



CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025
City Council Chambers

Mayor Cline called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. with all members present.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Cline.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Residents have 2 weeks to complete and mail back the Census Survey! Menlo Park currently has 65% returned.

A. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS

- Consider applicants for appointments to fill vacancies on the Planning Commission ([Staff report #10-060](#))

Presentation made by Margaret Roberts, City Clerk

VOTE 1	Nominated By	Fergusson	Robinson	Cline	Boyle	Cohen	Total
Planning Commission – 3 Vacancies							
Kenneth Baker	Robinson		X				1
Shawn Blackburn	Boyle						0
Charlie Bourne	Cohen					X	1
Ben Eiref	Robinson	X	X	X	X	X	5
Lawrence Lee	Boyle						0
Christian Molick	Fergusson	X					1
John “Jack” O’Malley	Cline			X	X		2
Henry Riggs	Boyle	X	X	X	X	X	5

VOTE 2	Nominated By	Fergusson	Robinson	Cline	Boyle	Cohen	Total
Planning Commission – 1 Remaining Vacancy							
Kenneth Baker	Robinson		X				1
Shawn Blackburn	Boyle						0
Charlie Bourne	Cohen					X	1
Lawrence Lee	Boyle						0
Christian Molick	Fergusson	X					1
John “Jack” O’Malley	Cline			X	X		2

Moving forward for consideration only those receiving votes in the previous round of voting

VOTE 3	Nominated By	Fergusson	Robinson	Cline	Boyle	Cohen	Total
Planning Commission – 1 Remaining Vacancy							
Kenneth Baker	Robinson	X	X				2
Charlie Bourne	Cohen					X	1
Christian Molick	Fergusson						0
John “Jack” O’Malley	Cline			X	X		2

Moving forward for consideration only the top two vote getters from the previous round of voting

VOTE 4	Nominated By	Fergusson	Robinson	Cline	Boyle	Cohen	Total
Planning Commission – 1 Remaining Vacancy							
Kenneth Baker	Robinson	X	X				2
John “Jack” O’Malley	Cline			X	X	X	3

Action: Appointed to the Planning Commission: Ben Eireff, Henry Riggs and John “Jack” O’Malley

B. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring Bike to Work Day, May 13, 2010 ([Attachment](#))
Proclamation presented to Chair MaryAnn Levenson of the Bicycle Commission.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

- Henry Riggs (with donated time) spoke regarding the Pension Reform Petition
- Roy Thiele-Sardina (with donated time) spoke regarding the Pension Reform Petition
- Allan Bedwell spoke on behalf of the Friends of Bedwell Bayfront Park regarding the Menlo Gateway Project and dedicating funds to the park
- Betty Meissner spoke regarding the Library, Project Read and Friends of the Library

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Acceptance of Council minutes for the meeting of April 20 and April 21, 2010 ([Attachment](#))

Action: Motion and second (Robinson/Boyle) to approve the Consent Calendar, with changes to the April 20 minutes as submitted passes unanimously.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

F. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Adoption of a resolution imposing the City’s last, best and final offer to Service Employees’ International Union (SEIU) Local 521 pursuant to Government Code Section 3505.4 ([Staff report #10-061](#))

Presentation made by Glen Rojas, City Manager and Glen Kramer, Personnel and Information Services Director.

Public Comment:

The following spoke in opposition of the adoption of the resolution:

- Shelly Kessler, San Mateo Labor Council
- Rene Morales, Chapter Chair of SEIU (with donated time)
- Mary Jane Cabildo, member of the bargaining team for SEIU
- Joe Pimental, member of the bargaining team for SEIU
- Miriam Alcocer
- Jennifer Wilkins
- Carol Garvey, Chair for SEIU retiree committee
- Cheryl Easterbrook, SEIU Chapter Leader for Redwood City
- Mark Soulard, City of San Mateo employee
- Donna Nielsen, Bargaining team for workers of San Mateo County
- Muriel Frederick, Region I Vice President for SEIU Local 521
- Danny Daniels, Chapter Chair for Menlo Park AFSCME
- Ronnie Smith
- Brian O'Neill, Santa Clara County employee and Political Chair
- William Nack, San Mateo County Building and Construction Trades Council
- Kristy Sermersheim, Chief Elected Officer of SEIU (with donated time)

Action: Motion and second (Fergusson/Robinson) to approve **Resolution No. 5926** imposing the City's last, best and final offer to Service Employees' International Union (SEIU) Local 521 pursuant to Government Code Section 3505.4 passed unanimously.

2. Discuss and provide direction on consolidating the recruitment of city commissions so that appointments to all commissions are made in April and consider amending the makeup of the Housing Commission from seven to five commissioners ([Staff report #10-059](#))

Presentation made by Margaret Roberts, City Clerk

Action: Motion and second (Fergusson/Robinson) to proceed with consolidating the recruitment of city commissions with a staggering 2-2-2-1 schedule with appointments being made over the course of several meetings passes 4-1 (Boyle dissenting).

Action: Direction given to staff to talk to the three Planning Commissioners appointed earlier tonight to see if one is willing to serve for only 3 years, versus having a full four year term and report it back to the Council.

Public Comment regarding the Housing Commission portion of the report:

- Anne Moser, member of the Housing Commission, spoke against reducing the number of commissioners and to allow the commission to discuss the matter prior to a Council decision

Action: Motion and second (Boyle/Fergusson) to continue the item to a future meeting after the item has been taken to the Housing Commission passes unanimously.

3. Consideration and adoption of a General Fund Reserve (unassigned fund balance) Policy; Establishment of assignments of fund balance in the General Fund; Establishment of a new Capital Improvement Projects Fund ([Staff report #10-56](#))

Action: Motion and second (Robinson/Boyle) to continue the item to a future meeting to be determined by the Mayor and Vice Mayor passes unanimously.

4. Consideration of state and federal legislative items, including decisions to support or oppose any such legislation, and items listed under Written Communication or Information Item

G. Rojas discussed AB2531 which gives local redevelopment agencies specific and unambiguous authority to use tax increment for economic development purposes in order to enhance job opportunities. If approved, AB 2531 would allow the tools of redevelopment to be used more directly in creating new jobs and assisting businesses. It has the potential to act as both a short-term and long-term economic stimulus program to get California's economy moving again. Unlike other economic stimulus programs, it has the added advantage of being able to be used immediately because redevelopment agencies and staffs are already in place statewide to implement the new programs authorized by the legislation.

Action: Motion and second (Robinson/Fergusson) to authorize the City Manager and Mayor to send a letter as soon as possible to the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee in support of AB2531 passes 4-0-1 (Boyle abstaining).

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – None

H. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION – None

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Mid Year Update on the Menlo Children's Center Preschool Program for Fiscal Year 2009-10 ([Staff report #10-055](#))

The Council received the report.

J. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

1. Report from the City Council Subcommittee on High Speed Rail

Note: Councilmember Cohen and City Attorney McClure are recused from this item and left the Council chambers at 10:35 p.m.

K. PUBLIC COMMENT #2 – None

L. ADJOURNMENT – 10:47 p.m.

Margaret S. Roberts, MMC
City Clerk

These minutes were accepted at the Council meeting of June 15, 2010