



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: 7/20/2021

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Closed Session

A. Call To Order

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Combs, Mueller, Nash, Wolosin

Absent: Taylor

Staff: City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson, City Attorney Nira F. Doherty, and Attorney Martin Ambacher from McNamara, Ney, Beatty, Slattery, Borges & Ambacher LLP

C. Agenda Review

No changes.

D. Closed Session

D1. Claimant: Lexington Insurance Company/San Mateo County Schools Insurance Group

Agency Claimed Against: City of Menlo Park

E. Adjournment

Mayor Combs adjourned to the closed session at 5:11 p.m.

Special Session

F. Call To Order

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

G. Roll Call

Present: Combs, Mueller, Nash, Wolosin

Absent: Taylor

Staff: City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson, City Attorney Nira F. Doherty, City Clerk Judi A. Herren

H. Presentations and Proclamations

H1. Proclamation: Menlo Park Historical Association 50th Anniversary (Attachment)

- Pamela Jones spoke in support of the proclamation and expressed gratitude to the City Council for their support of the Menlo Park Historical Association.

Mayor Combs read the proclamation (Attachment).

Menlo Park Historical Association President Tim Johnston accepted the proclamation.

I. Consent Calendar

- I1. Accept the City Council meeting minutes for June 10, 15, 22, 28, and 29, 2021 (Attachment)
- I2. Adopt Resolution No. 6644 approving grant of easement to the United States of America for construction of a water control structure within Bedwell Bayfront Park for the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration project and authorize the city manager to execute the easement agreement (Staff Report #21-138-CC)
- I3. Adopt Resolution No. 6646 authorizing the city manager to execute an agreement with California department of education to reimburse the City for Belle Haven Child Development Center operational costs in fiscal year 2021-22 (Staff Report #21-141-CC)
- I4. Adopt Resolution No. 6647 modifying the City Council's regular meeting schedule to include August 17 and 31, 2021 (Staff Report #21-142-CC)

ACTION: Motion and second (Nash/Wolosin) to approve the consent calendar, passed 4-1 (Taylor absent).

J. Public Hearing

- J1. Hold a public hearing and consider any protests related to the collection of the stormwater regulatory fee on the tax roll; adopt Resolution No. 6645 authorizing the collection of the stormwater regulatory fee on the tax roll at the existing rates to implement the City's stormwater management program (Staff Report #21-140-CC) (Presentation)

Assistant Engineer Scott Jaw made the presentation (Attachment).

The City Council received clarification on the number of protests received.

ACTION: Motion and second (Nash/ Wolosin) to adopt Resolution No. 6645 authorizing the collection of the stormwater regulatory fee on the tax roll at the existing rates to implement the City's stormwater management program, passed 4-1 (Taylor absent).

K. Informational Items

- K1. City Council agenda topics: August 2021 (Staff Report #21-139-CC)
 - Pamela Jones requested clarification on when reimaging the police department will come before the City Council.
- K2. Recruitment status report as of July 14, 2021 (Staff Report #21-143-CC)

Web form public comment on item K2. (Attachment).

L. Adjournment

Mayor Combs adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Judi A. Herren, City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the City Council meeting of August 31, 2021.

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, COVID-19, EMERGENCY ADVISORY NOTICE

On March 19, 2020, the Governor ordered a statewide stay-at-home order calling on all individuals living in the State of California to stay at home or at their place of residence to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Additionally, the Governor has temporarily suspended certain requirements of the Brown Act. For the duration of the shelter in place order, the following public meeting protocols will apply.

Teleconference meeting: All members of the City Council, city staff, applicants, and members of the public will be participating by teleconference. To promote social distancing while allowing essential governmental functions to continue, the Governor has temporarily waived portions of the open meetings act and rules pertaining to teleconference meetings. This meeting is conducted in compliance with the Governor Executive Order N-25-20 issued March 12, 2020, and supplemental Executive Order N-29-20 issued March 17, 2020.

- How to participate in the closed session and regular meeting
 - Submit a written comment online up to 1-hour before the meeting start time:
menlopark.org/publiccommentJuly20 *
 - Access the meeting real-time online at:
[Zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) – Meeting ID 998 8073 4930
 - Access the meeting real-time via telephone at:
(669) 900-6833
Meeting ID 998 8073 4930
Press *9 to raise hand to speak

*Written public comments are accepted up to 1-hour before the meeting start time. Written messages are provided to the City Council at the appropriate time in their meeting.

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Channel 26
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menlopark.org/streaming

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According to City Council policy, all meetings of the City Council are to end by midnight unless there is a super majority vote taken by 11:00 p.m. to extend the meeting and identify the items to be considered after 11:00 p.m.

PROCLAMATION

Menlo Park Historical Association 50th Anniversary

WHEREAS, the Menlo Park Historical Association was established on March 25, 1971, and is thus celebrating its 50th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Menlo Park Historical Association proposed and then collaborated with City officials in the design, development, and installation of a replica (and accompanying storyboard) of the Menlo Gates, dedicated on March 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Menlo Park Historical Association proposed and then collaborated with City officials in the design, development, and installation at Fremont Park of two storyboards detailing the history of Camp Fremont and one storyboard at the Karl E. Clark Park in the Belle Haven neighborhood describing the life and contributions of WWII naval hero and community leader Karl E. Clark; and

WHEREAS, the Menlo Park Historical Association annually holds numerous member and community events about the history of Menlo Park, including physical and virtual walking tours showcasing locations of historical significance, an Annual Dinner, and Annual Meeting featuring city and community guest speakers; and

WHEREAS, the Menlo Park Historical Association has partnered with downtown businesses in showcasing Menlo Park history via “Menlo Memories” pop-up displays of historical images and artifacts; and

WHEREAS, the Menlo Park Historical Association continues to leverage web and social media technologies to provide the community with up-to-date and easy to navigate access to the rich history of Menlo Park and the Association’s archives; and

WHEREAS the Menlo Park Historical Association continues to meticulously archive records, documents, images, and artifacts historical significance and makes them available to residents, researchers, students, community organizations, students, and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS the Menlo Park Historical Association, since its inception, has worked tirelessly to preserve the history, culture, and traditions of our city for our residents, visitors, and future generations to enjoy and learn from.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Drew Combs, Mayor of the City of Menlo Park, on behalf of the City Council and City, recognize and support the mission and contributions of the Menlo Park Historical Association.

Drew Combs

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Drew Combs, Mayor
July 20, 2021



LOCAL STORMWATER FEE

Public Hearing – July 20, 2021



LOCAL STORMWATER FEE

- Funds collected are used for
 - Staff admin and operating costs
 - Meet requirements of our Municipal Regional Permit
 - General and admin overhead
 - Miscellaneous professional services
- Began collecting fee in 1994 – The fee has remained the same for more than 20 years
- Fee: \$5.25 per 1,000 square feet of impervious area
- Average fee ranges between \$16 to \$26 per property



REQUESTED DIRECTION

- Adopt Resolution No. 6645 authorizing the collection of the local stormwater fee, the fee will then be placed on the County tax roll



THANK YOU

Agenda item K2
Soody Tronson, resident

Dear Council

If there is one thing constant about Council meetings is the never ending addition of new personnel to the City staff.

I note that while the table references "vacant" position, there is not a single clue as to the overall staffing. For example, the City does not provide an organizational chart and no one knows and with who else these vacant positions fit. Neither do we ever know, objectively, what is being done by the existing personnel and what is not.

There has also not been an independent audit of the efficiency of the City that is has not been commissioned by the Staff itself.

The Staff sets the agendas and the residents have no say on what gets to be on the agenda. Regardless of how many times residents express concern about various topics, including the City Staff and Police Dept. numbers/compensation, they are never addressed.

Why is the City not publicly tracking a list of topics the residents have concerns about and allocate a reasonable portion of the Council meetings exchanging with residents about their concerns.

Soody Tronson