



SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 10/10/2017
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 6:17 p.m.
Councilmembers Cline, Mueller and Ohtaki were present. Councilmember Carlton was absent.

CL1. Closed session conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 regarding labor negotiations with the Menlo Park Police Officers' Association (POA)

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

CL2. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section §54957 to confer regarding public employee performance evaluation: City Manager

Attendees: City Attorney Bill McClure, Administrative Services Director Nick Pegueros, Human Resources Manager Lenka Diaz

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

Attendees: City Manager Alex McIntyre, City Attorney Bill McClure

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

A. Call To Order

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

B. Roll Call

Present: Cline, Keith, Mueller, Ohtaki
Absent: Carlton
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 for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Liz Pounders and Betty Wisner received the proclamation

E2. Proclamation for American Cheese Month celebration at Draeger's Market

Stephen Dahlgren accepted the proclamation.

F. Public Comment

- Ken Doniger spoke against district elections.

G. Study Session

G1. Annexation request from residents of unincorporated West Menlo Park (Staff Report# 17-245-CC)

- Leah Rogers spoke in support of annexation.
- Greg Faris in support of better tree protection.
- Lynne McClure spoke in support of annexation.
- Linda Barman spoke in support of annexation.
- Brian Schmidt spoke in support of annexation.

Staff shared information about the costs of improvements to upgrade the infrastructure, such as roads and drainage, from the county standards to Menlo Park standards. This item would require the City Council to reconsider other Work Plan items, such as the Housing element and Downtown Specific Plan.

H. Consent Calendar

H1. Waive the reading and adopt an ordinance approving the Development Agreement for the Middle Plaza at 500 El Camino Real Project (Staff Report# 17-235-CC)

H2. Waive the reading and adopt ordinances rezoning and rezoning the property located at 2111-2121 Sand Hill Road (Staff Report# 17-237-CC)

- Hank Lawrence spoke about traffic and noise concerns on Sand Hill Road.
- Steve Elliott spoke about annexation of new development.

H3. Adopt a resolution approving the list of projects eligible to be funded by California Senate Bill 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (Staff Report# 17-242-CC)

H4. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for the Bayfront Canal Bypass Project (Staff Report# 17-204-CC)

Mayor Keith pulled item H1. Councilmember Mueller pulled item H2.

ACTION: Motion and second (Cline/Ohtaki) to approve the Consent Calendar items H3 and H4, passed 4-0 (Councilmember Carlton was absent).

City Attorney McClure answered questions and clarified changes in state law as they pertain to item H1.

ACTION: Motion and second (Cline/Ohtaki) to approve item H1, to waive the reading and adopt an ordinance approving the Development Agreement for the Middle Plaza at 500 El Camino Real Project, passed 4-0 (Councilmember Carlton was absent).

On item H2, Councilmember Mueller requested that in the future, ordinances introduced and approved on a split vote be brought back for the second reading as regular business items.

ACTION: Motion and second (Ohtaki/Keith) to continue item H2 to the next City Council meeting, passed 3-0-1-1 (Councilmember Mueller abstained, Councilmember Carlton was absent).

I. Regular Business

I1. Identify a preferred alternative for the Ravenswood Avenue Railroad Crossing (Staff Report# 17-238-CC)

- Cynthia Ishler spoke against the third track along the rail corridor.
- Steve Van Pelt spoke about rail quiet zones.
- Hank Lawrence spoke about a viaduct alternative for the rail crossing.
- Brooke Cotter spoke in support of option C.
- Mickie Winkler spoke about a viaduct as an option.
- Rebecca Barfknecht spoke in support of option C.
- Steve Schmidt spoke about an elevated track alternative for the rail crossing.
- Henry Riggs suggested a tunnel alternative for the rail crossing.
- William Brown spoke about grade-level crossing, and supported option C.
- John Kadvany in support of option A.
- Janet Benson spoke against the project.
- Andrew Barfknecht spoke in support of as many grade separations as possible in the city.
- Adina Levin spoke in support of option C.
- Resident of Felton Gables spoke about noise concerns.
- Fran Dehn spoke in support of providing visual examples of various scenarios.

There was a consensus to continue this item to a future meeting. During the discussion, City Council raised questions related to noise, quiet zones, availability of CCAG funds and possibly reevaluating the passing track policy. The City Council requested information on the amount of time the crossing gates are closed during peak hours.

I2. Approve next steps for library system improvements (Staff Report# 17-243-CC)

- Matt Henry spoke in support of getting Library Commission input.
- Pamela Jones spoke in support of getting Library Commission input and about the importance of

library services.

- John Kadvany spoke about libraries in general.
- Angela Evans spoke in support of adding affordable housing to the project.
- Adina Levin spoke in support of adding affordable housing to the project and staying on track with other priorities.
- Karen Grove spoke in support of adding affordable housing to the project.

There was a consensus to bring this item back for discussion in a future meeting.

I3. Approval of bonus for City Manager Alex D. McIntyre (Staff Report #17-246-CC)

ACTION: Motion and second (Ohtaki/Cline) to approve the bonus for City Manager Alex D. McIntyre, passed 4-0 (Councilmember Carlton was absent).

J. Informational Items

J1. Update on bus shelter installation in Belle Haven (Staff Report# 17-241-CC)

- Matt Henry spoke about proposed changes to the bus shelter location.
- Pamela Jones spoke about the bus shelter location in relation to the Belle Haven Pool improvements.

J2. Update on the Belle Haven Pool facility audit and master plan (Staff Report# 17-236-CC)

J3. Update on development of a citywide communications plan and federal/state legislative advocacy (Staff Report# 17-244-CC)

J4. Biannual review of data captured by automated license plate readers (ALPRs) for the period beginning April 2, 2017, through October 2, 2017 (Staff Report# 17-239-CC)

J5. Biannual review of Taser program for the period beginning February 1, 2017, and ending July 31, 2017 (Staff Report# 17-240-CC)

K. City Manager's Report

L. Councilmember Reports

Mayor Keith announced the State of the City on Thursday, October 12, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the British Bankers' Club.

M. Adjournment

Mayor Keith adjourned the meeting at 12:45 a.m. on October 11, 2017.

Jelena Harada, Deputy City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the City Council meeting of November 14, 2017.