

# CITY OF PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

Regular Meeting May 9, 2016

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 6:08 P.M.

Present: Berman, Burt, DuBois, Filseth, Holman, Kniss, Scharff, Schmid,

Wolbach

Absent:

## Special Orders of the Day

1. Appointment of two Candidates to the Human Relations Commission, two Candidates to the Library Advisory Commission, and Three Candidates to the Utilities Advisory Commission for Terms Ending May 31, 2019 and one Candidate to the Utilities Advisory Commission for one Unexpired Term Ending May 31, 2017.

First Round of voting for two positions on the Human Relations Commission with a terms ending May 31, 2019:

Voting For Jill O'Nan: Berman, Burt, DuBois, Filseth, Holman, Kniss,

Scharff, Schmid, Wolbach

Voting For Greer Stone: Berman, Burt, DuBois, Filseth, Holman, Kniss,

Scharff, Schmid, Wolbach

Beth Minor, City Clerk announced that Jill O'Nan with nine votes and Greer Stone with nine votes were appointed to the Utilities Advisory Commission for terms ending May 31, 2019.

First Round of voting for two positions on the Library Advisory Commission with a terms ending May 31, 2019:

Voting For Allan Bennett:

Voting For Sheena Chin: Berman, Burt, DuBois, Filseth, Holman,

Kniss, Scharff, Schmid, Wolbach

Voting For Natasha Kachenko: Wolbach

Voting For Bob Moss: Berman, Burt, DuBois, Filseth, Holman,

Kniss, Scharff, Schmid

Ms. Minor announced that Sheena Chin with nine votes and Bob Moss with eight votes were appointed to the Library Advisory Commission for terms ending May 31, 2019.

First Round of voting for three positions on the Utilities Advisory Commission with a terms ending May 31, 2019:

Voting For Chris DiBona:

Voting For Lisa Forssell: Filseth, Wolbach

Voting For A.C. Johnston: Berman, Burt, DuBois, Filseth, Holman,

Kniss, Scharff, Schmid, Wolbach

Voting For Henrik Morkner:

Voting For William Ross: DuBois, Filseth, Holman, Schmid

Voting For Judith Schwartz: Berman, Burt, Holman, Kniss, Scharff,

Wolbach

Voting For Terry Trumbull: Berman, Burt, DuBois, Kniss, Scharff,

Schmid

Ms. Minor announced that A.C. Johnston with nine votes, Judith Schwartz with six votes, and Terry Trumbull with six votes were appointed to the Utilities Advisory Commission for terms ending May 31, 2016.

First Round of voting for one position on the Utilities Advisory Commission with a term ending May 31, 2017:

Voting For Chris DiBona:

Voting For Lisa Forssell: Berman, Burt, Kniss, Scharff, Wolbach

Voting For Henrik Morkner:

Voting For William Ross: DuBois, Filseth, Holman, Schmid

Ms. Minor announced that Lisa Forssell with five votes was appointed to the Utilities Advisory Commission for an unexpired term ending May 31, 2017.

## Study Session

2. Council Study Session on Sea Level Rise (Continued to May 31, 2016).

Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

None.

## Minutes Approval

3. Approval of Action Minutes for the April 25, 2016 Council Meeting.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Berman to approve the Action Minutes for the April 25, 2016 Council Meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: 9-0** 

#### Consent Calendar

**MOTION:** Council Member Wolbach moved, seconded by Council Member Kniss to approve Agenda Item Numbers 4-8.

- 4. Approval of a Contract With the United States Geological Survey for Five Years in the Amount of \$60,023 per Year for a Total of \$310,315 for San Francisco Bay Monitoring Near the Regional Water Quality Control Plant's Discharge.
- 5. Approval of the Donation of a Surplus Ambulance to Oaxaca, Mexico.

- 6. Approval of an Allocation of \$1 Million to the Palo Alto Unified School District in the Event the City of Palo Alto Wins the \$5 Million Georgetown University Energy Prize.
- 7. Resolution 9584 Entitled, "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto (a) Endorsing the Community Plan to end Homelessness in Santa Clara County 2015- 2020;" and Resolution 9585 Entitled, "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto (b) Supporting City Programs to Encourage and Fund Affordable Housing as Urged by the Santa Clara County Housing Task Force."
- 8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement Between the City of Palo Alto and Team Sheeper LLC, for the Learn to Swim Program for Summer 2016 at an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$236,500, and Approve a Budget Amendment in the General Fund.

**MOTION PASSED:** 9-0

## **Action Items**

9. Approval of the Concept Plan for Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Along Amarillo Avenue, Bryant Street, East Meadow Drive, Montrose Avenue, Moreno Avenue, Louis Road, Palo Alto Avenue, and Ross Road (Continued from April 18, 2016); Approval of Professional Services Contract Number C16163533 With Alta Planning + Design, Inc. in the Amount of \$824,542 for Preparation of Plans, Specifications and Estimates for the Amarillo Avenue-Moreno Avenue, Bryant Street Update, Louis Road-Montrose Avenue, and Ross Road Bicycle Boulevard Projects; and Approval of Professional Services Contract Number C16161534 With Fehr & Peers in the Amount of \$544,509 for Preparation of Plans, Specifications and Estimates for the Bryant Street Extension, Maybell Avenue, and Park Boulevard-Wilkie Way Bicycle Boulevard Projects. Environmental Assessment: Exempt From the California Environmental Quality Act per Section 15301.

Council Member DuBois advised he would not participate in this Agenda Item as it relates to Bryant Street because he owns real property near Bryant Street.

Council Member DuBois left the meeting at 8:21 P.M.

**MOTION:** Council Member Kniss moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Scharff to:

- A. Adopt a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption and approve the Concept Plan for the Bryant Street Update; and
- B. Approve professional services contract number C16163533 with Alta Planning + Design, Inc. in the amount of \$824,542 for a period of one year for the preparation of plans, specifications and estimates for the Amarillo Avenue-Moreno Avenue, Bryant Street Update, Louis Road-Montrose Avenue, and Ross Road bicycle boulevard projects.

**AMENDMENT:** Council Member Schmid moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to the Motion, "Alta Planning to return in six months, after data is available from the Downtown Residential Preferential Parking Permit Program Phase 2 (RPP) for an opportunity to relook at parking spaces in the RPP District."

#### AMENDMENT FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND

**AMENDMENT:** Council Member Holman moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to the Motion, "direct Staff, in a proactive manner, to reduce the number of permits being sold in the area as a result of the reduction in parking spaces."

AMENDMENT RESTATED AND INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion, "at the time of the awarding of the bike construction contract, direct Staff to report to the Council any adjustments to parking that have been made to the Bicycle Boulevard Plan in response to the Downtown Residential Preferential Parking Program Phase 2 (RPP) or adjustments to RPP in response to the Bicycle Boulevard Plan." (New Part C)

**MOTION RESTATED:** Council Member Kniss moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Scharff to:

- A. Adopt a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption and approve the Concept Plan for the Bryant Street Update; and
- B. Approve professional services contract number C16163533 with Alta Planning + Design, Inc. in the amount of \$824,542 for a period of one

year for the preparation of plans, specifications and estimates for the Amarillo Avenue-Moreno Avenue, Bryant Street Update, Louis Road-Montrose Avenue, and Ross Road Bicycle Boulevard Projects; and

C. At the time of the awarding of the bike construction contract, direct Staff to report to the Council any adjustments to parking that have been made to the Bicycle Boulevard Plan in response to the Downtown Residential Preferential Parking Program Phase 2 (RPP) or adjustments to RPP in response to the Bike Boulevard Plan.

**MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED:** 8-0 DuBois not participating

Council Member DuBois returned to the meeting at 8:53 P.M.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Berman to:

- A. Approve Concept Plans for the Amarillo Avenue-Moreno Avenue, Louis Road-Montrose Avenue, and Ross Road Bicycle Boulevard Projects, and direct Staff to move forward with the Final Design phase for these four Bicycle Boulevards Projects; and
- B. Approve professional services contract number C16161534 with Fehr & Peers in the amount of \$544,509 for a period of one year for the preparation of plans, specifications and estimates for the previously-approved Bryant Street Extension, Maybell Avenue, and Park Boulevard-Wilkie Way Bicycle Boulevard Projects.

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion, "direct Staff to reduce the removal of parking spaces near Greer Park." (New Park C)

**AMENDMENT:** Council Member Wolbach moved, seconded by Council Member Berman to replace in the Motion Part C, "reduce" with "explore reducing."

**AMENDMENT FAILED:** 4-5 Berman, Burt, Kniss, Wolbach yes

**MOTION RESTATED:** Vice Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Berman to:

- A. Approve Concept Plans for the Amarillo Avenue-Moreno Avenue, Louis Road-Montrose Avenue, and Ross Road Bicycle Boulevard Projects, and direct Staff to move forward with the Final Design phase for these four Bicycle Boulevards Projects; and
- B. Approve professional services contract number C16161534 with Fehr & Peers in the amount of \$544,509 for a period of one year for the preparation of plans, specifications and estimates for the previously-approved Bryant Street Extension, Maybell Avenue, and Park Boulevard-Wilkie Way Bicycle Boulevard Projects; and
- C. Direct Staff to reduce the removal of parking spaces near Greer Park.

#### **MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED: 9-0**

10. Direction to Staff Regarding Implementation Priority for the Following new Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Districts: a Portion of Crescent Park, the Edgewood Plaza Area, the Southgate and Evergreen Park Neighborhoods.

Council Member Kniss advised she would not participate in this Agenda Item because she owns real property in the Evergreen Park neighborhood.

Council Member Kniss left the meeting at 9:16 P.M.

Council took a break from 9:16 P.M. to 9:27 P.M.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Berman to:

- A. Approve a budget allocation for implementation of Residential Preferential Parking Programs (RPP) for the Southgate and Evergreen Park Neighborhoods; and
- B. Implement an RPP in the Southgate neighborhood through a stakeholder process including looking at engineering, enforcement, and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) solutions with Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) where appropriate; and

- C. Implement an RPP in Evergreen Park through a stakeholder process including parking management options and determining how many permits to be sold for retail and personal service workers; and
- D. Determine whether the Crescent Park neighborhood should be annexed into the Downtown RPP or if a separate RPP should be created for the neighborhood.

**AMENDMENT:** Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to the Motion Part A, "to be deployed in parallel" after "Park Neighborhoods."

AMENDMENT RESTATED AND INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion Part A, "and attempt to align deployment of both RPP programs" after "Park Neighborhoods."

**AMENDMENT:** Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member XX to replace the Motion Part D with, "implement a separate RPP in the Crescent Park neighborhood."

#### AMENDMENT FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND THE SECONDER to add to the Motion, "Edgewood Plaza would be fourth priority." (New Part E)

**AMENDMENT:** Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to the Motion Part C, "in nearby ground floor districts."

#### AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN BY THE MAKER

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion Part D, "which would be given third priority."

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to replace the Motion Part D with, "recommend that the Crescent Park neighborhood be added to the Downtown RPP eligibility area and if the neighborhood is not annexed, the residents can come back as the third priority for a separate RPP.

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to the replace in the Motion Part A, "approve" with "direct the Finance Committee to identify."

**AMENDMENT:** Council Member Holman moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to the Motion at the end of Part C, "from the adjacent California Avenue district, which permits to be phased out overtime."

AMENDMENT RESTATED AND INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion at the end of Part C, "from the adjacent California Avenue district."

**AMENDMENT:** Council Member Holman moved, seconded by Council Member DuBois to add to the Motion, "direct Staff to determine if retail and personal service employees can share permits within the district and in the neighborhood."

**AMENDMENT RESTATED:** Council Member Holman moved, seconded by Council Member DuBois to add to the Motion, "direct Staff to explore if retail and personal service employees can share permits within the district and in the neighborhood."

AMENDMENT RESTATED AND INCORPRATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion, "direct Staff to explore options including sharing permits so that retail and personal service employees can afford permits." (New Part F)

**AMENDMENT:** Council Member Wolbach moved, seconded by Council Member XX to combine Parts C and F of the Motion.

#### AMENDMENT FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion Parts C and F, "low income workers as well as" before "retail and personal service."

**MOTION RESTATED:** Vice Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Berman to:

A. Direct the Finance Committee to identify a budget allocation for implementation of Residential Preferential Parking Programs (RPP) for

the Southgate and Evergreen Park Neighborhoods and attempt to align deployment of both RPP programs; and

- B. Implement an RPP in the Southgate neighborhood through a stakeholder process including looking at engineering, enforcement, and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) solutions with Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) where appropriate; and
- C. Implement an RPP in Evergreen Park through a stakeholder process including parking management options and determining how many permits to be sold for low income workers as well as retail and personal service workers from the adjacent California Avenue district; and
- D. Recommend that the Crescent Park neighborhood be added to the Downtown RPP eligibility area and if the neighborhood is not annexed, the residents can come back as the third priority for a separate RPP; and
- E. Edgewood Plaza would be fourth priority; and
- F. Direct Staff to explore options including sharing permits so that low income workers as well as retail and personal service employees can afford permits.

MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED: 8-0 Kniss not participating

<u>Inter-Governmental Legislative Affairs</u>

None.

Council Member Questions, Comments and Announcements

None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 A.M.