

## **Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 12, 2019**

One Twin Pines Lane, Belmont CA

### **CALL TO ORDER 7:03 P.M.**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Mates, Lieberman, Stone, Kim (arr. 7:10), Hurt

Councilmembers Absent: None

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Mayor Hurt

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**Katie Kesselman**, Belmont resident, spoke regarding the need to educate people about issues related to sugar and the need to consume more healthy snacks.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Lieberman stated that he attended a Belmont-Redwood Shores Youth Softball event. He pointed out that Group 4 consultants were present at that event to solicit input regarding Barrett.

Councilmember Stone commented regarding Mayor Hurt's recent State of the City address.

Councilmember Kim thanked the Belmont Police Department for following up on a potential issue at Ralston School.

Mayor Hurt stated she attended a recent SAMCEDA event. She also commented regarding her State of the City address.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Minutes** of Special Meeting of February 7, 2019 (Commission Interviews)

**Minutes** of Special Meeting of February 27, 2019 (Commission Interviews)

**Minutes** of Regular Meeting of February 26, 2019

**Resolution 2019-019** approving a permanent encroachment agreement to allow privately maintained retaining walls within the public right-of-way at 1766 Terrace Drive (APN 044-091-230)

**Resolution 2019-020** authorizing the City Attorney to procure legal services from Best Best & Krieger, LLP

**Introduction of** an Ordinance amending Sec. 2-166(c)(3) of the Belmont City Code, clarifying the duties of the Measure I Advisory Committee

**Resolutions 2019-021 and Resolution 2019-022** authorizing a property tax exchange prior to annexation of property located at 1304 Elmer Street and 633 O'Neill Avenue (APN's: 046-031-020, 046-031-030)

**Resolution 2019-023** authorizing solicitation of bids, and authorizing the City Manager to execute a Master Service Agreement with the lowest responsible bidder for an amount not to exceed \$225,000 for root foaming services

**ACTION:** On a motion by Councilmember Stone, seconded by Councilmember Mates, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Community Center Design Project Kickoff**

Parks and Recreation Director Shearer introduced members of Group 4 Architects and described their experience with similar projects.

Jonathan Hartman, Group 4 Architects, provided background of their firm and noted other Belmont projects they were involved with, including City Hall and the Senior and Community Center.

Dawn Merkes, Group 4 Architects, provided an overview of the work plan to develop a master plan for a new community center. She described the collaborative approach with city staff and the community advisory committee's upcoming work. She outlined opportunities for community outreach and explained that input was already being sought.

In response to Councilmember Kim, Ms. Merkes described the evaluation process, and noted that the effort will be based on site capacity. She explained that the evaluation will be city-wide, but previous discussions regarding options for Barrett could inform the process. She confirmed that the Planning Commission can be engaged for input.

In response to Councilmember Stone, City Attorney Rennie confirmed that the Planning Commission would be required to be involved if this project becomes a capital improvement project, since the Commission would have to make a finding relative to its consistency with the General Plan.

Councilmember Lieberman suggested asking the street of residence for those participating in surveys. Ms. Merkes noted this could be done in future surveying.

Councilmember Stone expressed support for utilizing a mailer. Parks and Recreation Director Shearer explained that letters are going out to those living within 1000 feet regarding the upcoming workshop.

Discussion ensued regarding best timing for a mail survey.

Councilmember Stone pointed out that a new community center will not be able to accommodate all needs, and there is a need to be cognizant of the need for field space. He expressed support for the outreach efforts, and suggested placing iPad kiosks at the middle and high school.

Councilmember Kim noted that the City of Belmont is going through transition, and that a new facility will be based on community needs and impact on site environment, including circulation. He stated that the Planning Commission needs to be involved in the process, and concurs that outreach is critical, especially since funding for a new facility is likely to come from residents.

Councilmember Mates stated that existing users of the facility should be included in polling, regardless of residency. She commented on the need to manage expectations regarding funding requirements.

Councilmember (and Barrett subcommittee member) Lieberman commented regarding results of surveying and how to evaluate responses. He pointed out that Group 4 was recommended based on knowledge and experience. He suggested looking to the consultants to help determine the best outreach strategy.

Mayor Hurt expressed the need to temper expectations. She stated that the Planning Commission is not being excluded and can provide input farther down the line. She concurred that robust outreach is important. She noted that consideration of operational costs is an important component of whatever is built.

#### **MATTERS OF COUNCIL INTEREST/CLARIFICATION (Item taken out of order)**

##### **Citizens Climate Lobby Request (Mayor Hurt)**

Mayor Hurt noted that a Belmont resident is involved in CCL (Citizens Climate Change). She recognizes the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and requested that the City Council endorse the efforts of CCL in concept.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that he does not have enough information to vote on this matter. He pointed out that the City Council does not usually take action on matters not directly related to Belmont.

**Gary Wight**, Belmont resident/climate activist, described the makeup and efforts of CCL. He described the taxation of carbon users and the redistribution of those revenues. He outlined other local jurisdictions that have supported similar resolutions.

Council concurred to place this matter on a future agenda for further discussion.

#### **COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSIGNMENT UPDATES, AND STAFF ITEMS**

##### **Verbal report from Councilmembers on Intergovernmental (IGR) and Subcommittee Assignments**

Councilmember Lieberman reported on a recent Silicon Valley Clean Water meeting he attended.

Councilmember Kim stated he attended a C/CAG Ad Hoc meeting regarding the US 101 project. He also attended a Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) meeting, a YAC (Youth Advisory Committee) Social with VOICES, and a Placemaking Committee meeting.

Councilmember Stone reported on a Senior Advisory Committee meeting, a Sam Trans meeting, and a Cal Train meeting.

Councilmember Mates reported on a Cal Train Modernization policy making group meeting.

Mayor Hurt reported on a SBWMA (South Bayside Waste Management Authority) meeting and a Placemaking meeting.

### **Commission Appointments**

Discussion ensued regarding the applicants and the interview process. Councilmembers noted their top candidates for each category.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Councilmember Stone, seconded by Councilmember Mates, the following resolutions were adopted:

**Resolution 2019-024** appointing Brennan Dai and Abby Sanders to one-year terms as youth members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

**Resolution 2019-025** appointing Nicki Fox, Craig Michaels and Avery Lyford to two-year terms on the Parks and Recreation Commission

**Resolution 2019-026** appointing Carolyn Pyrz and Amy Goldfarb to three-year terms on the Planning Commission

**Resolution 2019-027** appointing Wes Finley and Peter Meier to vacant positions on the Planning Commission (one-year terms)

**ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 9:30 P.M.**

Terri Cook  
City Clerk

Meeting televised and recorded.