



**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** 1/29/2018  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m.  
**Arrillaga Family Recreation Center, Oak Room**  
**700 Alma St., Menlo Park, CA 94025**

**1:00 p.m. Special Meeting**

**A. Call To Order**

Mayor Ohtaki called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

**Present:** Carlton, Cline (arrived at 1:17 p.m.), Keith, Mueller, Ohtaki  
**Absent:** None  
**Staff:** City Manager Alex McIntyre, City Attorney Bill McClure

Management Staff Present: Assistant City Manager Chip Taylor, Administrative Services Director Nick Pegueros, Interim Police Chief Dave Bertini, Public Works Director Justin Murphy, Assistant Public Works Director Nikki Nagaya, Community Development Director Arlinda Heineck, Assistant Community Development Director Mark Muenzer, Library Services Director Susan Holmer, Housing and Economic Development Manager Jim Cogan, Human Resources Manager Lenka Diaz

Mayor Ohtaki opened the meeting, gave a brief overview of the key points that will be covered during the session and welcomed the members of the public. Councilmember Cline arrived at this point.

**C. Public Comment**

- Winter Dellenbach spoke about the Guild Theatre.
- Tom Prussing spoke about emergency preparedness.
- Jen Wolosin spoke about the safe routes to school.
- Jim Lewis spoke about art commission. (Handout)
- Drew Dunlevie spoke about the Guild Theatre.
- Judy Adams spoke about the Guild Theatre.
- Heather Hopkins spoke about shortage of childcare in Menlo Park.
- Sarah Kinahan spoke about a shortage of childcare and preschool in Menlo Park.
- Elias Blawie spoke about staff vacancy rate.
- Meg McGraw Scherer spoke about prioritizing the affordable housing.
- Karen Grove spoke about prioritizing the affordable housing.
- David Fleischman spoke about shortage of childcare and preschool in Menlo Park.
- Angela Evans spoke about prioritizing the affordable housing.

- Anders Klemmer spoke about the Guild Theatre.
- Nesreen Kawar spoke about the affordable housing.
- John Conway spoke about the downtown parking structure.
- Marcy Abramowitz spoke about the quiet zones at Encinal grade crossing.
- Fran Dehn spoke about prioritizing the review of El Camino Real Downtown Visioning plan.
- Gregory Faris spoke about the West Menlo Park Triangle annexation.
- Stephanie Peters spoke about the Guild Theatre.
- Randy Uang spoke about smoke-free multi-unit housing.
- Jessica Mihaly spoke about the shortage of child care centers.
- Andrew Boone spoke about the minimum wage ordinance.
- Diane Bailey spoke about Menlo Green Challenge.
- Daniel Abrams spoke about the Guild Theatre.
- Janelle London spoke about environment related projects and meeting the 2020 Environment Action Plan goals.
- Julie Shanson spoke about prioritizing the Public Works Maintenance Services, childcare, and minimum wage.
- Pamela Jones spoke about affordable housing and Belle Haven visioning.
- Jean Forstner spoke about the Guild Theatre.
- Eric Gleider spoke about the Guild Theatre.
- Pam Salvatierra spoke about the staff vacancy rate.
- Brian O'Neill spoke about the minimum wage ordinance.
- Osnat Loewenthal spoke about the library expansion.
- Cecilia Taylor spoke about the minimum wage ordinance.
- Henry Riggs (Handout)

#### **D. Regular Business**

##### **D1. Discuss and prepare City Council 2018 work plan (Staff Report #18-025-CC)**

City Manager Alex McIntyre outlined the agenda for the meeting. Administrative Services Director Nick Pegueros gave a presentation regarding the City's financial health.

The City Council reviewed and discussed a list of potential workplan items. The prioritization exercise yielded the top six priority projects.

- District Elections
- Transportation Master Plan
- Citywide Safe Routes to School Program (non-infrastructure)
- Review of Downtown/El Camino Real Specific Plan
- Downtown Parking Garage
- The Guild Theatre (approval of land use entitlements)

#### **E. Adjournment**

Mayor Ohtaki adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

Jelena Harada, Deputy City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the City Council meeting of March 13, 2018.

**JAMES LEWIS – REMARKS BEFORE THE  
MENLO PARK CITY COUNCIL  
Monday, January 29, 2018, 1:00 pm**

**Mayor Ohtaki and Council Members.**

**My name is Jim Lewis.**

**In the interest of time, I'd like to briefly touch upon two topics.**

**Last year about this time, I spoke to you about re-establishing the Menlo Park Arts Commission. I return to you this year as I feel this is an important program for the Menlo Park community.**

**Perhaps this is why Palo Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Cupertino and Santa Clara to the south of you and Atherton, Redwood City, San Carlos, San Mateo and Belmont to the north of you have established art programs.**

**I'd like to request that you appointed citizens to the Art Commission. I believe that it will not take a lot of city resources to support this group, as citizens in this case will do the heavy lifting. Please give it a chance.**

**Secondly, it was my understanding that when our City Manager came to Menlo Park, one of his priorities was the important topic of Disaster Preparedness. Frankly, following this year's floods, fires, mudslides and a potential for a history making earthquake, I can think of few other topics that should not be as high a priority as this. Waiting until disaster occurs is too late. It's like playing Russian Roulette in kicking this topic down the road.**

**Thanks for your time and consideration.**

Henry Riggs

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## A RESIDENTS SUGGESTIONS FOR CITY PRIORITIES

### PAVING

Upgrade paving to restore flat surfaces, including at manholes  
Ravenswood tree roots  
Middlefield degradation  
Outer Santa Cruz degradation  
Coordination w CalTrans for Marsh bridge

### LIBRARY

Expand evening hours (not a new building, more use of what we have)  
Belle Haven: EPA or Senior Center?

### STREET MAINTENANCE

Street sweeping in dry season, esp bike lanes  
Parkway maintenance – better but not there yet  
Traffic light programming – esp left turn arrows, edit ghost green lights  
Streetscape improvements (CIP list)

TRAFFIC – free up El Camino Real bottleneck

PENSION DEBT – either cut the rate of payment or pay down our kids' debt

### PARKS

Still dodging Hetch Hetchy commitment after 50+ years

### CODE ENFORCEMENT AND TRAFFIC LAWS

8-5 M-F is a joke. Need cross training of patrol officers  
Enforce headlights, turn signals, rules of road– warnings; cell phones -  
less emphasis on speed - motorcycle officers

### SIDEWALKS

Like Flood Triangle

### PLANNING DIVISION

Consultant for res. streamlining, residential design guidelines

### UTILITIES UNDERGROUNDING

Open a “Christmas club” account

### CIP PROJECTS

ECR bike/ped crossings,  
Parking structure

### ACKNOWLEDGEING WHAT WE'RE DOING ALREADY

Bike facilities .

Upgrade city building systems; upgrade street lights to LED

Zoning for housing

Zoning for Bayside including: retail/market/bank/pharmacy/emergency water storage

H. Riggs