



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: 3/21/2018
Time: 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

6:15 p.m. Closed Session (City Hall - “Sharon Heights” Conference Room, 2nd Floor)

Mayor Ohtaki called the closed session to order at 6:20 p.m.

Councilmembers Carlton, Keith, Mueller, and Ohtaki were present. Cline was absent.

Mayor Ohtaki opened the public comment for the members of the public.

- Pamela Jones spoke about the district elections (Attachment).

CL1. Closed session conference with legal counsel on anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) – one case

Attendees: City Manager Alex McIntyre, City Attorney Bill McClure, Assistant City Attorney Cara Silver, Interim City Clerk Clay Curtin

7:00 p.m. Regular Session (City Council Chambers)

A. Call to Order

Mayor Ohtaki called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Carlton, Cline, Keith, Mueller, Ohtaki

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Alex McIntyre, City Attorney Bill McClure, Deputy City Clerk Jelena Harada

Mayor Ohtaki led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Ohtaki stated that there was no report from the closed session.

C. Public Comment

- Steve Van Pelt spoke about the quality of the meeting video recordings.

D. Regular Business

D1. Consideration of the Advisory Districting Committee’s recommendation on adoption of a five-district

map and six-district map (with an at-large elected mayor) and related election sequencing (Staff Report #18-056-CC)

Assistant City Attorney Cara Silver made a presentation. Max Heim, member of the Advisory Districting Committee, presented the committee's recommendation.

Mayor Ohtaki opened the public hearing.

Public Comment:

- Helen Grieco, California Common Cause, spoke in favor of districting.
- Julie Shanson spoke in support of the five-district option.
- Pamela Jones spoke in support of the five-district option.
- Michael Cohen spoke about election sequencing and importance of staggered councilmember terms.
- Fran Dehn, Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the five-district option and map selection (Attachment).
- Rob Silano spoke in support of the six-district map.

ACTION: Motion and second (Carlton/Cline) to close the Public Hearing. By acclamation, Mayor Ohtaki closed the public hearing.

ACTION: Motion and second (Carlton/Cline) to adopt a five-district map and election sequencing, as recommended by the Advisory Districting Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Adjournment

Mayor Ohtaki adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Jelena Harada, Deputy City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the City Council meeting of April 24, 2018.