



SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH MENLO PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MINUTES

Date: 5/30/2023
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Locations: Teleconference, 413 Ivy Dr. Menlo Park, CA 94025 and City Council Chambers
751 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

Special Joint Meeting

A. Call To Order

Vice Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

ACTION: Motion and second (Doerr/ Nash), to add an emergency item for the use of Assembly Bill 2449 (AB 2449) to the agenda, passed 4-0 (Combs absent).

ACTION: Motion and second (Nash/ Doerr), to approve the remote participation under AB 2449 Emergency Circumstances for Mayor Wolosin, passed 4-0 (Combs absent).

B. Roll Call

Present: Doerr, Nash, Taylor, Wolosin (remote – AB 2449 Emergency Circumstances)
Absent: Combs
Staff: City Manager Justin I. C. Murphy, Assistant City Manager Stephen Stolte, Acting City Attorney Mary Wagner, Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk Judi A. Herren
Menlo Park Fire Protection District (MPFPD) board members and staff:
President Virginia Chang Kiraly, Vice President Gary Bloom, Director Chuck Bernstein, Director Robert Jones, Director Rob Silano and Fire Chief Mark Lorenzen

C. Special Business

C1. Community preparedness

MPFPD Chief Mark Lorenzen introduced the item.

The City Council and MPFPD board received clarification on service structure, communications and MPFPD funding distribution to the city.

The City Council and MPFPD board discussed annual meetings between MPFPD and other stakeholders, the recent winter storms and after action reports, supporting community groups, Menlo Park diversity across the Districts, coordinated messaging to residents, restarting the City Council Fire District subcommittee, and scheduling another joint meeting to discuss after action report.

C2. Fire Station 1 at 300 Middlefield Road

MPFPD Chief Mark Lorenzen introduced the item.

The City Council and MPFPD board received clarification on training usage at Fire Station 1.

The City Council and MPFPD board discussed zoning approval for Fire Station 1 at a future meeting and the size of the facility.

C3. Caltrain grade separations

- Ezio Alviti spoke on concerns related to the engineering studies on noise and vibrations.

MPFPD Chief Mark Lorenzen and City Manager Justin Murphy introduced the item.

The City Council and MPFPD board received clarification on grade separation designs, quad gates for quiet zones, project timeline, and anticipating needs from future additional train traffic.

The City Council and MPFPD board discussed the Caltrain Local Policy Group workshop.

The City Council and MPFPD board took a recess at 8:02 p.m.

The City Council and MPFPD board reconvene at 8:23 p.m.

C4. Circulation, safe streets and primary response routes

- Katie Behroozi spoke on bicycle and pedestrian safety measures in conjunction with the needs of emergency response vehicles.
- Sandhya Laddha spoke on bicycle and pedestrian safety measures in conjunction with the needs of emergency response vehicles.
- Adina Levin spoke on bicycle and pedestrian safety measures in conjunction with the needs of emergency response vehicles.
- Sally Cole spoke in support of street safety for all modes of transportation and working with MPFPD on safety.

President Virginia Chang Kiraly introduced the item.

The City Council and MPFPD board received clarification on statistics used in the local road safety plan, MPFPD standards for speedy response time and traffic calming measure impacts and infrastructure considerations.

The City Council and MPFPD board discussed bike accident statistics, the city's local road safety plan, growth in traffic and population, emergency response circulation and bicycle lanes, impacts to MPFPD response times from development.

The City Council requested a joint meeting between the Menlo Park Fire Protection District and Menlo Park, Atherton and East Palo Alto.

Closed Session

D. Closed Session

- D1. Closed session conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 regarding labor negotiations with the Service Employees International Union Local 521 (SEIU), American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 829 (AFSCME), and Confidential employees

Agency designated representatives: City Manager Justin I.C. Murphy, Administrative Services Director Brittany Mello, Assistant City Manager Stephen Stolte, City Attorney Nira Doherty, Special Counsel Charles Sakai

E. Adjournment

Vice Mayor Taylor adjourned to the closed session at 8:57 p.m.

Vice Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 9:59 p.m.

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

These minutes were approved at the City Council meeting of June 27, 2023.