

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 6/6/2017
Time: 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

A. Call To Order

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

B. Roll Call

Present: Carlton, Keith, Ohtaki

Absent: Cline, Mueller

Staff: City Manager Alex McIntyre, Assistant City Attorney Leigh Prince, City Clerk Pamela

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C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Keith led the pledge of allegiance.

D. Presentations and Proclamations

D1. Proclamation recognizing Peter Fortenbaugh and the Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula (Attachment)

E. Public Comment

Jen Wolosin spoke regarding Safe Routes to School

F. Consent Calendar

F1. Approve increasing the number of Housing Commissioner to seven and change in meeting date (Staff Report# 17-134-CC)

Public Comment:

Pamela Jones spoke in support of increasing the number of housing commissioners

ACTION: Motion and second (Ohtaki/Carlton) to approve all items on the Consent Calendar passes 3-0-2 (Councilmembers Cline and Mueller are absent).

G. Public Hearing

G1. Public Hearing on Proposed Fiscal Year 2017–18 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan (Staff Report# 17-136-CC) (Presentation)

City Manager Alex McIntyre introduced the item and made a presentation with Administrative Services Director Nick Pegueros and Assistant City Manager Chip Taylor.

Mayor Keith opening the public hearing. There was no public comment. Mayor Keith closed the public hearing.

ACTION: Motion and second (Keith/Ohtaki) to direct staff to make the following two additions to the budget: funding for the Welcoming Cities Initiative and funding for Herbicide-free Parks Initiative passes 3-0-2 (Councilmembers Cline and Mueller are absent).

This item is scheduled to be approved at the June 20 City Council meeting.

H. Regular Business

H1. Consider how to fund a phased approach to expand the herbicide free park program (Staff Report# 17-135-CC) (Presentation)

Public Works Director Justin Murphy made a presentation.

ACTION: Motion and second (Carlton/Ohtaki) to include \$300,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 budget to provide funding to maintain the existing herbicide free parks for approximately 6 months while preparing a request for proposals (RFP) to expand the program and allocate the remaining funding upon receiving the response to the RFP passes 3-0-2 (Councilmembers Cline and Mueller are absent).

H2. Determination of an appeal to the denial of a heritage tree removal permit for one coast redwood at 318 Pope Street (Staff Report# 17-137-CC)

Senior Sustainability Specialist Vanessa Marcadejas introduced the item and provided a brief background. City Arborist Christian Bonner made a presentation. (Presentation)

Appellant Isabelle Cole made a presentation. (Presentation)

Public Comment:

- Michael Young, Urban Tree Management, spoke on behalf of appellant
- Kevin Kielty, Kielty Arborist Services, spoke on behalf of appellant
- Kathleen Avery spoke in support of removing the tree
- Brian Gilmer spoke in support of removing the tree
- Scott Marshall, EQC Commissioner, spoke in support of maintaining the tree
- Ken Kershner spoke in support of removing the tree
- Peter Hadrovic, 310 Pope Street, spoke in support of maintaining the tree
- Angie Degeronimo spoke in support of removing the tree

ACTION: Motion and second (Ohtaki/Keith) to deny the appeal and uphold decisions by staff and the Environmental Quality Commission to deny the Heritage Tree removal permit application at 318 Pope Street passes 2-1-2 (Councilmember Carlton dissents, Councilmembers Cline and Mueller are absent).

H3. Introduce an ordinance to authorize modifications to the process to remove on-street parking based on safety concerns and to establish restrictions to electric vehicle charging spaces (Staff Report# 17-132-CC) (Presentation)

Assistant Public Works Director Nikki Nagaya introduced the item. Assistant Engineer Octavio Duran made a presentation.

ACTION: Motion and second (Keith/Ohtaki) to introduce an ordinance to authorize modifications to the process to remove on-street parking based on safety concerns and to establish restrictions to electric vehicle charging spaces with the following additions: include business owners as a party eligible to appeal a decision and include a warning for first time EV charging space restriction violations passes 2-1-2 (Councilmember Carlton dissents, Councilmembers Cline and Mueller are absent).

I. Informational Items

- Update on proposed revisions to the approved Facebook Campus Expansion Project at 301-309 Constitution Drive (Staff Report# 17-133-CC)
- I2. Update on preparation of comment letters on the Notices of Preparation of Environmental Impact Reports for multiple projects in East Palo Alto (Staff Report# 17-131-CC)

J. City Manager's Report

City Manager McIntyre gave an update on bus shelters.

K. Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Carlton reported that a delegation from India will be visiting Menlo Park on June 19 and students from Japan will be visiting in July.

Mayor Pro Tem Ohtaki reported on the recent ABAG general assembly and the reorganizing of MTC governance.

Mayor Keith reported on the recent panel discussion regarding immigration.

L. Adjournment

Mayor Keith adjourned the meeting at 11: 28 p.m.

Pamela Aguilar, CMC

City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the City Council meeting of June 20, 2017.