



REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Date: 5/12/2026
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Locations: [Zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) – ID# 832 1285 7140 and
City Council Chambers
751 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

City Councilmember Schmidt will be participating from:
Hyatt Regency Minneapolis
1300 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403

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Regular Session

A. Call To Order

B. Roll Call

C. Agenda Review

D. Public Comment

Under “Public Comment,” the public may address the City Council on any subject not listed on the agenda. Each speaker may address the City Council once under public comment for a limit of three minutes; in some instances, speaker time may be limited. You are not required to provide your name or City of residence, but it is helpful. The City Council cannot act on items not listed on the agenda and, therefore, the City Council cannot respond to non-agenda issues brought up under public comment other than to provide general information.

E. Presentations and Proclamations

- E1. Presentation: Youth Poetry Voices celebration
- E2. Presentation: Youth Advisory Committee ([Presentation](#))
- E3. Proclamation: Mental Health Month ([Attachment](#))
- E4. Proclamation: Affordable Housing Month ([Attachment](#))

F. Consent Calendar

- F1. Accept the City Council meeting minutes for April 14, 2026 ([Attachment](#))
- F2. Consider and adopt a resolution renewing Chapter 2.70 of the Menlo Park Municipal Code entitled military equipment use ordinance, renewing the Menlo Park Military Equipment Use Policy, and finding that, based on the 2025 Menlo Park Police Department annual military equipment report, each type of military equipment identified in that report complies with the standards of approval set forth in Menlo Park Police Department policy 708.7 and Government Code Section 7071(d) ([Staff Report #26-073-CC](#))
- F3. Receive and file the investment portfolio quarterly reports for Dec. 31, 2025 ([Staff Report #26-074-CC](#))
- F4. Consider and adopt a resolution approving the preliminary engineer’s report for the Menlo Park Landscaping Assessment District and adopt a resolution intending to order the levy and collection of assessments for the Landscaping Assessment District for fiscal year 2026-27 ([Staff Report #26-077-CC](#))
- F5. Authorize the city manager to execute an amendment to the Animal Control agreement between the County of San Mateo and cities for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2026 ([Staff Report #26-080-CC](#))

G. Study Session

- G1. Provide direction on public safety priority for fiscal year 2026-27 ([Staff Report #26-079-CC](#)) ([Presentation](#))



- G2. Provide direction on the five-year capital improvement plan ([Staff Report #26-081-CC](#)) ([Presentation](#))

H. Public Hearing

- H1. Conduct a public hearing, rate protest hearing, and consider adoption of a resolution approving maximum increases in rates for the collection, processing, and disposal of waste, recycling, and compost materials for commercial, multi-family, and single-family customers, with annual adjustments ([Staff Report #26-075-CC](#)) ([Presentation](#))
- H2. Conduct a public hearing, rate protest hearing, and consider adoption of a resolution approving maximum rate increases for Menlo Park Municipal Water, with annual adjustments including pass-throughs of any increases in the costs of wholesale water from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and establishing and setting water capacity charges ([Staff Report #26-076-CC](#)) ([Presentation](#))
- H3. Introduce and waive the reading of an ordinance amending the Menlo Park Zoning Map and Title 16, Zoning, of the Menlo Park Municipal Code to add Chapter 16.57 temporarily excluding eligible sites within the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan subdistricts of D (Downtown), SA-W (Station Area West), SA-E (Station Area East), ECR-SE (El Camino Real South-East), and ECR-NE-R (El Camino Real North-East Residential Emphasis) that are within 0.25 miles of the Menlo Park Caltrain Station, from Senate Bill (SB) 79, the Abundant and Affordable Homes Near Transit Act ([Staff Report #26-078-CC](#)) ([Presentation](#))

I. Informational Items

- I1. City Council agenda topics: May – June 2026 ([Staff Report #26-082-CC](#))

J. City Manager Report

K. City Councilmember Reports

L. Adjournment

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