

## **Minutes of Special and Regular City Council Meeting of April 9, 2019**

One Twin Pines Lane, Belmont, California, and Fullerton Marriott, 2701 Nutwood Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92831 (Kim)

### **SPECIAL MEETING (Suite 360 Conference Room)**

**CALL TO ORDER 6:05 p.m.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **City Manager Recruitment**

City Manager Scoles outlined options for the upcoming City Manager recruitment. He pointed out that it is typical to do an executive recruitment for this position, and he described the process that is generally used by a recruiter. He explained that he has already reached out to several executive search firms and has received three proposals. He noted that the City Council could form a subcommittee to review the proposals and make a recommendation for a preferred consultant. He stated that alternatively the Council could review the proposals as a full council and perform interviews of the firms.

Discussion ensued regarding the efficiency with the use of a subcommittee.

City Manager Scoles suggested that the subcommittee could also recommend how to fill the gap between the time of his retirement and the hiring of a new manager, whether that is with an external candidate or internal department head.

Council concurred to form a subcommittee consisting of the Mayor and Vice Mayor, and to use an executive search firm for the recruitment.

#### **Adjourn to CLOSED SESSION**

(1) **Conference With Legal Counsel (Govt Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))**

Existing Litigation: Jacobs v. Belmont Fire Protection District, N.D. Cal. 3:18-cv-05823-JSC

(2) **Public Employee Employment (Pursuant to Govt Code Section 54957)**

City Manager - Interim Appointment

(3) **Conference With Real Property Negotiators (Govt Code Section 54956.8)**

Property located at: 1300 El Camino Real, 1365 Fifth Avenue, and 875 O'Neill Avenue in the City of Belmont, APN 045-244-010, 045-244-150, and 045-244-160. Agency negotiators: Greg Scoles, Scott Rennie. Negotiating parties: City of Belmont, Belmont Firehouse Square, LLC, and MidPen Housing Corporation, Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment for sale of City property

**Attended by: Councilmembers Mates, Lieberman, Stone, Kim (via telephone), Hurt**

**ADJOURNMENT at this time being 6:55 P.M.**

**REGULAR MEETING  
CALL TO ORDER 7:10 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mates, Lieberman, Stone, Kim (via Skype), Hurt  
COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Wade Leschyn

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Rennie stated there were no reportable actions from the Closed Sessions held earlier.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Proclamation Recognizing Arbor Day**

Mayor Hurt read the Proclamation.

Dave Bauer, Belmont Rotary Club, spoke regarding an upcoming tree planting that will be done by students in the Interact Clubs at Ralston Middle School and Carlmont High School.

**Proclamation Recognizing Mosquito Awareness Week**

Mayor Hurt read the proclamation.

Wade Leschyn, Belmont's representative to the San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District, provided a brief history of mosquito control in the region over the past 100 years, and he described newer mosquito-borne diseases. He announced the District's upcoming Open house and described steps residents can take to keep the mosquito population down.

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

**Kathleen Beasley**, Belmont Library Manager, noted the upcoming celebration of National Library Week and Belmont Library's 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**David Pollack**, San Mateo County Violence Prevention, spoke regarding pending local gun lock legislation and recommended that the City of Belmont consider a similar ordinance.

**COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Kim spoke regarding the recent Belmont's Got Talent and Belmont Idol Shows and announced the Upcoming Save the Music Festival and Waterdog Run to be held in October.

Mayor Hurt announced the upcoming Earth Day activities, a Senior Care and Live Planning Seminar, and Egg Hunt. She summarized the recent first-time homebuyer workshop that was held in Belmont in conjunction with HEART (Housing Endowment and Regional Trust). She pointed out that a Belmont student is a winner for Rethink Waste's truck art contest.

### **ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**Adoption of Ordinance 2019-1140, Floodplain Management Ordinance**

**Resolution 2019-035** accepting work and authorizing the issuance of a Notice of Completion to K. J. Woods Construction, Inc. for the Sanitary Sewer and Water Rehabilitation Project, City Contract Number 2017-558, for a final construction cost of \$2,770,191

**Resolution 2019-036** approving a list of proposed projects to receive funding from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) in Fiscal Year 19/20

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

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **CASA Compact and Ongoing Development in California Housing Law**

Community Development Director de Melo described the genesis of the CASA Compact and explained that its goal is to address housing imbalance. He outlined a number of pending legislative bills to address housing, primarily in the area of zoning. He noted that staff is currently analyzing the potential impact of the various bills on the City of Belmont. He pointed out that the League of California Cities has not taken a formal position and recommended that Belmont take a wait-and-see approach.

Community Development Director de Melo outlined the City of Belmont's accomplishments in the area of housing during recent years which address some of the issues outlined in the CASA Compact and SB50. He described new developments at or nearing completion and those that are planned, and he pointed out that some of these developments provide affordable units. He described the range of area in Belmont that could be impacted by SB50.

City Manager Scoles noted that some of the pending legislation removes local control.

Discussion ensued regarding the potential for existing local zoning that could be overridden under the proposed legislation.

Councilmember Mates noted that the City of Belmont has done a good job in creating opportunities to increase housing, that the City Council and the Planning Commission have made thoughtful approaches to maintain the existing residential community while providing new housing, and that this was accomplished without a State mandate. She pointed out that the City of Belmont has met RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment) numbers. She suggested that cities should be able to make their own decisions without a mandate. She expressed support for the intent of the proposed legislation and supports a wait-and-see approach.

Councilmember Kim stated he has mixed feelings about the proposed legislation. He pointed out that business as usual for some cities is not addressing quality and quantity of affordable housing, and that collectively cities could be doing more. He noted that undermining local control is an issue and it is counterproductive to attack R1 zoning. He stated that cities need more progressive policies, and that some of the legislation is vague and needs more clarity. He noted that cities should be engaged in discussion, and this legislation is counter to that. He does not support any pending legislation in its present form.

Councilmember Stone commented regarding the existing housing/jobs imbalance and pointed out that many cities have been addressing housing since 2015. He pointed out that the affordable housing crisis is real. He expressed support for the goal of providing affordable housing. Belmont voters support transit-oriented development but want to protect single-family neighborhoods. He also commented regarding just-cause evictions proposed in the legislation. He does not support rent control. He stated that cities need more incentives to increase housing, not punishment. He suggested that legislators work with local leaders to continue to resolve housing needs.

Councilmember Lieberman concurred that there is a housing crisis and that the City of Belmont has done a good job in recent years to address housing needs. He pointed out that local leaders know what is in the best interest of their cities. He noted that the proposed legislation may work for some cities but not all. He suggested that if a city is doing its fair share regarding housing production, it should be left to continue that effort. He noted that the City of Belmont doing a good job maintaining its residential neighborhoods.

Mayor Hurt concurred with the other comments. She expressed her appreciation for the spirit of the proposed legislation to provide more housing opportunities and noted that one-size-fits-all legislation could harm the City of Belmont's effort. She pointed out that the need for housing is foremost among local leaders in the area.

#### **Adult Softball League Operations Agreement Between the City of Belmont and City of San Mateo**

Parks and Recreation Director Shearer stated that the City of Belmont has had a partnership agreement for adult softball for five years. She noted that the proposed renewal represents some slight changes in that the City of Foster City is now providing its own program, so the renewal will include a partnership just with the City of San Mateo. She pointed out that staff is proposing a three-year agreement. She noted the decline in the demand for adult softball.

Councilmember Stone suggested that staff continue to explore other partnerships.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Councilmember Stone, seconded by Councilmember Lieberman, Resolution 2019-037 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement renewing the adult softball league operations agreement between the City of Belmont and City of San Mateo for a three-year term was unanimously approved.

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

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

Councilmember Kim spoke regarding a recent HEART board meeting and noted an upcoming fundraising event for that organization. He pointed out that agreement has been reached regarding the ownership of lanes for the upcoming US Highway 101 project.

Councilmember Lieberman described a recent Audit Committee meeting.

Councilmember Mates reported on a recent Barrett advisory committee meeting, a LPMG (Local Policy Makers Group for Caltrain) meeting, and an SFO Roundtable meeting.

Councilmember Stone reported on recent SamTrans Board and Caltrain Board meetings.

Mayor Hurt reported on a recent Placemaking meeting and spoke regarding a Poetry event at Belameda Park. She also attended a SBWMA/Rethink Waste meeting.

**Verbal report from City Manager**

City Manager Scoles stated that Cipriani Dog Park is closed for maintenance and would be reopening soon. He spoke regarding the recent Community Center meeting and encouraged people to visit the website for future opportunities.

**Mayor and Vice Mayor Section Process**

This item was continued to April 23.

**ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 8:45 P.M.**

Terri Cook  
City Clerk

Meeting audio and video recorded.