



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT

Date: 9/8/2026
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Locations: Teleconference and
City Hall Downtown Conference Room, 1st Floor
701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

Special Session

A. Call To Order

Mayor Nash called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Combs, Nash, Schmidt, Taylor, Wise
Absent: None
Staff: Assistant City Manager Stephen Stolte, City Attorney Nira Doherty, Deputy City Clerk Sarah Sandoval

C. Closed Session

- C1. Conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation
(Paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Gov. Code Section 54956.9)
Significant exposure to litigation: One case
Documentation related to this agenda item are attached to this agenda (Attachment)

D. Adjourn to Closed Session

Mayor Nash adjourned to the closed session.

E. Call To Order

Mayor Nash re-called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

F. Report from Closed Session

No reportable actions.

G. Adjournment

Mayor Nash adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Deputy City Clerk Sarah Sandoval



SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT

Date: 9/15/2026
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Locations: Teleconference and
City Council Chambers
751 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

Special Session

A. Call To Order

Mayor Nash called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Combs (remote), Nash, Schmidt, Taylor (remote, exited at 8:10 p.m.), 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. Closed Session

C1. Conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation
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- Ron Schloss spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.
- Azita Martin spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.
- Barbara Coll spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.
- John Sobes spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.
- Amy Joachim spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.
- Patti Fry spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.
- Erin Craig spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.
- Andie Reed spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.
- Peter Drekmeier spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.
- Carla Posthauer spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.
- John Nimmo spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.
- Arar Murugan spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.
- Louis Olson spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.
- Matt Hartman spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.
- Josh Orht spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.
- Gail Slocum spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.
- Kip Husty spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.
- Stuart Weiss spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.
- Penny Durham spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.
- Alicia Torregrosa spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.
- Scott Marshall spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.

- Karna Morey spoke in support of the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.
- S. Meldal spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.
- Kim Johnson spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.
- Jennifer Michel spoke in support of affordable housing.
- Lauren Varanese spoke in support of affordable housing at 80 Willow Rd.
- Mark Tuschman spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 80 Willow Rd.

C2. Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation
Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of §54956.9)
Name of case: Mircea Voskerician and
12 Maywood LLC v. CITY OF MENLO PARK
Case No. 26-CIV-05627

C3. Conference with labor negotiators
Government Code Section 54957.6
Labor negotiations with unrepresented management

Agency designated representatives: City Manager Justin I.C. Murphy, City Attorney Nira Doherty,
Legal Counsel Charles Sakai

Regular Session

D. Call To Order

Mayor Nash re-called the meeting to order at 8:14 p.m.

E. Report from Closed Session

No reportable actions.

F. Agenda Review

The City Council directed two public comment periods for item J2. the first after item G. and the second at the start of J2. and updated the regular business item order to J2., J4., J5., J1. and J3.

G. Public Comment

- Scott Herscher spoke in support of agendizing a discussion on ALPRs (automated license plate readers).
- Menlo Park Historical Association (MPHA) representative Betty Meissner provided updates on the MPHA.
- Peter Hoddie spoke in opposition of the use of ALPRs.

J2. Consider and adopt a resolution to make the Coleman Avenue Pilot project permanent
(Staff Report #26-151-CC)

- Gabriel and Ross Silverstein spoke in support of protected bike lanes on Coleman Avenue.
- Evan Bailey spoke in support of bike lanes and including a stop line for bikes at the stop sign.

- Kevin Rennie and family spoke in support of bollard protected bike lanes and making the pilot on Coleman permanent.

H. Presentations and Proclamations

H1. Proclamation: 25th Anniversary of September 11 (Attachment)

Mayor Nash introduced the proclamation.

- Pam Jones spoke in support of the Menlo Park Fire Protection Districts being dispatched to aid in the 9/11/2001 attacks.

Menlo Park Fire Protection District Deputy Chief Dan Coyle accepted the proclamation (Attachment).

H2. Proclamation: Constitution Week (Attachment)

Mayor Nash introduced the proclamation.

City Clerk Judi Herren accepted the proclamation (Attachment).

H3. Proclamation: National Service Dog Month (Attachment)

Mayor Nash introduced the proclamation.

Lena Strickling and Birdie from First Responder Therapy Dogs accepted the proclamation (Attachment).

H4. Proclamation: National Preparedness Month (Attachment)

Mayor Nash introduced the proclamation.

Public Works Director Azalea Mitch accepted the proclamation (Attachment).

I. Consent Calendar

I1. Accept the City Council meeting minutes for Aug. 5 and 11, 2026 (Attachment)

I2. Authorize the city manager to purchase library books and materials from Ingram Content Group in total amount not to exceed \$115,000 during fiscal year 2026-27 (Staff Report #26-149-CC)

ACTION: Motion and second (Nash/ Wise), to approve the consent calendar, passed 4-0-1 (Taylor absent).

J. Regular Business

The City Council reordered the agenda.

J2. Consider and adopt a resolution to make the Coleman Avenue Pilot project permanent

(Staff Report #26-151-CC)

Associate Transportation Planner Casandra Cortez made the presentation (Attachment).

- James Loftus spoke in support of making the Coleman Avenue pilot permanent, requested additional parking and traffic enforcement and to research street sweeping mechanisms and times to accommodate a bollard protected bike lane.
- Fred Mertz spoke on concerns that the changes made to Coleman Avenue have exacerbated the problems on Santa Monica Avenue and requested a timed bike lane on Coleman Avenue.
- Sally Cole spoke in support of making the Coleman Avenue pilot permanent including bollard protected bike lanes and concerns on parking issues.
- Derek Makovich spoke on impacts to apartment resident parking and proposed time-enforced parking alternatives.
- Jacqui Cebrian spoke in support of making the Coleman Avenue pilot permanent and including protected bike lanes.
- Christy Petes spoke in support of making the Coleman Avenue pilot permanent including bollard protected bike lanes.
- Anthony Smolek provided alternate parking options and requested a protected bike lane pilot.
- Andrew Ehrich spoke in support of making the Coleman Avenue pilot permanent and a bollard protected bike lane.
- Matthew Rascoff spoke in support of making the Coleman Avenue pilot permanent including a bollard protected bike lane and the removal of speed cushions from the bike lanes.
- Desmond and Jenny Michele spoke in support of making the Coleman Avenue pilot permanent including a k-rail or bollard protected bike lane and the removal of speed cushions from the bike lanes.
- Tom Philbrick spoke on the need for a sidewalk on Santa Monica and concerns on blind spots for motor vehicles.
- Shopa spoke on concerns that the changes made to Coleman Avenue have exacerbated the problems on Santa Monica Avenue.
- Nayeli spoke in support of making the Coleman Avenue pilot permanent including a protected bike lane and on concerns about the street parking removal.

The City Council received clarification on speed cushions in the bike lane, curbs, the County side of Coleman Avenue project timeline and challenges with bollards.

The City Council discussed Santa Monica Avenue parking impacts and safety, curb transitions near the County side, bollards on Encinal Avenue, specialized street sweepers for streets with bollards and a bike lane on the southbound side of Coleman Avenue.

The City Council directed staff to research street sweepers for streets with bollards, include in the Santa Monica Avenue parking effort 1) potential bollards for awareness of the bike lane and 2) further improvements on the southbound portion to improve safety at the intersection of Coleman Avenue and Willow Road.

ACTION: Motion and second (Schmidt/ Nash), to adopt a resolution to make the Coleman Avenue Pilot project permanent, passed 4-0-1 (Taylor absent).

- J4. Consider and adopt a resolution to approve the successor agreement between the City of Menlo Park and the Service Employees International Union, Local 521, for regular and temporary

employees expiring June 30, 2029 (Staff Report #26-148-CC)

- J5. Consider and adopt a resolution to amend the salary schedule effective Sept. 20, 2026 (Staff Report #26-153-CC)

Administrative Services Director Brittany Mello introduced items J4. and J5.

ACTION: Motion and second (Combs/ Wise), to adopt a resolution to approve the successor agreement between the City of Menlo Park and the Service Employees International Union, Local 521, expiring June 30, 2029, passed 4-0-1 (Taylor absent).

ACTION: Motion and second (Wise/ Schmidt), to adopt a resolution to amend the City of Menlo Park salary schedule effective Sept. 20, passed 4-0-1 (Taylor absent).

- J1. Approve advisory body annual work plans for the Complete Streets Commission, Environmental Quality Commission, Finance and Audit Commission, Housing Commission, Library Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission (Staff Report #26-150-CC)

Deputy City Clerk Sarah Sandoval made the presentation (Attachment).

The City Council discussed the importance of commission work plans having clearly defined goals and tying to City Council priorities, the Complete Streets Commission reviewing e-bike restrictions and downtown circulation, the Finance and Audit Commission coordinating a budget forum for members of the public and cross collaboration between commissions.

ACTION: Motion and second (Schmidt / Wise), to approve the annual work plans for the following advisory bodies:

- Complete Streets Commission
 - Environmental Quality Commission
 - Finance and Audit Commission
 - Housing Commission
 - Library Commission
 - Parks and Recreation Commission,
- passed 4-0-1 (Taylor absent).

- J3. Authorize the city manager to execute a single source agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for an integrated public safety technology platform (Staff Report #26-152-CC)

Police Commander Wilson Lau made the presentation (Attachment).

- Peter Hoddie spoke in opposition of the use of ALPRs for police vehicle dash cams.

The City Council received clarification on the use of ALPRs with dash cams.

The City Council discussed the 10-year compared to 5-year agreement options regarding hardware and the need for future City Council approval of ALPR implementation.

ACTION: Motion and second (Combs/ Wise), to authorize the city manager to execute a single source 10-year agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the police department's integrated public safety technology

K. Informational Items

- K1. City Council agenda topics: September – October 2026 (Staff Report #26-154-CC)
- K2. Update on fiscal year 2025-26 year-end status (Staff Report #26-155-CC)

L. City Manager Report

City Manager Murphy reported out on the Coastal Clean Up Day event Sept. 19.

M. City Councilmember Reports

- M1. Mayor Nash report (Attachment)

City Councilmember Schmidt reported out on the vehicle license fee (VLF) progress, provided an update on Assembly Bill 762 and on the Commute.org meeting.

N. Adjournment

Mayor Nash adjourned the meeting at 10:50 pm.

Assistant to the City Manager/ City Clerk Judi Herren