



SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 5/8/2018
Time: 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

6:00 p.m. Special Session

PR. Presentation

PR1. United States Geological Survey and Menlo Park Fire Protection District regarding earthquake readiness

Geographer GIS Specialist Jamie Jones, Sergeant Aaron Dixon and Disaster Response Manager Ryan Zollicoffer made a presentation on the item.

Mayor Ohtaki spoke on the Crisis and Emergency-risk Communications. Ohtaki also commented that on June 23 there is a planned Menlo Park Community Emergency Drill from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

City Council commented on ways to prepare for a disaster as well as various trainings available.

7:00 p.m. Regular Session

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Presentations and Proclamations

D1. Proclamation recognizing Bike to Work Day May 10, 2018

Mayor Ohtaki presented the Bike to Work Day proclamation.

D2. Proclamation recognizing National Water Safety Month

Mayor Ohtaki presented the National Water Safety Month to Tim Shearer.

E. Public Comment

- Ashok Aggarwal invited the City Council to Brahma Kumaris Silicon Valley event on June 2 and 3 presenting Sister Shivani in Santa Clara and San Ramon (Attachment.)
- Jen Wolosin thanked staff for posting the safe routes to school request for proposal (RFP) and to continue to be diligent in the urgency of safe routes.

F. Consent Calendar

- F1. Accept the City Council meeting minutes for April 17, 2018 (Attachment)
- F2. Approve scope of work and authorize the formation of a taskforce for the heritage tree ordinance review and update (Staff Report #18-102-CC)

ACTION: Motion and second (Carlton/Keith) to approve the consent calendar, passed unanimously with Mayor Pro Tem Mueller recused on item F2.

G. Public Hearing

- G1. City Council direction on placing City Charter on November 2018 ballot (Staff Report #18-098-CC)

Assistant City Attorney Cara Silver made the presentation on the item.

City Council recommended Councilmembers Cline and Carlton be appointed to the Charter City ad hoc committee.

ACTION: Motion and second (Ohtaki/Keith) to appoint Councilmembers Cline and Carlton to the Charter City ad hoc committee, passed unanimously.

H. Regular Business

Mayor Ohtaki reordered item H3 to be heard first.

- H1. Appoint a City Council member to the Stanford General Use Permit ad hoc Committee (Staff Report #18-105-CC)

Mayor Ohtaki explained that a Stanford General Use Permit ad hoc Committee member was required due to the resignation of Mayor Pro Tem Mueller who could possibly have a work-involved conflict.

City Council recommended that Councilmember Keith serve on the Stanford General Use Permit ad hoc Committee.

ACTION: Motion and second (Ohtaki/Keith) to appoint Councilmember Keith to the Stanford General Use Permit ad hoc Committee, passed unanimously.

- H2. Appoint a City Council ad hoc committee to assist with the downtown parking structure project (Staff Report #18-103-CC)

Management Analyst Mike Noce made the presentation on the item.

City Council recommended that Councilmembers Mueller and Carlton serve on the Downtown Parking Structure ad hoc Committee.

ACTION: Motion and second (Cline/Keith) to appoint Councilmembers Mueller and Carlton to the Downtown Parking Structure ad hoc Committee, passed unanimously.

- H3. Identify a preferred alternative for the Ravenswood Avenue Railroad Crossing study appropriate funds, and authorize the city manager to amend AECOM Technical Services, Inc. contract (Staff Report #18-104-CC)

Senior Transportation Engineer Angela R. Obeso made the presentation on the item.

- Mike Brady expressed concerns for a viaduct option.
- Steve Pierce supports option A and stated that all options will have an impact. He also asked that City Council consider the impacts to residents and businesses.
- Brooke was in favor of option C.
- William D. Pflaum expressed aversion to a viaduct option and provided the City Council with examples of viaduct failures in other cities.
- Cynthia Isher, a Felton Gables resident, stated she had over 250 letters in opposition of a viaduct.
- Tim Warner expressed a lack of support for a viaduct.
- Ken Sutherland stated he was against a viaduct but in support of option A.
- Laurie Thomas is opposed to the viaduct.
- Marcy Abramowitz is in support of option A.
- Diana Holiday expressed support for option A.
- Clare Warner stated she was in support of option A.
- Maria Amundson is in support of option A.
- Verl Avib is in support of option C.
- Sharon Delly requested that City Council research other alternatives and study elevated grade separations.
- Ezio Alviti expressed concern for a viaduct and support for option C.
- Dana Hendricks is in support of option C.
- Henry Riggs stated his support for option C.
- Adrian Brandt expressed support for option C.
- Mickie Winkler is in support of option C.
- Adina Levin commented on the Complete Streets Commission meeting and expressed her support of option C.

City Council discussed the alternatives presented. Staff requested clarification from City Council regarding next steps. City Council directed staff to draft letters to Palo Alto, Atherton, Redwood City, Mountain View and Sunnyvale to request consideration of a multi-city trench or tunnel and a letter to Caltrain to request a bicycle/pedestrian path adjacent to the rail within Caltrain right-of-way. They also requested an additional scope of work and appropriation request to prepare (1) a financial assessment of a trench/tunnel and; (2) a conceptual design, noise, tree, and visual impact assessment of a fully elevated alternative.

ACTION: Motion and second (Ohtaki/Keith) to (1) move forward with Alternative A which provides for an underpass crossing at Ravenswood Avenue and keeps Oak Grove, Glenwood and Encinal Avenues open as existing; (2) appropriate \$31,000 from the undesignated fund balance to complete the project; and (3) authorize the City Manager to amend the agreement with AECOM, passes 3-1-1 (Mueller dissenting, Carlton abstaining).

- I. Informational Items
 - I1. Update on Library Department operational and administrative review (Staff Report #18-099-CC)
 - I2. Update on the Community Services Department 2015 operational review and strategic plan (Staff Report #18-100-CC)

I3. City Council term limits (Staff Report #18-101-CC)

J. City Manager's Report

K. Councilmember Reports

L. Adjournment

Mayor Ohtaki adjourned the meeting at 11:06 p.m.

Judi A. Herren, City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the City Council meeting of June 5, 2018.

Brahma Kumaris Silicon Valley

Presents

SISTER SHIVANI

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June

Saturday

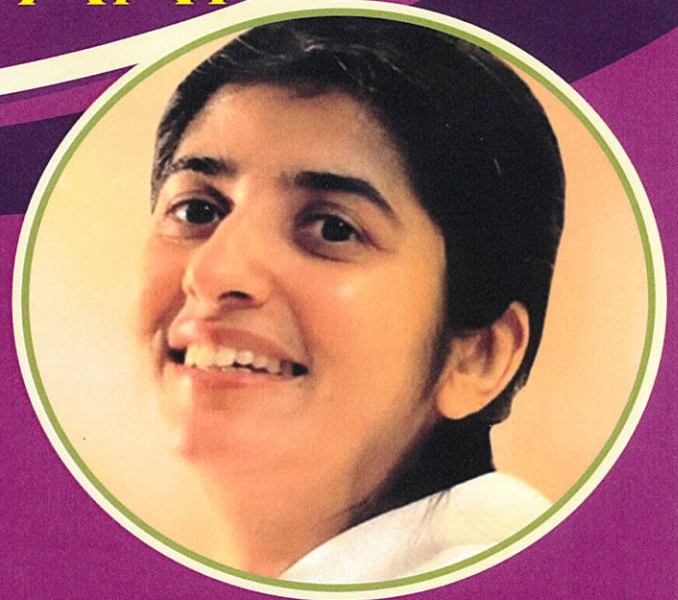
Santa Clara
Convention Center

Creating Your Destiny

10:30am to 1:00pm

Harmony in Relationship

5:30pm to 8:00pm



*Motivational speaker,
TV Personality and
Awardee of "Women of the Decade"*

Free Admission | Donations Accepted
Registration Required

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June

Sunday

San Ramon
Marriott

Emotional Detox

10:30am to 1:00pm

Purpose of Life

5:30pm to 8:00pm



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PROPOSED STUDY ITEMS FOR FULLY ELEVATING TRACKS

- FEASIBILITY of constructing attractive fully elevated tracks over Ravenswood, Oak Grove and Glenwood Avenues and eliminating auto crossings at Encinal Ave.
- COST COMPARISON of Fully Elevated Track vs Option C—to include lowering roads, moving utilities and possible property acquisition.
- CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS of Fully Elevated Train which does not require lowering of any roads with Option C requiring 4-5 years of construction on
 - City businesses
 - residents
 - Police and fire
- COMPARATIVE NOISE IMPACTS on corridor, and can noise be mitigated?
- COMPARATIVE VISUAL IMPACTS including
 - Berm
 - Polls
 - New open real estate created under track w fully elevated viaduct-style train.
- FEASIBILITY of Option C?** Does the location of the Hetch Hetchy pipe preclude lowering the roadways?