



SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 2/26/2019
Time: 5:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

5:00 p.m. Closed Session (City Hall – “Downtown” Conference Room, 1st Floor)

CL1. Closed session conference pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(1) regarding public employee performance evaluation of the City Attorney

5:45 p.m. Regular Session (City Council Chambers)

A. Call to Order

Mayor Mueller called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Carlton, Combs, Nash, Taylor, Mueller

Absent: None

Staff: Interim City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson, City Attorney Bill McClure, City Clerk Judi A. Herren

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Mueller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Report from Closed Session

None.

Mayor Mueller announced the reordering of the agenda.

H3. Approve a two-year employment agreement with Starla Jerome-Robinson as city manager (Staff Report #19-034-CC)

- Andrew Boone spoke in support of the agreement and was enthusiastic for the selection of a Menlo Park resident.

ACTION: City Council voted to approve a two-year employment agreement with Starla Jerome-Robinson as city manager, passed unanimously.

H1. 2019 City Council policy priorities and work plan (Staff Report #19-035-CC)

Assistant City Manager Nick Pegueros made the presentation.

Mayor Mueller commented that a study session on chronic homelessness has been scheduled for March.

- Marcy Coggins spoke against the Sharon Road sidewalks project but does support the residents being a part of the process.
- Lynne Fovinci spoke in support of safety on Sharon Road and not just sidewalks.
- Ann Wahlundlatta spoke of safety concerns on Sharon Road but spoke against the sidewalk project.
- Andrew Boone spoke against the public comment two-minute requirement and is encouraged by the study session on homelessness and in support of the minimum wage ordinance.
- Christy Heaton spoke in support of Sharon Road sidewalks.
- Elyse Stein spoke in support of the library projects.
- Linda Barman spoke in support of sidewalks on Sharon Road.
- Nina Barman spoke in support of sidewalks on Sharon Road.
- Rich Ginn spoke in support of sidewalks on Sharon Road (Attachment).
- Neil Barman spoke in support of sidewalks on Sharon Road.
- Karen Reis spoke against the sidewalk project on Sharon Road.
- Ian Edwards spoke in support of the sidewalks on Sharon Road.
- Adina Levin spoke in support of the downtown parking strategies, requested grade separation as a priority and the deadlines for reach codes.
- Pamela Dakis spoke against the sidewalk project on Sharon Road but in favor of burying the power lines.
- James Tuleya spoke in support of building reach codes and stressed the importance of their timeline.
- Angela Evans spoke in support of downtown parking and housing strategies.
- Pamela Jones spoke in support of the Belle Haven library but urged City Council to reconsider the timeline. Jones also requested that Belle Haven projects be merged and completed together.
- Curt Conroy spoke about locations for homeless housing.
- Fran Dehn spoke in support of downtown parking solutions and transportation alternatives.
- Mila Zelkha spoke in support of the creation of a transportation management association.
- Jen Wolosin spoke in support of streamlining, transparency, road standards, and community communication.
- Rachel Horst spoke in support of downtown parking solutions/strategies and affordable housing.
- Bill Baron spoke in support of communication between the city and the residents and establishing a priority item for a communications monitor.
- Ethan Edwards spoke in support of sidewalks on Sharon Road.
- Hilary Stevenson spoke in support of sidewalks on Sharon Road and improved school routes in general (Attachment).
- Katie Behroozi asked to reaffirm priorities for the Middle Avenue bike lanes, access points, and safe routes to school.
- Pushpinder Lubana spoke in favor of investing in human return and human need when considering priorities.
- Karen Grove requested that City Council prioritize racial equity.
- Tom Kabat spoke in support of reach codes for new construction projects.

Mayor Mueller closed public comment.

The City Council continued this item to March 12.

E. Presentations and Proclamations

E1. Proclamation: Recognizing Rich Ginn

Mayor Mueller read and Rich Ginn accepted the proclamation.

E2. Proclamation: Recognizing Christy Heaton

Mayor Mueller read and Christy Heaton accepted the proclamation.

E3. Proclamation: Recognizing Terry Thygessen

Mayor Mueller read and Terry Thygessen accepted the proclamation.

E4. Proclamation: Recognizing Joan Lambert

Mayor Mueller read and Joan Lambert accepted the proclamation.

E5. Proclamation: Recognizing Dr. Charlie Mae Knight

Mayor Mueller read and Dr. Charlie Mae Knight accepted the proclamation.

E6. Proclamation: Recognizing Marcelino Lopez

Mayor Mueller read and Marcelino Lopez accepted the proclamation.

H2. Consideration and possible adoption of two alternative tenant relocation assistance ordinances (Staff Report #19-036-CC)

City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson was recused and exited the City Council chambers.

Interim Housing and Economic Development Director Clay Curtin made the presentation and Assistant City Attorney Cara Silver was available for questions.

- Curt Conroy spoke in support on addressing Menlo Park housing needs.
- Andrew Boone spoke in support of the ordinance.
- Paula Macchello spoke against the tenant relocation ordinance.
- Nik Noomen spoke against the tenant relocation ordinance.
- Diane Dittmar spoke in support of alternative A and offering a natural lease end.
- Dr. Jackie Newton spoke in support of the tenant relocation ordinance.
- Ernesto Reyes spoke on a letter sent earlier in the day and in support of the tenant relocation ordinance.
- Mike Haddock spoke against the tenant relocation ordinance.
- Nicole Evans spoke in support of alternative B.
- Justin Alley spoke in support of the tenant relocation ordinance.
- Brian Ponty spoke in support of alternative A.
- Susan Lewis spoke against alternative B.
- James Purvis spoke against the tenant relocation ordinance.

- Carol Collins spoke against alternative B and in support of alternative A.
- Caitlyn Marianacci spoke in support alternative B.
- Meg McGraaw-Sherer spoke in support of alternative B as an urgency ordinance.
- Mickie Winkler spoke against alternative B.
- Mike Dunham spoke in support of alternative B.
- Rupa Narsingmia spoke in support of alternative A.
- Jeff Deng spoke against the tenant relocation ordinance.
- David Tuzman spoke in support of alternative B.
- Ine Grewe spoke in support of the tenant relocation ordinance, alternative B.
- Julissa Moreno spoke in support of alternative B.
- Kenia Nojar spoke in support of the tenant relocation ordinance, alternative B.
- Ofelia Bello spoke in support of alternative B.
- Mark Moll'neaux spoke in support of the tenant relocation ordinance.
- Karen Grove spoke in support of the tenant relocation ordinance, alternative B.
- Julian Cortella spoke support of alternative B.
- Keith Ogden spoke in support of alternative B (Attachment).
- Jonathan Erwin-Frank spoke in support of alternative B.
- Vanessa Honey spoke in support of alternative A.
- Sandra Zamora spoke in support of alternative B.
- Pamela Jones spoke in support of alternative B.
- Rachel Horst spoke in support of the tenant relocation ordinance.
- Jennifer Liu spoke against the tenant relocation ordinance.
- Tom Thompson spoke against the tenant relocation ordinance (Attachment).
- Kelsey Banes spoke in support of alternative B.
- Adina Levin spoke in support of the tenant relocation ordinance, alternative B.
- Nevada Meriman spoke in support of alternative B.
- Munir Vora spoke against the tenant relocation ordinance and asked City Council to find the root cause of the housing problem. Vora also commented that alternative A was the better option of the two.
- Jordan Grimes spoke in support of alternative B.
- Piyush Gupta spoke against the tenant relocation ordinance.
- Angie Evans spoke in support of tenant relocation ordinance, alternative B.
- Joyce Liu spoke in support of alternative A.
- Jeanne Merino spoke in support of tenant relocation ordinance, alternative B.
- Diane Bailey spoke in support of alternative B.
- Penelope Huang spoke against the tenant relocation ordinance.
- Rhory Lyn Antonio spoke in support of alternative A.
- Ryan Carrigan spoke in support of alternative A.
- Karyl Eldridge spoke in support of alternative B.
- Emily Ann Ramos spoke in support of tenant relocation ordinance, alternative B.
- Jen Wolosin spoke support of the tenant relocation ordinance.
- Keith Suddjian spoke against alternative B.
- Nani Friedman spoke in support of alternative B.
- Andrew Skeleton spoke in support of alternative B.
- Kate Ham spoke in support of alternative B.

- Hannah Williams spoke in support of alternative B.
- Marisol Zarate spoke in support of alternative B.

The City Council received clarification on the different aspects of alternatives A and B. There was discussion about means testing, parameters around nuisance fees, a community housing fund and its uses, adjusting the AMI (area median income) levels, potential litigation, and who receives assistance through each alternative.

ACTION: The City Council voted to extend the meeting past 11 p.m., passed unanimously.

ACTION: Motion and second (Combs/Carlton) to adopt alternative A as an urgency ordinance with language proposed by the City Attorney, failed (3-2, Taylor and Nash dissenting).

ACTION: Motion and second to direct staff to return alternative A for introduction at the next meeting, failed (2-3, Mueller, Combs, and Carlton dissenting).

ACTION: Motion and second (Combs/Carlton) to introduce an ordinance adding Chapter 8.56 of the Menlo Park Municipal Code Regarding Tenant Relocation Assistance, Attachment A), with an amendment to Section 8.56.130 as proposed by City Attorney, passes (3-2, Taylor and Nash dissenting).

- H4. Receive a report and hear public comment on upcoming negotiations with the Menlo Park Police Sergeants Association on a successor agreement to the current agreement expiring June 30, 2019 (Staff Report #19-026-CC)

ACTION: Motion and second (Combs/Carlton) to receive a report and hear public comment on upcoming negotiations with the Menlo Park Police Sergeants Association on a successor agreement to the current agreement expiring June 30, 2019, passed unanimously.

F. Public Comment

- Kyra Brown spoke against the Menlo Park policing of Facebook bicyclist and requested that data be provided on the number of East Palo Alto residents arrested on Facebook bikes.
- Izamar Moya echoed Kyra's comments regarding East Palo Alto residents arrested while using Facebook bikes.

G. Consent Calendar

- G1. Accept the City Council meeting minutes for February 12, 2019 (Attachment)
- G2. Introduce Ordinance No. 1055 to update inspection requirements of the stormwater management program (Staff Report #19-027-CC)
- G3. Adopt Resolution No. 6486 to approve development-related fees for the new polychlorinated biphenyls building demolition program, and amend the master fee schedule to include these fees (Staff Report #19-028-CC)

- G4. Adopt Resolution No. 6487 amending Resolution No. 6480 regarding the proposed abandonment of public right-of-way and public utility easements adjacent to 1345 Willow Road to reschedule the dates for Planning Commission review and City Council public hearing (Staff Report #19-033-CC)

ACTION: Motion and second to approve the consent calendar, passed unanimously.

I. Informational Items

- I1. Review of the City's investment portfolio as of December 31, 2018 (Staff Report #19-031-CC)
- I2. Update on the proposed San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Agency (Staff Report #19-029-CC)

J. City Manager's Report

None.

K. Councilmember Reports

City Councilmember Carlton reported on a C/CAG (City/County Association of Governments) meeting.

Mayor Mueller reported that there would be a joint meeting between the City Councils of Menlo Park and Palo Alto.

L. Adjournment

Mayor Mueller adjourned the meeting at 12:05 a.m.

Judi A. Herren, City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the City Council meeting of March 12, 2019.