



SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 4/4/2017
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Senior Center
110 Terminal Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025

5:30 p.m. Closed Session

Mayor Keith called the closed session to order at 5:45 p.m. Councilmember Mueller arrived at 6:15 p.m.

There was no public comment.

- CL1.** Closed session conference with legal counsel pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 (a) regarding existing litigation: 1 case

Case Name: Perez v. City of Menlo Park
Case Number: Workers Compensation Case Number ADJ710445191

Attendees: City Manager Alex McIntyre, City Attorney Bill McClure, Special Counsel for Workers Compensation Kate Kroeger-Lozano, Administrative Services Director Nick Pegueros, Human Resources Manager Lenka Diaz

- CL2.** Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section §54957.6 to confer with labor negotiators regarding current labor negotiations with Service Employees International Union (SEIU), American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and the Menlo Park Police Sergeants' Association (PSA), the Menlo Park Police Officers' Association (POA)

Attendees: City Manager Alex McIntyre, Administrative Services Director Nick Pegueros, Human Resources Manager Lenka Diaz, City Attorney Bill McClure, Labor Counsel Charles Sakai

7:00 p.m. Regular Session

A. Call To Order

Mayor Keith called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Carlton, Cline, Keith, Mueller, Ohtaki
Absent: None
Staff: City Manager Alex McIntyre, City Attorney Leigh Prince, Special Counsel Greg Rubens, City Clerk Pamela Aguilar

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Keith led the pledge of allegiance

D. Report from Closed Session

There was no reportable action from the closed session.

E. Presentations and Proclamations

E1. Proclamation honoring Sergeant Sharon Kaufman ([Attachment](#))

Retired Police Sergeant Sharon Kaufman was present to accept the proclamation.

E2. Proclamation for Mayor and County Recognition Day for National Service ([Attachment](#))

Jack Nelson, former Director of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District, accepted the proclamation.

E3. Proclamation for National Library Week ([Attachment](#))

Library Commissioners Kristina Lemons, Lynne Bramlette, Jacqui Cebrian and Grayson Badgley accepted the proclamation.

E4. Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month ([Attachment](#))

Melissa Lukin, Executive Director of Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse, accepted the proclamation.

F. Public Comment

- Johnnie Walton spoke regarding street traffic on Newbridge and on Chilco
- Caroline Lucas spoke regarding in support of redistricting
- Jen Wolosin, Parents for Safe Routes, spoke regarding Oak Grove bike lanes
- LJ Anderson spoke regarding the need for library services in Belle Haven
- Cecilia Taylor spoke regarding the need for library services in Belle Haven and about amending the Below Market Rate housing policy

G. Commissioner Reports

G1. Library Commission update to Council on its 2-year work plan ([Attachment](#))

Commission Chair Kristina Lemons gave the report.

H. Study Session

H1. Provide direction on the Ravenswood Avenue Railroad Crossing study ([Staff Report #17-079-CC](#)) ([Presentation](#))

Assistant Public Works Director Nikki Nagaya and Transportation Engineer Angela Obeso introduced the item and consultant gave a presentation.

Public Comment:

- Verle Aebi spoke regarding maintaining connectivity between the main library, Alma and Ravenswood, mitigating traffic and increasing safety
- Steve Schmidt spoke regarding grade separation
- Marcy Abramowitz spoke regarding the regional impact of this project as well as the neighborhood businesses and residences
- Steve Van Pelt spoke regarding a shoe fly track
- Cindy Welton spoke regarding separating as many crossings as possible
- Adina Levin spoke regarding grade separations and enhancing public transit
- Chris Kilburn spoke regarding coordination with neighboring cities and a long-term view
- Fran Dehn spoke regarding the need for more clear communication to the public regarding the project to increase participation and input
- Robert Cronin spoke regarding grade separations
- Joseph Grass spoke regarding grade separations and reaching out to neighboring communities

The City Council directed staff to bring back a legal interpretation from San Mateo County Transportation Authority in closed session regarding the grant requirements for consideration of a third passing track. There was consensus from Councilmembers Carlton, Ohtaki and Keith for continue evaluation of an outside passing track and center boarding platforms, if a passing track is required for future consideration in Menlo Park. Councilmembers Carlton, Cline and Keith are in favor of continuing to study hybrid alternative C and Councilmember Ohtaki was in favor of studying alternative B. Councilmember Cline requested that the elevations of the remaining alternatives (A and C) be marked in the field. The Council also provided suggestions for notification prior to the next community meeting on June 7, 2017.

I. Consent Calendar

- I1. Approve a resolution to amend the City's Salary Schedule effective April 16, 2017
([Staff Report #17-077-CC](#))

ACTION: Motion and second (Ohtaki/Cline) to approve **Resolution 6381** amending the City's Salary Schedule effective April 16, 2017 with the exception of the Sustainability Manager position passes 4-1 (Councilmember Mueller dissents). Staff was directed to bring back the Sustainability Manager position at a future meeting.

J. Informational Items

- J1. IT Master Plan Update ([Staff Report #17-078-CC](#))

Administrative Services Director Nick Pegueros responded to Council questions. Staff will bring back the IT Master Plan for Council approval.

K. City Manager's Report

There was no report.

L. Councilmember Reports

Mayor Keith reported about the League of California Cities meeting in Ontario and stated that Transportation Policy Committee voted to approve Caltrain electrification and the item will go to a board meeting in May.

M. Adjournment

Mayor Keith adjourned the meeting at 10:51 p.m.



Pamela Aguilar, CMC
City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the City Council meeting of May 2, 2017.