



SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 7/18/2017
Time: 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

6:00 p.m. Closed Session (City Hall Administration Building, 1st floor conference room)

Mayor Kirsten Keith called the closed session to order at 6:25 p.m.
Councilmembers Cline, Mueller, and Ohtaki were present. Councilmember Carlton was absent.
There was no public comment on these items.

- CL1.** 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, Human Resources Analyst II Dan Jacobson

7:00 p.m. Regular Session (City Council Chambers)

A. Call To Order

Mayor Keith called the Regular Session to order at 7:19 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Carlton, Cline, Keith, Ohtaki
Absent: Mueller
Staff: City Manager Alex McIntyre, City Attorney Bill McClure, Deputy City Clerk Jelena Harada

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Keith led the pledge of allegiance.

D. Report from Closed Session

There was no reportable action from Closed Session.

E. Presentations and Proclamations

- E1.** Proclamation recognizing July as National Parks and Recreation Month

Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Tucker Stanwood accepted the proclamation.

Community Services Recreation interns Jessica Betancourt and Justin Bell made a presentation highlighting the department's programs and events.

F. Public Comment

- Jason Browne spoke about noise levels on Sand Hill Road caused by traffic.
- Hank Lawrence spoke about noise levels on Sand Hill Road caused by traffic.
- David Dailey spoke about Police Department activity and Public Works Department projects.
- Rose Bickerstaff spoke about lack of access to high quality education in the North part of Menlo Park.
- Matt Henry spoke about the educational divide between Belle Haven and the rest of Menlo Park.

G. Commission/Committee Vacancies and Appointments

G1. Consider applicants and make appointments to fill two vacancies on the Housing Commission (Staff Report# 17-162-CC)

- Karen Grove spoke about her interest to serve on the Housing Commission.

Camille Kennedy and Karen Grove were nominated and appointed by acclamation to fill the two vacancies and serve four-year term on the Housing Commission. Councilmember Mueller was absent.

H. Consent Calendar

H1. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a railroad construction and maintenance agreement with the Peninsula Joint Powers Board for improvements at the Ravenswood Avenue at-grade crossing (Staff Report# 17-155-CC)

H2. Authorize the Public Works Director to accept the work performed by Stockbridge General Contracting, Inc. for the Nealon Park Booster Pump Project (Staff Report# 17-152-CC)

H3. Authorize the City Manager to amend the contract with Stoloski & Gonzalez, Inc. for the Water Main Replacement Project and increase the total project budget (Staff Report# 17-151-CC)

H4. Authorize the City Manager to amend the contract with Los Loza Landscaping for the Nealon Park Field Improvements Project and increase the total project budget (Staff Report# 17-156-CC)

H5. Authorize the Public Works Director to accept the work performed by Federal Solutions Group, Inc. for the City Hall Renovation Project (Staff Report# 17-165-CC)

H6. Approve a one year contract with Cardinal Rules for youth and adult sports officials for the 2017-18 fiscal year with optional renewal for two additional years for \$70,000 for the first year (Staff Report# 17-154-CC)

H7. Authorize the Mayor to sign letters of opposition consistent with the League of California Cities' stance to SB 649 (Hueso) (Staff Report# 17-166-CC)

H8. Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support to the California Energy Commission for creation of a

renewable water heating model ordinance (Staff Report# 17-168 -CC)

- H9. Adopt a resolution for a vision of 100 percent renewable energy powering the Menlo Park community by 2030 (Staff Report# 17-167-CC)
- H10. Approve resolution of intention to amend CalPERS retirement contract (Staff Report# 17-170-CC)
- H11. Authorize the Mayor, City Manager and staff to advocate for the support of SB 595 (Beall) for Transportation Funding (Staff Report# 17-169-CC)

ACTION: Motion and second (Keith/Ohtaki) to approve all items on the Consent Calendar passed 4-0-1 (Councilmember Mueller was absent).

I. Public Hearing

- I1. Consider an appeal of the Planning Commission approval of use permit for a new residence at 445 Oak Court (Staff Report# 17-157-CC)

Mayor Keith recused from hearing the item due to proximity of her residence to the subject location. Mayor Pro Tem Ohtaki presided over the meeting during this item.

Associate Planner Kaitlin Meador and Assistant Community Development Director Mark Muenzer introduced the item.

- David Jones, the appellant, made a presentation.
- Brian Nguyen, the applicant, made a presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem Ohtaki opened the public hearing and took public comments.

- Steven Van Jepmond spoke in support of the approval of the use permit.
- Alex Striffler-Hernandez spoke against the approval of use permit.
- Candace Hathaway spoke against the approval of use permit.
- Ana Pedreiro has concerns about the approval process.

Mayor Pro Tem Ohtaki closed the public hearing.

ACTION: Motion and second (Carlton/Cline) to grant the appeal in part and uphold the Planning Commission's use permit approval, with additional condition for the tree protection and onsite third-party arborist hired by the applicant, passed 4-0-1 (Councilmember Mueller was absent).

J. Regular Business

- J1. Consideration of a philanthropic offer to assist with construction of a new main library building (Staff Report# 17-173-CC)
- Terri Epidendio spoke about inequity of library services offered at the main Library and the Belle Haven neighborhood Library.
 - Lynne Bramlett spoke about inclusion of the Belle Haven Library in the offer.

- Kristina Lemons spoke about the philanthropic offer.
- Marjorie Stone spoke about services at the main Library.
- Steve Haas spoke about the philanthropic offer.
- Lauren John spoke about the philanthropic offer.
- Kristen Leep spoke about prioritizing Belle Haven Library services.
- Michael Hoff spoke about the needs for city services in Belle Haven.
- Monica Corman spoke about the philanthropic offer.
- Rachel Bickerstaff spoke about the need for a new Belle Haven Library.
- Nina Wouk spoke about the need for a new Belle Haven Library.
- Jacqui Cebrian spoke about prioritizing Belle Haven Library services.
- Osnat Loewenthal spoke about the proposed library location.

ACTION: Motion and second (Keith/Cline) to direct staff to return with a more detailed plan, modify the Council Workplan to shift other project off the plan, form a Subcommittee on August 22nd to guide the process and task the Finance and Audit Committee to study financing options at their next meeting, passed 4-0-1 (Councilmember Mueller was absent).

- J2. Affirm a funding commitment to MidPen of up to \$6.7 million for an affordable housing development at 1317-1385 Willow Road (Staff Report# 17-171-CC)

- Pamela Jones spoke against the development's location.
- Cesar Gonzalez spoke in support of MidPen's housing project.
- Rhoda Alexander spoke in support of the project.
- Diana Reddy spoke about affordable housing.
- Leora Tanjuatco spoke about affordable housing.
- Rachael Kaci spoke in support of the project.
- Nina Wouk spoke about population density in Belle Haven and affordable housing in the west side of Menlo Park.

ACTION: Motion and second (Cline/Ohtaki) to affirm the funding commitment to MidPen of up to \$6.7 million for the Gateway Family Housing affordable housing development at 1317-1385 Willow Road, with the local preference given to 1) those who live or work in Belle Haven and displaced from Belle Haven neighborhood; 2) those who live or work in Menlo Park and displaced from Menlo Park; 3) families who are homeless from the Ravenswood School District, predicated upon City Attorney legal analysis, passed 4-0-1 (Councilmember Mueller was absent).

- J3. Consider a potential modification to the 2017 City Council Work Plan to evaluate improvements at the Middlefield Road/Linfield Drive-Santa Monica Avenue Intersection (Staff Report# 17-160-CC)

- Jen Wolosin spoke about the Middlefield and Linfield Drive crossing.

ACTION: Motion and second (Carlton/Cline) to consider this matter at the 2018 City Council Workplan session, passed unanimously.

- J4. Consider modifying the City Council Work Plan to include a ride-sharing credit pilot program (Staff Report# 17-164-CC)

No formal action was taken. There was a consensus to consider this matter at the 2018 City Council Workplan session.

K. Informational Items

- K1. Update on the Bedwell Bayfront Park Master Plan Project (Staff Report# 17-159-CC)
- K2. Belle Haven Child Development Center Self Evaluation Report for the Child Development Division of the California Department of Education for fiscal year 2016-17 (Staff Report# 17-153-CC)
- K3. Hello Housing quarterly report (Staff Report# 17-163-CC)
 - Pamela Jones spoke about affordable housing.
- K4. Update on proposed modification to the approved Development Agreement for Facebook Campus Expansion Project at 301-309 Constitution Drive (Staff Report# 17-161-CC)
- K5. Update on application submittal for Willow Campus Master Plan (Staff Report# 17-172-CC)
 - Pamela Jones spoke in support of the Willow Campus project.

L. City Manager's Report

Staff transmitted the latest updates from SamTrans on the status of the bus shelter installation in Belle Haven. City Manager announced the Block party on Santa Cruz Ave, on August 16, 2017.

M. Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Carlton Sister announced that a youth delegation from the Sister City, Bizen, Japan, will be visiting Menlo Park. Mayor Keith reported on the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the opportunity to participate in the Bloomberg Mayor's Challenge which could secure funding for sustainability projects. Mayor Keith reported on the meeting with local elected officials.

- M1. Confirm voting delegate for the League of California Cities Annual Conference ([Attachment](#))

Mayor Keith was confirmed voting delegate at the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

N. Adjournment

Mayor Keith called adjourned the meeting at 12:45 a.m., on July 19, 2017.

Jelena Harada, Deputy City Clerk

These minutes were accepted at the City Council meeting of November 7, 2017.