

**Minutes of Special and Regular Meeting of April 23, 2019
One Twin Pines Lane, Belmont, California**

SPECIAL MEETING 6:00 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION [Third Floor Conference Room]

Public Employee Employment Pursuant to Govt Code Section 54957

City Manager - Interim Appointment

STUDY SESSION [City Council Chambers]

Presentation on Belmont Sports Complex Project

Parks and Recreation Director Shearer stated that the intent of tonight's study session was to provide an update regarding design and funding for the turf project at the Belmont Sports Complex. She reviewed the timeline and cost estimates for project which started in 2008. She pointed out that the original project included both the north and south fields, but now includes only the north field, primarily due to increased costs.

Parks and Recreation Director Shearer outlined the design highlights and additional features added in the 90 percent drawings and provided an overview of budget versus actual funding status, which indicates a \$4-\$5 million shortfall.

Finance Fil described the potential use of debt financing and noted the appropriateness of this tool since future revenues are expected from park fees. He outlined options available for funding.

Rich Bortoli, Belmont resident, expressed support for the inclusion of a dirt pitching mound. He expressed concern regarding potential completion date and having the new field available for next year's baseball season. He pointed out the potential added costs in the event the City has to rent fields elsewhere. He is also concerned regarding the funding shortfall.

Discussion ensued regarding the change of scope to just the north field, the debt financing, and early payoff. Discussion also ensued regarding the gap in estimates.

Councilmember Kim expressed interest in exploring all options, and likely will support debt financing.

Councilmember Stone noted that this improvement will provide an opportunity to increase the use of the field by sports groups, and the project should not wait until money becomes available. He stated it is prudent to move forward with debt financing.

Councilmember Mates expressed an interest in being provided with details regarding risk with all options.

Mayor Hurt noted that the City Council is committed to complete this project and that costs will only increase if delayed.

Attended by: Councilmembers Mates, Stone, Kim, Hurt. Councilmember Lieberman was absent.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 7:00 P.M. (Closed Session recessed to after the Regular Meeting)

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City Clerk

**REGULAR MEETING
CALL TO ORDER 7:03 P.M.**

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Mates, Lieberman (arr. 8:10 P.M.), Stone, Kim, Hurt
Councilmembers Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Hurt

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Rennie noted that the Closed Session was recessed until adjournment of the regular meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Proclamations Recognizing Outgoing Parks and Recreation Commissioners Rich Bortoli and Andres Raddavero

Councilmembers offered their comments to the outgoing commissioners, and Mayor Hurt presented the proclamations.

Craig Michaels, Chair, Parks and Recreation Commission, offered thanks to Commissioner Bortoli for his many years of service as a Commissioner.

Update from Belmont Poet Laureate Jacki Rigoni

Belmont Poet Laureate Jacki Rigoni noted that the City of Belmont is only one of three cities in San Mateo County to have a City-appointed Poet Laureate. She pointed out that that poetry readership has doubled in five years. She described regular poetry nights and other programs that have been held in Belmont during the past year, some featuring notable poets. She described the California Poets Laureate workshop she recently attended.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Kim noted that planning is under way for the upcoming Save the Music Festival.

Councilmember Stone noted that the San Mateo Daily Journal's Senior Showcase will be held soon. He pointed out that volunteering for Save the Music a good way to get started volunteering in the community.

Councilmember Mates announced an upcoming poetry installation event at Belameda Park.

Mayor Hurt announced that the San Mateo County Youth Commission is accepting applications. She stated that she attended a Rising Stars program for youth in juvenile justice system. She outlined upcoming Mayor hours at the Belmont Library. She announced that an Immigrant Youth Committee scholarship is available. She described an upcoming children's festival in San Jose.

ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes of Special and Regular Meeting of March 26, 2019

Minutes of Special and Regular Meeting of April 9, 2019

Resolution 2018-038 amending the Compensation and Benefits Program for the Unrepresented Management Group (Department Heads) effective July 1, 2019 unless otherwise noted

Resolution 2018-039 approving the new job classifications and pay scales for Management Fellow and Community Service Officer/Police Cadet

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Stone, seconded by Councilmember Mates, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved (4-0, Lieberman absent).

OTHER BUSINESS

Caltrain 2040 Business Plan & Hillsdale Station Temporary Closure Presentations

Sebastian Petty, Director of Policy Development for Caltrain, outlined the areas covered by the long-range business plan. He pointed out that electrification of the system is under way. He also noted that Caltrain is looking ahead to ridership demand by 2040 based on projected economic and residential growth, and it is producing three scenarios on how to address growth and demand and the potential for adding high speed rail. He provided ridership projections.

Mr. Petty provided an overview of the impact of increased service on the Belmont corridor. He explained that no passing tracks are needed for baseline or moderate increases of levels of service. He pointed out that if the system were to increase to 16 trains per hour, a 4-track system would be required from Hayward Park to Redwood City. He described the potential increase in service and ridership levels for Belmont and noted that other cities still need to construct grade separations. He outlined outreach activities that have taken place.

Karen Camacho, Housing Leadership Council, stated that building affordable housing near transit is important. She encouraged the JPB (Joint Powers Board) to increase affordable housing

opportunities along the corridor.

In response to Councilmember Stone, Mr. Petty confirmed that only the highest increase in service levels would require additional infrastructure for passing tracks.

In response to Mayor Hurt's inquiry regarding who the new riders are, Mr. Petty clarified that increased vehicular congestion on Highway 101, providing better service, including off-peak hours, and new residents along the corridor will likely result in increased ridership.

Councilmember Kim stated that electrification is only the beginning of improved service. He pointed out that Caltrain is reliant on the fare box, and there is a need to diversify revenue sources. He suggested that cities work regionally to determine a level of service that works for the region.

Councilmember Stone commented on the need for more revenue and the challenge regarding increasing fares. He stated there is a need to make service affordable for all users, and it is important to consider land use. He also pointed to the need for affordable housing along the corridor. He noted that there is a tradeoff with too much development along corridor if land is needed for expanded infrastructure.

Councilmember Mates pointed out that more people would ride if better service were available in Belmont rather than traveling to other stations. She noted the tradeoff with needed infrastructure for a higher level of service.

(At this time, being 8:10 p.m., Councilmember Lieberman joined the meeting.)

Mayor Hurt expressed the need for improved and denser service to improve mobility. She commented regarding the underused parking lot in Belmont.

Raphael Balon, Caltrain Project Manager, described grade separation project at 25th Avenue in San Mateo and the new station at Hillsdale. He outlined the construction schedule and impact on Belmont station when Hillsdale station will need to be closed for a period of time. He noted that Belmont will effectively become the Hillsdale station, including baby bullet trains. He described the outreach efforts that are under way regarding this project.

Mayor Hurt expressed concern regarding parking overflow into the surrounding neighborhoods if parking fees are not waived. Mr. Bolon responded that minor station modifications will be made to accommodate shuttles and increased dropoff. He stated that Caltrain can work with Belmont staff to address other parking considerations.

Mayor Hurt also expressed concern regarding the increased use of the elevator, which is currently maintained by the City of Belmont.

Councilmember Stone pointed out that this project may provide opportunity to provide better

services at the Belmont station such as a coffee kiosk.

Councilmember Kim noted that the Belmont station is reliable and safe, and this short-term change could demonstrate what improved service looks like. He shares the concern regarding parking impacts in neighborhoods.

Councilmember Mates pointed out that people will have an opportunity use Belmont station more.

Mayor Hurt expressed support for addressing impacts in a positive way. She pointed out that everyone will benefit from improvements in the system.

Silicon Valley Clean Water Business Inspections Agreement

Public Works Director Oskoui described the regulatory requirement regarding business inspections to address stormwater runoff. He explained that San Mateo County is not in the inspection business any longer and the proposal is for SVCW (Silicon Valley Clean Water) to perform the business inspections per the MRP (Municipal Regional Permit) requirements on a one-year trial basis. He noted that staff is working on a fee structure, including a mechanism for collection.

In response to Councilmember Kim, Public Works Director Oskoui confirmed that it is more cost-effective for SVCW to do inspections rather than each city having to increase its own staffing to do so.

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Stone, seconded by Councilmember Kim, **Resolution 2019-040** approving an Agreement with Silicon Valley Clean Water (SVCW) to perform Business Inspections per requirements of the Municipal Regional Permit (MRP) Section C.4 – Industrial and Commercial Site Controls

Belmont Zoning Ordinance Amendments (Introduction of Ordinance)

Mayor Hurt stated that this matter would be continued to the next meeting.

Ray Deveaux, Belmont resident, stated that some of the proposed changes to the ordinance negatively affects parking in the downtown neighborhood.

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

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

Councilmember Stone reported on the success of the recent School Force auction.

Mayor Hurt noted that Commute.org is sponsoring a commuter challenge to get people out of cars. She also noted that Bike to Work Day is May 9.

Mayor/Vice Mayor Selection Process (Item continued to 5/14/19)

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 9:00 P.M. in memory of James DeSmidt, the father of Police Chief DeSmidt.

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RECONVENE CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER:

Public Employee Employment Pursuant to Govt Code Section 54957

City Manager - Interim Appointment

Attended by: Councilmembers Mates, Lieberman, Stone, Kim, Hurt

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 10:00 P.M.

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