



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 12/13/2022
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Locations: Teleconference and
City Council Chambers
751 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

Regular Session

A. Call To Order

Mayor Nash called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Combs (exited at 6:29 p.m. and rejoined at 7:29 p.m.), Mueller, Nash, Taylor, Wolosin
Absent: None
Staff: City Manager Justin I. C. Murphy, City Attorney Nira F. Doherty, Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk Judi A. Herren

C. Agenda Review

The City Council pulled item E4.

D. Public Comment

- Congresswoman Jackie Speier office representative Raghda Karajah recognized City Councilmember Mueller.

E. Consent Calendar

- E1. Accept the City Council meeting minutes for October 20 and November 1, 2022 (Attachment)
- E2. Adopt a resolution to continue conducting the City’s Council and advisory body meetings remotely due to health and safety concerns for the public and to authorize the use of hybrid meetings (Staff Report #22-243-CC)
- E3. Adopt a resolution declaring the canvass of votes cast and results of the General Municipal Election held in the City of Menlo Park November 8, 2022 (Staff Report #22-245-CC)

ACTION: Motion and second (Mueller/ Wolosin), to approve consent calendar except item E4., passed unanimously.

- E4. Waive the second reading and adopt ordinances to 1) rezone the project site from R-MU-B and O-B to R-MU-B-X and O-B-X to include the “X” Conditional Development overlay, amend the City zoning map, and approve the conditional development permit and 2) adopt the development agreement for the proposed Willow Village masterplan project located at 1350-1390 Willow Road, 925-1098 Hamilton Avenue and 1005-1275 Hamilton Court, 1399 and 1401 Willow Road, and 871-883 Hamilton Avenue (Staff Report #22-246-CC)



City Councilmember Combs was recused and exited the meeting.

The City Council went to recess at 6:31 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 7:37 p.m.

The City Council received clarification on changes to the development agreement.

ACTION: Motion and second (Taylor/ Nash), to waive the full reading of and adopt the following:

- an ordinance to rezone the project site from R-MU-B and O-B to R-MU-B-X and O-B-X to include the “X” Conditional Development combining district overlay, amend the Zoning Map to include the X overlay and modify the locations of the public right-of-ways, new street connections and paseos, and approve a conditional development permit to develop the proposed project through the master plan provisions outlined in the Zoning Ordinance, utilize the bonus level development allowances (increased height, density and intensity) in exchange for community amenities, establish allowed uses, development regulations (including design standard modification requests), and otherwise govern the development of the proposed project; and
- an ordinance to adopt a development agreement between the City and the project applicant for vested rights in exchange for community amenities, public benefits, and assurances on the timing and phasing of the proposed project; and

subject to the changes as read into the record, passed 4-0 (Combs recused).

F. Regular Business

City Councilmember Combs rejoined the meeting

F1. Recognition of outgoing Mayor

- Kathleen Daly expressed appreciation for the City Council.

Vice Mayor Wolosin read the proclamation (Attachment).

Mayor Nash accepted the proclamation.

F2. Swearing in of new City Councilmembers

City Clerk Judi Herren administered the oath of office to City Councilmembers Combs, Nash, and Taylor.

F3. Selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor (Staff Report #22-242-CC)

City Clerk Herren took nominations for Mayor for 2023.

ACTION: Motion and second (Mueller/ Taylor), to appoint Jen Wolosin as Mayor, passed unanimously.

City Clerk Herren took nominations for Vice Mayor for 2023.

ACTION: Motion and second (Nash/ Mueller), to appoint Cecilia Taylor as Vice Mayor, passed unanimously.

- F4. Provide direction to the City's voting delegate regarding regional vacancies for the next City Selection Committee meeting December 16, 2022 (Staff Report #22-241-CC)

City Clerk Judi Herren introduced the item.

ACTION: Motion and second (Combs/ Nash), to select Mayor Wolosin as the City's voting delegate regarding regional vacancies for the next City Selection Committee meeting December 16, 2022, passed unanimously.

G. Informational Items

- G1. City Council agenda topics: December 21, 2022 – January 2023 (Staff Report #22-244-CC)

H. City Manager's Report

City Manager Justin Murphy reported out on release of the draft environmental justice and safety elements of the general plan.

I. City Councilmember Reports

City Councilmember Nash reported out on the Searsville Advisory Group meeting.

J. Adjournment

Mayor Wolosin adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Judi A. Herren, Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the City Council meeting of January 10, 2023.

Proclamation

Honoring Menlo Park Mayor Betsy Nash

WHEREAS, Mayor Nash was first elected to the City Council in 2018, selected as Vice Mayor for 2021, and served as Mayor in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Nash worked tirelessly to further enhance the quality of life for all Menlo Park residents, prioritizing housing, safe streets, and climate action; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Nash always engaged with residents and businesses to make decisions to find productive solutions based on facts and shared values; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Nash worked to set a Citywide goal to be carbon neutral by 2030, including organizing volunteers to educate the community on what actions they can take to address climate change, working to enhance electrification and electric vehicle charging requirements for new buildings, facilitated acquiring \$4.5 million from the state of California to fund transitioning existing buildings using natural gas to electric with a focus on prioritizing equity, continuously navigated the City to eliminate or reduce fossil fuels in its operations through electric vehicle and equipment purchases and advocating for a solar battery renewable microgrid at the Menlo Park Community Campus that will have electric pool heating and robust public electric vehicle charging opportunities, and can serve as a Red Cross Emergency Center; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Nash has been a champion of climate resiliency and adaptation and has supported investments to protect the City's San Francisco Bay shoreline through participating in advocacy with federal elected officials and local partners; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Nash showed commitment to safe streets by pursuing funds and projects to improve safety for all roadway users on El Camino Real, Middle Avenue, Ravenswood Avenue, Sharon Road, and to reduce speed limits in school zones across the City; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Nash facilitated continued prioritization of the construction of the Menlo Park Community Campus, support of Willow Village after thoughtful negotiations on the development agreement to ensure project benefits and amenities met the community's needs, and ongoing work on the City's Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Nash continued to impact Menlo Park through serving on two Climate Action Plan Subcommittees, ConnectMenlo Community Amenities Subcommittee, Economic Development Subcommittee, Facebook/Willow Village Development Agreement Negotiations Subcommittee, the Menlo Park Community Campus Subcommittee, and supported the Environmental Quality Commission as the City Council liaison; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Nash amplified her role on City Council by serving on the Association of Bay Area Governments, League of California Cities (Peninsula Division), Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce as a City liaison, San Mateo County Council of Cities – City Selection Committee, and the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority further demonstrating her commitment to climate change and making streets and sidewalks functional, safe, and comfortable for all users; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Nash demonstrated her commitment to Menlo Park by approaching each policy issue with insightful independent analysis, making herself available to residents, and focusing on the best outcome for the Menlo Park community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City Council recognizes and honors Betsy Nash for her dedication and service to the Menlo Park community.



Jen Wolosin, Vice Mayor
December 13, 2022

