



**CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, May 05, 2015 at 6:00 PM**

**City Council Chambers**

**701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025**

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

1. Interviews of applicants for appointments to the Planning Commission

There were no public comments prior to the session.

Mayor Carlton called the Special Session to order at 6:12 p.m. Councilmembers Keith and Ohtaki were present. Councilmembers Cline and Mueller were absent.

The City Council interviewed the following four candidates for the two vacancies on the Planning Commission.

- Susan Goodhue
- Andrew Barnes
- Larry Kahle
- Brent Harris

**ADJOURNMENT at 7:15 p.m.**

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

Mayor Carlton called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. Council members Cline and Mueller were absent.

Mayor Carlton led the pledge of allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

**A1.** Proclamation recognizing Junior League of Palo Alto-Mid Peninsula  
This item was moved to the May 19th, 2015 Council Meeting.

**A2.** Proclamation for Bike to Work Day on May 14, 2015  
Bicycle Commission Chair Bill Kirsch accepted the proclamation. ([Attachment](#))

**B. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS**

**B1.** Consider applicants for appointment to fill two vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Commission, three vacancies on the Library Commission, one vacancy on

the Housing Commission, two vacancies on the Environmental Quality Commission, two vacancies on the Transportation Commission and two vacancies on the Planning Commission

City Clerk Pamela Aguilar facilitated the voting. The council made the following commission appointments. Details regarding nominations and votes recorded in Attachment A of the minutes. ([Attachment](#))

Housing Commission:

- Julianna Dodick

Library Commission:

- Kristen Leep
- Kristina Lemons
- Freda Manuel
- Regine Nelson

Parks and Recreation Commission

- Marianne Palefsky
- Laura Lane

Environmental Quality Commission:

- Scott Marshall
- Andrew Barnes

Transportation Commission:

- Jason Pfannenstiel
- Bianca Walser

Planning Commission:

- Susan Goodhue
- Larry Kahle
- John Onken

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

- Steve Van Pelt spoke in regards to Ravenswood rail crossing grade separations.
- Mike Brady spoke against high speed rail.
- Susan Dunlap spoke about the Bedwell-Bayfront Park Earth Day event.
- Betty Meissner spoke in regards to donations to “Silicon Valley Gives”.
- Adley Vogel spoke in regards to distribution and production of nuclear weapons and asked the Council to consider Menlo Park becoming nuclear free. ([Handout](#))
- Ernest Meissner spoke in regards to the Ravenswood triangle property. ([Handout](#))
- Tom McRae spoke regards Solo Aquatics program and its need for more lanes. ([Handout](#))
- Stephanie Zeller spoke regards Solo Aquatics and fair allocations of lanes.
- Erin Glanville spoke in regards to aquatics contract negotiations and financial analysis of the pool facility revenue.

- Genevieve Gerard spoke about aquatics contract and allowing Solo to access lanes at reasonable hours.
- Lily Helmers spoke about opening an RFP process to allow other operators to compete for the aquatics contract.
- Angela Robinson spoke about the Solo program and options it offers to her children.
- Chad Harding spoke about the Solo Aquatics program.
- John Martin spoke in favor of the Solo Aquatics program.
- Diane Bailey spoke in support of the application for Beacon Award for Sustainable Cities.
- Brian Keating spoke about swimming programs in Menlo Park and the need for having more swimming pools in the city.
- Vaneta Kanelakos spoke about the Solo Aquatics program.

#### **D. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Ohtaki pulled item D2; Mayor Carlton pulled items D2 and D5, and Councilmember Keith pulled items D2 and D4 for further discussion.

- D1.** Amend the contract with Hello Housing for housing loan services and portfolio management and authorize the City Manager to exceed his purchasing authority and appropriate \$25,000 in below market rate housing funds ([Staff Report #15-066](#))
- D2.** Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation to negotiate with Menlo Swim and Sport to extend the lease agreement for City aquatics operations ([Staff Report #15-067](#))
- D3.** Adopt a resolution to support the City of Menlo Park's Beacon Award application for sustainable cities ([Staff report #15-068](#))
- D4.** Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement for architectural rendering services up to \$10,000 for the Santa Cruz Sidewalk Project ([Staff report #15-070](#))
- D5.** Adopt a resolution of intention to abandon public right-of-way and public utility easements within the property at 1221 Willow Road for the Mid-Peninsula Housing Project ([Staff report #15-074](#))
- D6.** Approve minutes for the Council meeting of April 14, 2015 ([Attachment](#))

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Ohtaki/Keith) to approve Items D1, D3, D6 on the Consent Calendar passes 3-0-2. (Cline and Mueller absent)

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Keith/Ohtaki) to approve Item D2 on the Consent Calendar passes 3-0-2. (Cline and Mueller absent)

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Ohtaki/Keith) to approve Item D4 on the Consent Calendar passes 3-0-2. (Cline and Mueller absent)

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Ohtaki/Keith) to approve Item D5 on the Consent Calendar passes 3-0-2. (Cline and Mueller absent)

Jan Lindenhall with the Mid-Peninsula Housing was present and answered questions regarding item D5.

**E. PUBLIC HEARING – None**

**F. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- Elias Blawie spoke in regards to water regulations.

**F1.** Adopt a resolution implementing water regulations for the Menlo Park Municipal Water District ([Staff report #15-069](#))([Presentation](#))  
Senior Civil Engineer Pam Lowe made a presentation.

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Keith/Ohtaki) to adopt resolution implementing water regulations for the Menlo Park Municipal Water District passes 3-0. (Cline and Mueller absent)

**F2.** Consider modifications to the City's Rail Policy to allow elevated rail options and approve a six-month trial installation of modifications to the Alma Street and Ravenswood Avenue intersection ([Staff report #15-072](#))

Public comment:

- David Mathiasmeier spoke in regards to the rail policy.
- Brian Keating spoke in regards to the rail policy and the Ravenswood rail crossing.
- Elias Blawie spoke in regards to the rail policy and the Ravenswood rail crossing.
- Adina Levin spoke in regards to the rail policy and the Ravenswood rail crossing.
- Mike Brady spoke in regards to the rail policy and the Ravenswood rail crossing.
- Mary Abramowitz in regards to the rail policy.

At 10:15 p.m. City Attorney McClure recused himself and left the Council chambers due to a conflict of interest that his business location is in proximity to the location that is the subject of this item. Greg Rubens was present in the City Attorney's place. Transportation Manager Nikki Nagaya introduced the item and made a presentation. Director of Public Works Jesse Quirion answered questions.

**ACTION:** Motion and Second (Keith/Ohtaki) to adopt modifications as included in the staff report to the City's Rail Policy to allow consideration of elevated rail options and approve a six-month trial installation of modifications to the Alma Street and Ravenswood Avenue intersection; and that staff would report back to the Council if problems occur during the trial period passes 3-0-2. (Cline and Mueller absent)

**G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – None**

**H. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION – None**

**I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

No staff presentation.

- I1. Parks and Recreation Commission recommendations regarding non-resident fees for recreation programs ([Staff report #15-065](#))
- I2. Chestnut paseo summer pilot program ([Staff report #15-071](#))
- I3. Update on the proposed Priority Conservation Area (PCA) for the Bayfront area of Menlo Park and East Palo Alto ([Staff report #15-073](#))

**J. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS – None**

Councilmember Ohtaki reported that he has questions in regards to the 35% difference between the non-resident and resident charges for recreational programs and requested from staff that more data be provided for review.

**K. PUBLIC COMMENT #2**

- Adina Levin spoke in regards to water conservation and zero-scaping.
- Elias Blawie stated that he wished to speak regarding the City Manager's contract.

**L. ADJOURNMENT** at 12:10 a.m.



Jelena Harada  
Deputy City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the Council meeting of June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.