



SPECIAL AND MEETING MINUTES

Date: 10/30/2017
Time: 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

7:00 p.m. Closed Session (City Hall Administration Building, 1st floor conference room)

Mayor Kirsten Keith called the closed session to order at 7:07 p.m.
Councilmembers present included Carlton, Cline, Keith, Ohtaki and Mueller.

There was no public comment on the closed session items.

CL1. 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

7:30 p.m. Regular Session (City Council Chambers)

A. Call To Order

Mayor Keith called the Regular Session to order at 7:45 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Carlton, Cline, Keith, Ohtaki, 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.

Report from Closed Session

There was no reportable action from Closed Session.

D. Public Comment

- Steve Chessin spoke about the closed session.

E. Commission Reports

- E1. Consider applicants and make appointments to fill vacancies on the Sister City Committee (Staff Report #17-260-CC)
Deputy City Clerk Jelena Harada facilitated the appointment process. Councilmember Mueller

nominated Chengzhi Yang. Councilmember Carlton nominated Mathew Lewis and Joseph Helmers. The City Council appointed Chengzhi Yang and Mathew Lewis to fill two vacancies on the Sister City Committee for partial terms that expire in April 2020.

F. Consent Calendar

- F1. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign an amendment to the contract with the State of California Department of Education to reimburse the City up to \$946,966 for child care services at the Belle Haven Child Development Center for fiscal year 2017-18 (Staff Report #17-261-CC)

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

G. Regular Business

- G1. Public Hearing to consider range of voting systems and to receive input from the community regarding boundaries and composition of districts to be established for district based elections pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010 (Staff Report #17-259-CC)

City Attorney Bill McClure introduced Attorney Cara Silver, partner at Jorgenson, Siegel, McClure & Flegel, LLP and Shalice Tilton, representative of National Demographics Corporation. Mr. McClure provided a brief introduction of the item, followed by a presentation by Ms. Tilton.

- Lynne Bramlett spoke in support of addressing the needs of the Belle Haven neighborhood.
- Pamela Jones spoke in support of creating a citizens voting commission.
- Steve Chessin spoke in support of exploring voting options and creating a charter commission.
- Greg Conlon spoke in support of district voting and about the importance of registered voters.
- David Mihai spoke about the creation of a public commission.
- Ken Doniger spoke in support of creating a citizens voting commission.
- Karen Grove was concerned about balkanization of the community if by-district elections are implemented.

Mayor Keith closed the Public Hearing by acclamation. Councilmember Mueller excused himself from the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

City Council directed to move forward with two options: 5 and 6 districts. City Council directed staff to set up the model for the public participation kits and the online interactive system with five districts for the launch on November 29. Staff will provide scenarios of what the implications would be if the number of districts increased.

Mayor Keith announced a “Conversation with the Mayors” including the Mayor of East Palo Alto and Palo Alto at Café Zoe at 5 p.m. on November 3.

H. Adjournment

Mayor Keith adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Jelena Harada, Deputy City Clerk

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