



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT

Date: 2/10/2026
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Locations: Teleconference and
City Council Chambers
751 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

Regular Session

A. Call To Order

Mayor Nash called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Combs, Nash, Schmidt, Taylor, Wise

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Justin Murphy, Assistant City Manager Stephen Stolte, City Attorney Nira Doherty, Assistant to the City Manager/ City Clerk Judi A. Herren

C. Agenda Review

None.

D. Public Comment

None.

E. Consent Calendar

E1. Accept the City Council meeting minutes for January 13, 2026 (Attachment)

E2. Consider and adopt a resolution initiating the Menlo Park Landscaping Assessment District proceedings for fiscal year 2026-27 (Staff Report #26-016-CC)

E3. Authorize the city manager to enter into a contract with MIG, Inc. to prepare the environmental review for the proposed Menlo Park Fire Protection District Headquarters development project at 300 Middlefield Rd. and temporary fire station at 114 Santa Margarita Ave. for the amount of \$193,618 and future augments as may be necessary to complete the environmental review for the proposed project (Staff Report #26-017-CC)

ACTION: Motion and second (Taylor/ Wise), to approve the consent calendar, passed unanimously.

F. Study Session

F1. Emergency preparedness efforts update (Staff Report #26-019-CC)

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Brandon Bond made the presentation (Attachment).

- Jenny Michel spoke on engaging residents, the community and business when developing the EOP (emergency preparedness plan).

The City Council received clarification on qualifying events, mitigation strategies, EOC (emergency operations center) staff training and commission and committee training opportunities.

The City Council discussed the progress made on emergency preparedness, engaging with businesses and community, life safety, SMC alert sign-ups and training opportunities.

G. Informational Items

- G1. City Council agenda topics: February – March 2026 (Staff Report #26-020-CC)
- G2. Police department quarterly update / Q4 October – December 2025 (Staff Report #26-015-CC) (Informe de Personal #26-015-CC)
- G3. Update on request for proposals for development on Parking Plazas 1, 2 and 3, and tentative project schedule (Staff Report #26-018-CC)
- Anthony Draeger spoke in support of no further action on the development of Downtown Parking Plazas until after the November election.
 - Karen Grove spoke in support of affordable housing on Downtown Parking Plazas.

The City Council discussed the timeline of City Council actions in parallel with the ballot measure and Housing Element implications.

H. City Manager Report

City Manager Justin Murphy reported out on the Community Funding Program application period through March 5 and the upcoming city hall solar carport construction impacts to city hall parking lots.

I. City Councilmember Reports

Mayor Nash reported out on the Black Liberation celebration at Belle Haven Community Campus.

J. Adjournment

Mayor Nash adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Assistant to the City Manager/ City Clerk Judi A. Herren