



SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 8/22/2017
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 6:11 p.m. Councilmembers Carlton, Cline, Mueller, and Ohtaki were present. There was no public comment on these items.

- CL1.** Closed session pursuant to Government Code §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

- CL2.** Closed session pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) – conference with legal counsel on existing litigation – County of Santa Clara v. Trump, Case No. 5:17-cv-00574 (N.D. Cal.) and City and County of San Francisco v Trump, Case No. 3:17-cv-00485 (N.D. Cal.)

Attendees: City Manager Alex McIntyre, City Attorney Bill McClure

- CL3.** Closed session pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) – conference with legal counsel on anticipated litigation – one case

Attendees: City Manager Alex McIntyre, City Attorney Bill McClure, Police Chief Robert Jonsen, Commander Dave Bertini

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

A. Call To Order

Mayor Keith called the Regular Session to order at 7:09 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Carlton, Cline, Keith, Mueller, Ohtaki
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. Presentation from SamTrans on the draft recommendations for the Dumbarton Corridor Transportation Study

- Roland Lebrun spoke about a rail tunnel.
- Mickie Winkler spoke about transportation alternatives.
- Steve Van Pelt spoke about peak hours of commute.
- Eileen McLaughlin spoke about a rail tunnel and the bay refuge and wet lands.
- Sheryl Bims spoke about the impact of the rail corridor on Belle Haven.
- Justine Burt spoke about Dumbarton Express.
- Adina Levin spoke regional transportation improvements.
- Adrian Brandt spoke about bike paths on the proposed right-of-way.
- Terry Barton bicycling along the Dumbarton Rail Corridor and bike improvements.

F. Public Comment

- Lane Pianta spoke about establishing an arts and culture commission.
- Michael Hoff spoke about investment in Belle Haven infrastructure, library and schools.
- Robert Freeman spoke about a request to install a stop sign at the intersection of Eastridge and Sharon Road.
- Heidi Noriko Boettcher spoke about public art.
- Jack Jorgenson spoke about the Curtis Street closure.
- John Conway spoke about parking regulations in downtown plazas.
- Bob McNamara spoke about the temporary pop-up park on Curtis Street.
- Ernesto Reyes spoke about the new library in Belle Haven.
- Loren Dakin spoke about the condition of the temporary pop-up park on Curtis Street.
- Kim Glenn spoke about the pop-up park sanitation and traffic issues.
- Bill Frimel Jr. spoke about removal of the pop-up park on Curtis Street.
- Laura Pitchford spoke about removal of the pop-up park on Curtis Street.

G. Consent Calendar

G1. Approve a resolution updating the City's Conflict of Interest Code (Staff Report# 17-183-CC)

G2. Consider authorizing the City to join amicus briefs and/or other pleadings in City of Chicago v. Sessions III, Case No. 1:2017-cv-05720 (N.D. Illinois) challenging new regulations related to immigration (Staff Report# 17-182-CC)

ACTION: Motion and second (Carlton/Ohtaki) to approve the Consent Calendar passed unanimously.

H. Public Hearing

- H1. Consider the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the mitigated negative declaration, rezoning, General Plan amendment, tentative map, use permit, architectural control, Below Market Rate (BMR) housing agreement, and heritage tree removal permits, as well as a tax exchange agreement, for the 2111-2121 Sand Hill Road ("2131 Sand Hill Road") Project (Staff Report# 17-178-CC)

Mayor Keith announced that the staff report for this item, by clerical omission, did not include all documents and suggested it be heard during the regular session on August 29, 2017.

ACTION: Motion and second to hear the item on the City Council meeting of August 29, 2017, passes unanimously.

I. Regular Business

- I1. Consider an appeal for a heritage tree removal permit for one Atlas cedar heritage tree at 1810 Bay Laurel Drive (Staff Report# 17-184-CC)

- Ashley Eikenberry, the permit applicant, spoke about independent arborist report that advised the tree be removed. Ms. Eikenberry raised concerns about the safety and possible property damage.

ACTION: Motion and second to approve the tree removal permit with condition to receive a report on the tree replacement, passes unanimously.

- I2. Discussion of the Housing Commission's recommendations for prioritizing the Enhanced Housing Program Policy Table (Staff Report# 17-175-CC)

- Adina Levin spoke about green trip tools for parking and traffic relief and housing in downtown Menlo Park.
- Cecilia Taylor spoke about housing on Haven Avenue and inclusive housing policy.
- Roland Lebrun spoke about housing and parking in San Jose.

ACTION: Motion and second (Carlton/Ohtaki) to approve the recommendations from the Housing Commission, as presented in the Attachment A of the staff report, and approve one full-time equivalent (FTE) in the Housing and Economic Development office, as proposed, passed unanimously.

- I3. Approve next steps for the construction of a new main library building (Staff Report# 17-185-CC)

- Angela Evans spoke about adding affordable housing to the new library.
- Pamela Jones spoke about the request for transparency related to the library offer.
- Meg McGraw Scherer spoke about adding affordable housing to the new library.
- Susan Bryan spoke about the Belle Haven branch library hours and the need for a full library

service.

- Karen Grove spoke about affordable housing.
- Katrien Burlinson spoke about the new main library.
- Monica Corman spoke about the new main library.
- Lynne Bramlett spoke about postponing the decision and expanding the public outreach.
- Rachel Bickerstaff spoke about the need for a new Belle Haven library.
- Marjorie Stone spoke about considering the library operating costs.
- Katie Behroozi spoke about her concern regarding the philanthropic offer.
- Jen Wolosin spoke about looking into the community's need before making a decision.
- Roland Lebrun spoke about the costs.

During the discussion, the City Council raised concerns regarding public outreach, funding and debt obligation, formation of a universal library system, and formation of a subcommittee to investigate the financing of the library system which would include the main and branch library. At 12:21 a.m. there was a consensus to discuss this item on the meeting of September 12, 2017.

14. Discussion and direction on the Sister City Committee's recommendation for sending a Menlo Park delegation to a Sister/Friendship City (Staff Report# 17-176-CC)

After the City Council discussion, there was a consensus to not take an action at this meeting and table the item for a future discussion. The City Council tasked the committee members to investigate a possibility of financing the delegation travels through alternative sources.

J. Informational Items

- J1. Update on bus shelter installation in Belle Haven (Staff Report# 17-181-CC)
- J2. Update on Request for Proposal for Belle Haven Neighborhood Library Needs Assessment (Staff Report# 17-179-CC)
- J3. Update on the formation of the Transportation Master Plan Oversight and Outreach Committee (Staff Report# 17-180-CC)
- J4. Update on action taken to address newsracks within the City of Menlo Park (Staff Report# 17-177-CC)
- J5. Opportunities to display public art sculptures (Staff Report# 17-174-CC)
- J6. Continued growth in land development activity (Staff Report# 17-179-CC)

K. City Manager's Report

L. Councilmember Reports

Mayor Keith announced a community meeting in Belle Haven on September 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. on education equity improvements.

M. Adjournment

Mayor Keith adjourned the meeting at 12:55 a.m. on August 23, 2017.

Jelena Harada, Deputy City Clerk

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