

JOINT MEETING OF THE MOUNTAIN VIEW CITY COUNCIL (REGULAR),
MOUNTAIN VIEW REVITALIZATION AUTHORITY (SPECIAL), SHORELINE
REGIONAL PARK COMMUNITY (SPECIAL) AND THE MOUNTAIN VIEW
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FINANCING AUTHORITY (SPECIAL)

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1998

COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL - 500 CASTRO STREET

6:00 P.M.—CLOSED SESSION

7:30 P.M.—OPEN SESSION

6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

A. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT (OPEN SESSION)

At 6:00 p.m., an announcement was made by the City Attorney, who indicated the Council would now consider the items listed on the Closed Session agenda below.

All Councilmembers present.

B. CLOSED SESSION

- Conference with Labor Negotiator—Labor Negotiations (§54957.6)
Agency Negotiator: City of Mountain View Employee Services
Director
Employee Organizations: Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and
Firefighters Union (IAFF)
- Conference with Real Property Negotiator (§54956.8)
Property: 933-935 Villa Street and 230-236 Bryant Street
(APN 158-13-22)
Negotiating Parties: City of Mountain View and Albert A. Wang
Under Negotiation: Acquisition price and terms of payment

The Closed Session concluded at 7:25 p.m.

7:30 P.M. OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. with Mayor Faravelli presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers Ambra, Figueroa, Kleitman, Noe, Stasek,
Vice Mayor Zoglin and Mayor Faravelli.

ABSENT: None.

2A. PRESENTATION

Mayor Faravelli presented the Outstanding Crossing Guard Award to May Lipinsky and commended her for her eight years of service to the City as a crossing guard.

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion: M/S Ambra/Zoglin
Carried 7-0

Approve the minutes of the Council Special Meetings of May 5 and May 19, the Regular Meeting of May 12, and the Adjourned Regular Meeting of May 26, 1998; the Mountain View Revitalization Authority Special Meetings of April 21 and May 12, 1998; the Mountain View Shoreline Regional Park Community Special Meeting of May 12, 1998; and the Mountain View Capital Improvement Financing Authority Special Meetings of June 5 and June 10, 1997.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

The reading of the full text of all ordinances and resolutions on the agenda was waived by unanimous consent of the Council.

Motion: M/S Zoglin/Ambra
Approve. Carried 7-0; Councilmember Figueroa abstained on Item 4.7 due to a conflict of interest.

- 4.1 - SET PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER REVISIONS TO A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT—254-262 EUNICE AVENUE

Set date for a public hearing on June 30, 1998 to consider revisions to a Planned Unit Development, Site Plan and Architectural Review and Heritage Tree Removal Permit for a four-unit residential project at 254-262 Eunice Avenue.

- 4.2 Pulled—Considered after consent agenda.

- 4.3 - APPOINTMENT OF VOLUNTEER MEDIATORS

Appoint 19 volunteer mediators to a two-year term ending June 30, 2000.

- 4.4 - PROPOSAL FOR A FUNDRAISING GALA AND ADJUSTMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICE SCHEDULE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1998

Authorize the use of the Library by the Mountain View Library Foundation for a fundraising gala and approve an adjustment to the Library service schedule on Saturday, September 19, 1998.

- 4.5 - HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-99

Authorize the City Manager to approve the First Amendment Extending the Term of the Agency Agreement with the County of Santa Clara for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program for Fiscal Year 1998-99.

- 4.6 - MIRAMONTE MEDIAN ISLAND REPLACEMENT, PROJECT 96-50—APPROVE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZE BIDDING

Approve plans and specifications for Miramonte Median Island Replacement, Project 96-50, and authorize staff to advertise the project for bids.

4.7 Pulled—Considered after consent agenda.

- 4.8 - EXTENSION OF THE AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR A COUNTY-WIDE AB 939 IMPLEMENTATION FEE TO JULY 2000

Authorize the City Manager to execute the second amendment to the Agency Agreement, for a County-Wide AB 939 Implementation Fee, with the County of Santa Clara to extend the term to July 2000.

- 4.9 - ELLIS STREET MEDIAN ISLAND INSTALLATION, PROJECT 98-17—APPROVE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZE BIDDING

Approve plans and specifications for Ellis Street Median Island Installation, Project 98-17, and authorize staff to advertise the project for bids.

- 4.10 - MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS CENTER, BUILDINGS A, B AND C RENOVATIONS, PHASE I, PROJECT 93-22B; AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY

Approve transfer of funds in the amount of \$100,000 from the unallocated balance in the Municipal Operations Center, Project 93-22, budget to the construction contingency for Phase I, Project 93-22B.

- 4.11 - 1998-99 ANNUAL STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM, PROJECT 98-01—APPROVE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR BIDS

Approve plans and specifications for the 1998-99 Annual Street Resurfacing Program, Project 98-01, and authorize staff to advertise the project for bids.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4.2 - SET PUBLIC HEARING—ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOUSING INITIATIVES

Councilmember Ambra requested this item be removed from the consent calendar and added to the agenda at the July 7, 1998 Council meeting.

The City Manager suggested that this item be considered in a study session on July 7, 1998 and added to the agenda as a public hearing on July 28, 1998.

Motion: M/S Figueroa/Ambra
Carried 7-0

Consider this item in a study session on July 7, 1998 and to add it to the Council agenda as a public hearing on July 28, 1998.

- 4.7 - MIRAMONTE WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN INSTALLATION, PROJECT 97-54—
AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND
AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Councilmember Kleitman requested this item be removed from the consent calendar to address concerns about the extra funding of \$277,070 being requested and why water rates are being increased.

Councilmember Figueroa abstained from consideration on this item due to a possible conflict of interest.

Motion: M/S Kleitman/Ambra
Carried 6-0; Figueroa abstain

Appropriate and transfer additional funding of \$277,070 from 1997-98 Water Main and Service Line Replacement, Project 97-40, to Miramonte Water Transmission Main Installation, Project 97-54; and award the construction contract for Miramonte Water Transmission Main Installation, Project 97-54, to the lowest responsible bidder, MJB Pipeline of Mount Eden, for the low bid price of \$754,600, and authorize an additional contingency of \$20,000.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.1 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES/NORTH BAYSHORE FIRE STATION

The Fire Chief stated that at a previous meeting with the Council Ad Hoc Committee on Fire Services, a two-part recommendation was brought to the Council:

1. To approve and fund a Fire Department-based engine company paramedic program, resulting in a Firefighter/Paramedic assigned to all engine companies.
2. To approve a new fire station in the North Bayshore Area with a fire engine and equipment and an increase in Firefighter staffing of either six or nine.

He continued that both of these items require a decision this evening, along with direction on the timing of implementing them. He noted that Council has received answers to the five questions posed at the work study session.

The Fire Chief then gave a brief presentation on both items. He first addressed the decision of whether to hire six or nine Firefighters and also the opening of Fire Station 5 and the associated costs. He then discussed three options for implementing the Fire Station 5 project as well as their associated costs:

1. To install a temporary facility by March 1999. Some of the costs associated with the temporary facility would be incurred in any case, and others are associated strictly with a temporary facility.
2. To implement a two-year plan to locate, design and build a permanent fire station by the summer of 2000. The cost would include an incremental hiring of staff over a two-year period, which would minimize costs of training and overtime.
3. To implement a three-year plan to locate, design and build a permanent fire station by the summer of 2001.

He continued that issues that could delay the timing include the availability of the site selected and results of any Environmental Impact Report.

In addressing the Firefighter/Paramedic program, the Fire Chief stated they are sure they could have all 21 Firefighter Paramedics, which is the number needed to staff all five engine companies, in a two-year or quicker period. He continued that they would bring up engine companies with paramedics on them as the paramedics became available, which would amount to two to three engine companies at the end of Year 1 and the remainder in Year 2.

The Finance and Administrative Services Director then addressed the financial considerations related to Fire Station 5 and staffing. He stated that the original proposal contained in the Narrative Budget Report included hiring two Firefighters per year and an incremental plan, to total six new Firefighters, and to transfer three existing Firefighters. The transfer would result in savings to the General Fund of about \$335,000. He continued that the North Bayshore Fund is estimated to have a balance of approximately \$5.8 million and that the incremental effect of opening a temporary station in Fiscal Year 1998-99 with nine Firefighters would mean that the budget would have to be increased approximately \$1.6 million.

A Councilmember asked how quickly a temporary fire station could be implemented.

The Fire Chief responded that the earliest would be March 1999.

A Councilmember asked the Finance and Administrative Services Director to clarify whether the \$5.8 million in the North Bayshore Fund is the amount of money in the fund or the amount of money budgeted to spend.

The Finance and Administrative Services Director responded that the \$5.8 million is the balance available in the fund and that if \$1.6 million is spent next year, then the estimated balance of the fund will be approximately \$4.2 million at the end of the 1998-99 fiscal year. He continued that in the subsequent year and years after that, the balance stores up to more comfortable levels.

A Councilmember asked the Fire Chief if there was a one-time implementation strategy, or any other strategies being considered regarding the implementation of the paramedic program.

The Fire Chief replied that other strategies were considered based on the approval of Fire Station 5 as well as the number of Firefighters approved to be hired. He continued that due to a potential six retirements in the upcoming year and the fact that they will be hiring trained paramedics, the

process would be expedited. However, from an operational standpoint, they need to be careful that they do not deplete their shifts by sending too many people off to training while opening the fire station. He stated that they felt it was better to hire additional staff first and then send people to training.

The same Councilmember questioned if there is a way to front-load the hiring, due to the upcoming attrition.

The Fire Chief responded that once they confirm who is retiring, then they would like to begin hiring people to begin the fire academy in November 1998.

A Councilmember asked if it is feasible to implement the permanent fire station and the paramedic program in two years.

The Fire Chief stated that although he does feel it is feasible, he reiterated that there are some potential unknowns in regard to opening a permanent facility which would step back the time line.

A Councilmember asked how long it would take to increase staffing if only six Firefighters are approved, but after implementation and evaluation of the program, it is established that nine Firefighters are needed.

The Fire Chief replied that the timing of the fire academy has some bearing on this situation, but once approval for the three additional positions was given, it would take approximately six months.

The same Councilmember asked how long the fire academy takes to complete, and the Fire Chief explained that the fire academy takes 10 to 12 weeks to complete.

A Councilmember asked if the difference between the two-year and three-year time lines is whether a temporary station is implemented.

The Fire Chief replied that they could go with a temporary facility that would open in March 1999 and then be working toward the construction of a new facility that could happen within the three-year time line; however, they presented this as a separate option.

A Councilmember asked if building a temporary station would push back the building of a permanent station and, if so, are there any estimates on how much longer it would take?

The Fire Chief answered that building a temporary station would probably push back the building of a permanent station.

The Public Works Director (Acting) responded that the temporary facility would involve work by the City's engineers, whereas the new facility would be utilizing the Project Manager's time. Therefore, it is possible to do both projects concurrently; however, there could be an insignificant delay involved.

A Councilmember asked what a temporary facility would consist of.

The Fire Chief explained that the temporary facility would probably consist of a wide trailer and a building in which to keep the fire engine and possibly some paving and utilities.

A Councilmember mentioned that there had been some offers to store the fire engine at a private site on an interim basis and wondered if this alternative had been looked at.

The Fire Chief stated that they have looked at a parking lot offered by Alza, but it does not have adequate ingress, egress or utilities, so they would have to do some work in order to make it a functional site.

The same Councilmember questioned whether Firefighters could possibly camp out at the site in order to keep from having to expend more funds in order to build a more permanent site.

The Fire Chief responded that as Firefighters are there 24 hours a day, it is necessary to provide adequate accommodations, especially in inclement weather. He continued that equipment would have to be set up for transmitting alarms to the fire station, and they will need cooking and similar facilities. He stated that a trailer is an expeditious way to open up a temporary site rather than trying to construct something.

A Councilmember questioned whether doing a temporary station would impact the time line for the paramedic program, and the Fire Chief replied that it would not.

A Councilmember asked if they are looking at City-owned land for the temporary fire station.

The Fire Chief responded that they have looked at the following three City-owned sites: at the corner of North Shoreline Boulevard and Crittenden Lane, at the corner of Charleston Road near Alta Avenue and on Amphitheatre Parkway at Permanente Creek. He continued that they have also looked at several privately owned sites.

A Councilmember asked where the savings would come from if they construct the permanent station at the temporary station site.

The Fire Chief stated that depending on the configuration of the property, utilities and site improvements for the temporary site might be able to be used for the permanent site.

The City Manager noted that it might be a logistical challenge to build the permanent site where the temporary site is located.

A Councilmember questioned whether they have to do an Environmental Impact Report on the temporary site and how long it might take to choose a permanent site.

The Fire Chief stated that they will have to do an Environmental Impact Report on the temporary site and that although he does not think it will be time-consuming to choose a permanent site, the results of the Environmental Impact Report may determine whether they need to choose a different permanent site.

Another Councilmember asked how long it would take to build a permanent site if a temporary site is constructed.

The Fire Chief replied that they would probably be able to meet the three-year time frame but that it would be difficult to construct both a temporary and a permanent fire station in a two-year time frame.

The public hearing was opened.

John Miguel, Captain, Mountain View Fire Department, proposed the immediate hiring of nine Firefighters to begin the fire academy in October 1998 and to graduate by January 1999, whereby they could then release nine Firefighters to go to paramedic school. He continued that these

nine Firefighters would graduate paramedic school by January 2000 and at that time the paramedic program could be fully operational. He also stated that a temporary facility should be provided for Fire Station 5.

The following citizens spoke in support of a Fire Department-based engine company paramedic program, including the hiring of nine Firefighters, construction of a new fire station in the North Bayshore Area and the establishment of a temporary fire station in the interim:

Lisa Bennion, representing 550 members of Mountain View residents for Paramedics
Jean Vistica, Mountain View
Ron Kimball, Mountain View Fire Department
Doug (last name unclear), Mountain View
Cathleen Smith, Netscape Communications
Tracey Biggs, Cupertino
Brian Uyemoto, Sunnyvale, Intuit
Bud Alfred, Mountain View, Precise Automotive Repair
John Hernandez, Mountain View, Hewlett-Packard
John Cappelletti, Mountain View
Val Fernelius, Mountain View, Silicon Graphics
Scott Turner, Palo Alto, Acuson
Paul Gustafson, Mountain View Firefighters Association
Rob Mantler, Mountain View Firefighters Association
Rory Pilkington, Mountain View Fire Department

Council received 424 postcards and 20 letters, faxes, E-mails and telephone calls in support of this item.

No one further wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Motion: M/S Ambra/Kleitman
(Vote delayed until after lengthy
Council discussion)

Approve and fund the Fire Department-based engine company paramedic program, resulting in a Firefighter/Paramedic assigned to all engine companies, with a target date of January 2000 to have the program fully operational; to approve a new fire station in the North Bayshore Area with a fire engine and equipment and an increase in Firefighter staffing of nine; and to open a temporary station and staff with existing personnel no later than January 1999.

A Councilmember complimented the staff of the City and the Fire Department for the level of service given despite the low ratios of staffing compared to other cities. She also stated that she is uncomfortable with the time line given for the paramedic program and suggested that the target date be changed from January 2000 to as soon as possible.

A Councilmember stated that she would not be able to support the motion as stated because she feels the time lines are out of sync with the recommendations of the Fire Chief, and she is hesitant to go against his recommendations.

A Councilmember spoke in support of this item and feels that the given deadline suggests that this is an urgent issue but that there is an understanding that there will be no penalty for not meeting the given deadline.

Another Councilmember stated that she cannot support the given time line for the temporary fire station and asked if the target date for this project could be changed to March 1999. She also requested that the target date for the paramedic program be changed to January 2000 or as soon as possible.

The City Manager stated that he would like to clarify the word "target," as used in this motion, to mean that they will give their best efforts to reach this target date. He also stated that since the date given in this motion is six months ahead of what the Fire Chief stated he thinks as a reasonable target date, they cannot promise something that they do not think that they can deliver. He further stated that a lot of things will change over the next 18 months, and some of those changes may make the implementation easier, but he did not want to overpromise and underdeliver.

Another Councilmember stated that she can support this motion if the target dates are only targets because she does not feel comfortable telling the Fire Chief that he has to do something that he does not feel he is able to do.

A Councilmember did not think that the temporary fire station can be implemented in only eight months, and she fears that the time spent on the temporary fire station will delay the implementation of a permanent station.

A Councilmember asked if progress reports on these projects could be brought to Council on a consistent basis.

