



CITY OF PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting
February 22, 2016

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 6:01 P.M.

Present: Berman, Burt, DuBois, Filseth, Holman arrived at 7:25 P.M.,
Kniss, Scharff, Schmid, Wolbach

Absent:

Closed Session

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

City Designated Representatives: City Manager and his Designees Pursuant to Merit System Rules and Regulations (James Keene, Molly Stump, Suzanne Mason, Rumi Portillo, Dania Torres Wong, Alison Hauk)

Employee Organizations: Palo Alto Police Officers Association (PAPOA); Palo Alto Police Managers' Association (PAPMA); Palo Alto Fire Chiefs' Association (FCA); International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), Local 1319; Service Employees International Union, (SEIU) Local 521; Management, Professional and Confidential Employees; Utilities Management and Professional Association of Palo Alto (UMPAPA)

Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6(a).

MOTION: Council Member Berman moved, seconded by Council Member Kniss to go into Closed Session.

MOTION PASSED: 8-0 Holman absent

Council went into Closed Session at 6:02 P.M.

Council returned from Closed Session at 7:15 P.M.

Mayor Burt announced no reportable action.

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Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

None.

Minutes Approval

2. Approval of Action Minutes for the January 30, February 1 and 8, 2016 Council Meetings.

MOTION: Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Scharff to approve the Action Minutes for the January 30, February 1, and 8, 2016 Council Meetings.

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

Consent Calendar

MOTION: Council Member Kniss moved, seconded by Council Member Berman to approve Agenda Item Number 3.

3. Resolution 9576 Entitled, "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Approving the City of Palo Alto Utilities Legislative Policy Guidelines."

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

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4. Comprehensive Plan Update: Discussion Regarding Development of a Fifth Scenario With an Improved Jobs / Housing Balance for Inclusion in the Environmental Impact Report and the Overall Project Schedule.

MOTION: Council Member Schmid moved, seconded by Council Member XX to include a cap on the increase of square footage in Palo Alto at 100,000 square feet per year as part of a "fifth scenario".

MOTION FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND

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MOTION: Vice Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member DuBois to direct Staff to develop a “fifth scenario” for analysis in a supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) that:

- A. Adds the sustainability options from the current scenarios, which reduce impacts, including traffic, greenhouse gas impacts, etc.; and
- B. Includes further mitigations for a scenario that improves the quality of life in Palo Alto by mitigating the impacts of future growth and development; and
- C. Wherever possible, the scenario will use Palo Alto specific data; and
- D. Where possible to integrate the Sustainability Climate Action Plan (S/CAP) in the fifth scenario.

AMENDMENT: Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to the Motion, “propose a mechanism to use in existing office buildings.”

AMENDMENT RESTATED AND INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion, “evaluating mechanisms for regulating employment densities in existing buildings.” New Part E

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion, “evaluating regulation triggers if mitigation measures are failing.” New Part F

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion, “evaluating relaxing regulations if mitigation measures are succeeding.” New Part G

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to Motion Parts F and G, “transportation and parking” after “evaluating.”

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to combine and restate Parts F and G as, “evaluating transportation and parking regulation triggers if mitigation measures are failing or exceeding expectations.” New Part F

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INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to Motion Part A, "noise" after "greenhouse gas impacts."

AMENDMENT: Council Member Holman moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to Motion Part B, "along with mitigation enforcement measures" after "further mitigations."

AMENDMENT RESTATED AND INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to Motion Part B, "along with prospective mitigation enforcement measures" after "further mitigations."

AMENDMENT: Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to Motion Part B, "assuming job growth below Scenario 2" after "growth and development."

AMENDMENT FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SECOND

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to Motion Part E, "below Scenario 2 including" after "regulating employment."

AMENDMENT: Council Member Holman moved, seconded Council Member Kniss to add to the Motion after Part E, "evaluate lower General Office and R/D development than Scenario 2" (New Part F) and remove from the Motion Part E, "below Scenario 2 including."

AMENDMENT PASSED: 5-4 Berman, Filseth, Scharff, Wolbach no

AMENDMENT: Council Member Holman moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to the Motion, "direct Staff to return with comments regarding reducing Level Of Service (LOS) impacts to zero."

AMENDMENT FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND

AMENDMENT: Council Member Wolbach moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to the Motion, "evaluate higher housing growth than in Scenario 4."

AMENDMENT FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND

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AMENDMENT: Council Member Schmid moved, seconded by Council Member Wolbach to add to the Motion, "return to the jobs housing balance of 2.5 jobs for each employed resident."

AMENDMENT RESTATED: Council Member Schmid moved, seconded by Council Member Wolbach to add to the Motion, "evaluate a return to the jobs housing balance of 2.5 jobs for each employed resident."

AMENDMENT FAILED: 2-7 Schmid, Wolbach yes

MOTION RESTATED: Vice Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member DuBois to direct Staff to develop a "fifth scenario" for analysis in a supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) that:

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- B. Includes further mitigations along with prospective mitigation enforcement measures for a scenario that improves the quality of life in Palo Alto by mitigating the impacts of future growth and development; and
- C. Wherever possible, the scenario will use Palo Alto specific data; and
- D. Where possible to integrate the Sustainability Climate Action Plan (S/CAP) in the fifth scenario; and
- E. Evaluate mechanisms for regulating employment densities in existing buildings; and
- F. Evaluate lower General Office and R/D development than Scenario 2; and
- G. Evaluate transportation and parking regulation triggers if mitigation measures are failing or exceeding expectations.

MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED: 8-1 Schmid no

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Inter-Governmental Legislative Affairs

None.

Council Member Questions, Comments and Announcements

Council Member Kniss announced the League of California Cities, Peninsula Division bocce ball event will be held on April 20, 2016.

Mayor Burt reported his attendance at the Chinese New Year event at the Mitchell Park Community Center on Sunday. He felt the event highlighted the efforts of Former Mayor Yiaway Yeh in welcoming new members of the community.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 P.M.