regarding the need for more library services and programs for children and the possibility of a shuttle to Menlo-Atherton High School
- Vicky Robledo spoke regarding traffic and expressed concern regarding maintaining the cultural diversity of the community

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Mueller pulled items D3 and D4 for further discussion.

- D1.** Authorize the City Manager to enter into a service consulting agreement with Sysserco Inc. for the Energy Monitoring System of the Administration and Library Buildings in an amount not to exceed \$375,000 ([Staff Report #15-059](#))
- D2.** Award a contract to Thermal Mechanical Inc. for new chillers and variable frequency drives at the Administration Building and Library in the amount of \$561,160 and authorize a total project budget of \$606,160 for the equipment, contingency and administration ([Staff Report #15-060](#))
- D3.** Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement for architectural services up to \$125,000 for the City Hall improvements ([Staff Report #15-061](#))
- D4.** Approve minutes for the following City Council meetings: March 24th Special Joint Meeting with the Environmental Quality Commission, March 31st City Council Closed Session and Special Meeting, March 31st Special Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission, April 6th City Council Closed Session and April 7th City Council meeting ([Attachment](#))

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

ACTION: Motion and second (Keith/Ohtaki) to approve Item D3 on the Consent Calendar passes 4-1 (Mueller dissents)

In regards to Item D4, Councilmember Mueller requested the April 7th Council meeting minutes be amended to include his comments under Item B1 requesting the Parks & Recreation Commission to look into adding Flood Park into the City park system. Councilmember Keith also requested her comments regarding Flood Park be added.

ACTION: Motion and second (Keith/Mueller) to approve Item D4 with requested amendments passes 4-0-1 (Cline abstained because he was not present at the April 7th Council meeting)

E. PUBLIC HEARING – None

F. REGULAR BUSINESS

- F1.** Consideration of a revised overall project schedule for ConnectMenlo (General Plan and M-2 Area Zoning Update) ([Staff Report #15-062](#))

Assistant Community Development Director Justin Murphy introduced the item. Charlie Knox of Placeworks was present and responded to Council questions.

Public Comment:

- Maya Perkins spoke regarding the need for affordable housing, community amenities, first source agreements with local employers, access to quality education, public transit and open space
- Johnnie Walton spoke regarding revenue generation in the M-2 area compared to other areas of the City
- Fergus O'Shea stated that Facebook looks forward to working with the City and community to research and respond to input regarding community amenities, traffic mitigation, education
- Adina Levin spoke regarding housing needs, supply and affordability
- Bronwyn Alexander inquired regarding the development timeline
- Sheryl Bims thanked the Council for reconsidering the overall project schedule and spoke regarding transparency and disclosure of interests and the importance of education

ACTION: Motion and second (Cline/Ohtaki) to approve a revised overall project schedule for ConnectMenlo (General Plan and M-2 Area Zoning Update) passes unanimously.

F2. Discuss recommendations for two vacant seats on regional boards to be voted on at the City Selection Committee meeting of April 24, 2015 ([Staff report #15-064](#))
City Clerk Pam Aguilar introduced the item.

ACTION: Council made the following recommendations to Menlo Park's City Selection voting delegate: (1) Councilmember Ray Mueller for LAFCo Alternate (2) Councilmember Cameron Johnson of San Carlos for Southern Cities Representative to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – None

H. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION – None

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

I1. Three-month review of Taser Program ([Staff Report #15-058](#))

Police Commander Tony Dixon responded to Council questions regarding the use of a firearm versus a taser and what precautions are taken.

I2. Quarterly review of data captured by Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) for the period beginning January 1, 2015 through April 1, 2015
([Staff Report #15-057](#))

J. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS - None

K. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

- Tamarra (no last name given) asked Council to consider benefits for a growing community, the elderly, traffic and education
- Wynn Grich spoke regarding fluoride ([Handouts](#))

L. ADJOURNMENT at 9:22 p.m.



Pamela Aguilar
City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the Council meeting of May 5, 2015.