



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 12/11/2018
Time: 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

7:00 p.m. Regular Session

A. Call to Order

Mayor Ohtaki called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Carlton (arrived at 7:32 p.m.), Cline, Combs, Keith, Mueller, Nash, Ohtaki, Taylor

Absent:

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ohtaki led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Public Comment

- A representative from the Office of Congresswoman Jackie Speier presented proclamations to City Councilmembers Cline, Keith, and Ohtaki.
- Assemblymember Marc Berman presented resolutions to City Councilmembers Cline, Keith, and Ohtaki
- Mitch Slomiak, with donated time from Diane Bailey, thanked the outgoing City Council for the green initiative projects and requested that greenhouse gas reduction be included in future Climate Action Plans.
- Mike Francois spoke on a 2017 assembly bill (AB 967) regarding the disposal of human remains.
- Katie Behroozi thanked the outgoing City Council for the Oak Grove bike lane and all their accomplishments over their tenure.

E. Consent Calendar

- E1. Accept the City Council meeting minutes for December 4, 2018.

ACTION: Motion and second (Mueller/Keith) to approve the consent calendar, passed unanimously (4-0-1, Carlton absent).

F. Regular Business

Mayor Ohtaki announced the reordering of the Regular Business items by placing F4 after F1.

- F1. Adopt Resolution No. 6475 declaring the canvass of votes cast and results of the General Municipal

Election held in the City of Menlo Park on November 6, 2018 ([Staff Report #18-213-CC](#))

ACTION: Motion and second (Mueller/Carlton) to adopt Resolution No. 6475 declaring the canvass of votes cast and results of the General Municipal Election held in the City of Menlo Park on November 6, 2018, passed unanimously.

F4. Recognize outgoing Mayor and City Councilmembers

Mayor Ohtaki presented the proclamation to Rich Cline (Attachment).

Mayor Ohtaki presented the proclamation to Kirsten Keith (Attachment).

Mayor Pro Tem Mueller presented the proclamation to Peter Ohtaki (Attachment).

F2. Swearing-in of Councilmembers

City Clerk Judi Herren swore in City Councilmembers Combs, Nash, and Taylor.

F3. Selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore ([Staff Report #18-214-CC](#))

ACTION: Motion and second (Carlton/Nash) to select Ray Mueller as Mayor, passed unanimously.

ACTION: Motion and second (Combs/Carlton) to select Cecilia Taylor as Mayor Pro Tempore, passed unanimously.

F5. Approve the 2019 City Council meeting schedule ([Staff Report #18-216-CC](#))

ACTION: Motion and second (Carlton/Nash) to agendize approval of the 2019 City Council meeting schedule for December 18, passed unanimously.

F6. Appoint City Council representatives and alternates to various regional agencies to City Council subcommittees and as liaisons to City Council advisory bodies ([Staff Report #18-215-CC](#))

ACTION: Motion and second (Mueller/Carlton) to select Mayor Mueller and City Councilmember Nash to serve on the ad hoc subcommittee on the City Manager recruitment, passed unanimously.

ACTION: Motion and second (Mueller/Carlton) to select Mayor Pro Tem Taylor and City Councilmember Nash to serve on the ad hoc subcommittee on the Stanford General Use Permit, passed unanimously.

ACTION: Motion and second (Mueller/Combs) to select Mayor Mueller and City Councilmember Combs to serve on the Caltrain Modernization Local Policy Maker Group, passed unanimously.

ACTION: Motion and second (Taylor/Nash) to agendize the remaining appointments of City Council representatives and alternates to various regional agencies to City Council subcommittees and as liaisons to City Council advisory bodies approval of the 2019 City Council meeting schedule for December 18, passed unanimously.

F7. Provide direction to the City's voting delegate regarding regional vacancies for the next City Selection Committee meeting on December 14, 2018 ([Staff Report #18-217-CC](#))

ACTION: Motion and second (Mueller/Carlton) to select Mayor Pro Tempore Taylor as the City's voting delegate regarding regional vacancies for the next City Selection Committee meeting on December 14, 2018, passed unanimously.

G. City Manager's Report

None.

H. Councilmember Reports

None.

I. Adjournment

Mayor Mueller adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Judi A. Herren, City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the City Council meeting of December 18, 2018.

Proclamation

EXPRESSING THE CITY OF MENLO PARK'S APPRECIATION TO RICHARD CLINE

WHEREAS, Richard Cline was elected to the City Council in 2006, reelected in 2010 and 2014, served as Mayor Pro Tem in 2009 and 2015, and was three times selected as Mayor, for the years 2010, 2011 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, Richard Cline, consistently supported and fought for a city government that was open, transparent and accountable to the residents it serves, highlighting the importance of the public bidding process, effective community engagement and the opportunity for all to have a voice in how their city is run; and

WHEREAS, Richard Cline, over the course of his tenure on the City Council, became a knowledgeable and statesmanlike voice on important issues including high speed rail and grade separation, major land use decisions such as the Menlo Gateway development, the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan, and ConnectMenlo General Plan update; and


WHEREAS, Richard Cline recognized the challenges facing Menlo Park and became a vocal supporter of improving government access and the services offered to residents, especially those in Belle Haven, including new and expanded classes at the Onetta Harris Community Center, the completion of a five-year library master plan and the initiation of new library system improvements, the addition of new signature community events such as the Holiday Tree Lighting, Menlo Movie Series and Concerts in the Park at Kelly Park; and

WHEREAS, Richard Cline, while serving as mayor, welcomed the Mayor of Galway, Ireland, and signed the city's first official sister city agreement, cementing the longstanding and historically significant relationship between Menlo Park and its Irish ancestor; and

WHEREAS, Richard Cline espouses the best aspects of an elected public servant through his humility, frank communication and honest dealings, sense of civic duty and wonderful approachability; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City of Menlo Park extends its heartfelt appreciation to Richard Cline for his years of leadership, dedication and service to the Menlo Park community.




Peter Ohtaki, Mayor
December 11, 2018

Proclamation

EXPRESSING THE CITY OF MENLO PARK'S APPRECIATION TO KIRSTEN KEITH

WHEREAS, Kirsten Keith was elected to the City Council in 2010 and reelected in 2014, served as Mayor Pro Tem in 2011 and 2016, and was selected as Mayor for 2012 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, Kirsten Keith led Menlo Park through numerous periods of change and excitement during her tenure, including the hiring of a new city manager and the arrival of Facebook Headquarters to our community; and

WHEREAS, Kirsten Keith represented the City as part of countless local, regional, statewide and national organizations, committees and boards, including leadership roles in the League of California Cities Peninsula Division, statewide policy committees and the statewide League Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Kirsten Keith worked to keep Menlo Park at the forefront on environmental issues, including support for the formation of Peninsula Clean Energy, the adoption of 100 percent renewable and greenhouse gas-free electricity for city facilities and operations; and

WHEREAS, Kirsten Keith successfully advocated for and garnered support from her colleagues and city staff to recognize the value of mindfulness training for law enforcement and implement it for all city police officers to further enhance the relationship between law enforcement and the public; and

WHEREAS, Kirsten Keith has been a champion of increasing the city's available housing stock, especially affordable units and transit-oriented developments, and led the effort to fund the largest affordable family housing project in the history of Menlo Park; and

WHEREAS, Kirsten Keith, an avid cyclist herself, backed enhancements to Menlo Park's network of bike lanes and the addition of new connections to regional networks, and promoted transportation policies to further reduce vehicle traffic while making Menlo Park safer for cyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, Kirsten Keith pushed for the adoption of Menlo Park's "safe city" ordinance and has dedicated both her professional and civic life to issues of social justice, equity and protection of all persons regardless of their immigration status.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City of Menlo Park extends its heartfelt appreciation to Kirsten Keith for her years of leadership, dedication and service to the Menlo Park community.



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Peter Ohtaki, Mayor
December 11, 2018

Proclamation

EXPRESSING THE CITY OF MENLO PARK'S APPRECIATION TO PETER OHTAKI

WHEREAS, Peter Ohtaki was elected to the City Council in 2010 and reelected in 2014, served as Mayor Pro Tem in 2012 and 2017, and was selected as Mayor for 2013 and 2018; and

WHEREAS, Peter Ohtaki focused his efforts on achieving fiscal responsibility for our city, including advocating the City pay down an unfunded pension liability that was costing about \$800k each year, saving taxpayers \$3.6 million in interest expense; and

WHEREAS, Peter Ohtaki was also a champion of economic development as evidenced by his support for the responsible redevelopment of the El Camino Real corridor, his outreach to the venture capital community to initiate a start-up incubator in Menlo Park, and his efforts to preserve and enhance Santa Cruz Avenue by attracting desirable restaurateurs to downtown; and

WHEREAS, Peter Ohtaki and the City Council submitted the Housing Element to the State for the first time in twenty years, and as Mayor, he led the charge in working with Menlo Park's state legislative representatives to fix the state law and bring common sense to the implementation of state requirements for cities regarding housing elements; and

WHEREAS, Peter Ohtaki promoted collaboration and partnership between the City of Menlo Park and the Menlo Park Fire Protection District on emergency preparedness and operations, including an update of the city's emergency operations plan, to build community resiliency; and

WHEREAS, Peter Ohtaki worked with Facebook to establish a local community fund to benefit Menlo Park residents; and

WHEREAS, Peter Ohtaki worked to open our community to historical, cultural and business opportunities by supporting the work of the Sister City Committee to foster friendship and sister city relationships, including the city's first such agreement he signed as Mayor with the city of Galway, Ireland; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City of Menlo Park extends its heartfelt appreciation to Peter Ohtaki for his years of leadership, dedication and service to the Menlo Park community.



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Ray Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem
December 11, 2018