

# ACTION

Special Meeting  
April 11, 2011

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 6:06 p.m.

Present: Espinosa, Holman, Klein arrived @ 7:20 p.m., Price, Scharff, Schmid, Shepherd, Yeh

Absent: Burt

## STUDY SESSIONS

### 1. Office of Emergency Services Study.

Arrietta Chakos, the City Manager's consultant from Urban Resilience Policy Group, presented her report on the Office of Emergency Services (OES), entitled: Toward a Resilient Future: A Review of Palo Alto's Emergency Readiness. The report contained three core recommendations: 1) reclassify the staff structure of the OES to have executive management level authority across all City departments, 2) develop a new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) facility, perhaps utilizing the new Mobile Emergency Operations Center (MEOC), and 3) consolidate information from various technical studies and other risk-related and infrastructure-related projects and groups. The Palo Alto/Stanford Citizen Corps Council (CCC), as the representative of all stakeholders, including Stanford University, the business community, and others, will have a role in the implementation of these recommendations.

### 2. Update on City Sustainability and Environmental Initiatives Including a Report from the Community Environmental Action Partnership (CEAP).

Debra van Duynhoven, the Assistant to the City Manager for Sustainability, reported on the many sustainability programs and initiatives in the City of Palo Alto. She gave an update on the Climate Protection Plan and

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highlighted some community events sponsored by Community Environmental Action Partnership (CEAP). She also covered key programs included in the comprehensive staff report, which were Palo Alto Green, Urban Water Management Plan, Pesticide Free Parks Plan, Zero Waste – Commercial Food Waste Roll Out and Green Building Program. Ms. Van Duynhoven also announced a few events that were going on in Palo Alto in celebration of Earth Day.

### SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### 3. Proclamation for National Library Week.

Council Member Schmid read the Proclamation into the record.

#### 4. Community Partnership Presentation – Library Foundation.

Bern Beecham, former Mayor and current President of the Palo Alto Library Foundation, pointed out that 50 years ago the League of Women Voters spearheaded the bond funding of both the Main and Mitchell Park Libraries, both of which are being upgraded with funding from Measure N. The Foundation has raised \$3.3 million of their target of \$4 million to provide furniture, fixtures, and equipment, as well as new materials for these two facilities and the remodeled Downtown Library, opening in July, 2011. He called special attention to Alison Cormack and Susie Thom, who have worked tirelessly to not only pass Measure N but lead the fundraising campaign. A Topping Off ceremony was held earlier in the day at Mitchell Park as the last piece of structural steel was hoisted into place. The event honored a \$1 million donation from the Morgan Family Fund. The Foundation is eagerly pursuing community prospects to raise the remaining \$700,000 target.

#### 5. Resolution 9158 entitled "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Expressing Appreciation to Mary Minto Upon Her Retirement."

Vice Mayor Yeh read the Resolution into the record.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Yeh moved, seconded by Council Member Shepherd to adopt the Resolution expressing appreciation to Mary Minto upon her retirement.

**MOTION PASSED:** 8-0 Burt absent

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Yeh moved, seconded by Council Member Price to approve the minutes of March 7, 2011.

**MOTION PASSED:** 8-0 Burt absent

## CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Shepherd advised she would not be participating in Agenda Item No. 9 as her husband has a business lease that is located on the edge of the Business Improvement District.

**MOTION:** Mayor Espinosa moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Yeh to approve Agenda Item Nos. 6-19.

6. Approval of a Contract with Tradestaff Contracting Services in a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$167,500 for Hazardous Material Removal at the Palo Alto Art Center (PF-07000, Art Center Electrical and Mechanical Upgrades).
7. Cancellation of Council Meeting of April 18, 2011.
8. Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve the 2011 Ten-Year Gas Energy Efficiency Goals.
9. Preliminary Approval of the Report of the Advisory Board for Fiscal Year 2012 in Connection with the Palo Alto Downtown Business Improvement District and Adoption of Resolution 9159 Declaring its Intention to Levy an Assessment Against Businesses within the Downtown Palo Alto Business Improvement District for Fiscal Year 2012 and Setting a Time and Place for a Public Hearing on May 2, at 7:00 PM or Thereafter, in the City Council Chambers.
10. Finance Committee Recommendation Regarding Adoption of: (1) Budget Amendment Ordinance 5118 Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2011 to Adjust Budgeted Revenues and Expenditures in Accordance with the Recommendations in the Midyear Report and (2) Resolution 9160 Amending the FY 2010-2011 Compensation Plan for Classified Personnel (SEIU) Adopted by Resolution No. 9088 to Correct the Compensation for One Existing SEIU Classification and Change the Titles of Two Classifications.
11. Approval of Contract with Bibliotheca, Inc. for Provision of a Radio Frequency Identification System (RFID) for the Palo Alto City Library - Capital Improvement Program Project TE-06001.

12. Adoption of Budget Amendment Ordinance 5119 in the Amount of \$403,267 to Fund the Purchase of Two Ambulances; and Approval of a Purchase Order with Leader Industries in an Amount Not to Exceed \$393,267 for the Purchase of Two Ambulances (Scheduled Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Capital Improvement Program Project VR-11000).
13. Adoption of Resolution 9161 Approving Agreement to Terminate the Third Phase Agreement for Western GeoPower Incorporated Renewable Energy Power Purchase Agreement and Adoption of Resolution 9162 Approving Third Phase Agreement for Western GeoPower, Inc. Geothermal Project Renewable Energy Power Purchase Agreement.
14. Approval of an Additional Authority of \$98,877 of the Consolidated Maintenance Contract Between the City of Palo Alto and Public Safety Systems, Inc. for Computer Aided Dispatch, Police Records Management, Fire Records Management, Mobile Data, and Geovalidation.
15. Acceptance of the City Auditor's Office Quarterly Report as of December 31, 2010.
16. Approval of a Contract with LFG Control Corporation in the Amount of \$474,071 for Landfill Closure Phase II Environmental Control System Modifications, Capital Improvement Program Project RF-11001.
17. Appointment of Council Member Larry Klein as Director to the Boards for Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency and the Bay Area Regional Water System Financing Authority.
18. Approval of Resolution 9163 to Authorize the City Manager to Submit Application(s) and Sign Related Agreement(s) for the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2010/11 (Cycle 19)
19. Approval of Amendment Three to Contract S1013554 with Capitol Advocates, Inc. to Extend the Term and Add \$42,900 for a Total Not to Exceed Amount of \$136,400 Legislative Advocacy Services Related to High Speed Rail.

**MOTION PASSED for Agenda Item Nos. 6-8, 10-19:** 8-0 Burt absent

**MOTION PASSED for Agenda Item No. 9:** 7-0 Shepherd not participating, Burt absent

## ACTION ITEM

20. Request for Council Direction on Draft Energy/Compost Feasibility Study Due to Council in June 2011.

**MOTION:** Council Member Klein moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Yeh to direct Staff to: 1) submit a Draft Energy/Compost Feasibility Study on an Energy/Compost Facility in early June 2011, based upon the Preliminary Analysis submitted to Council on March 21, 2011, and Council and Public Comments, 2) present a manageable number of scenarios in the Draft Feasibility Study containing a range of input values which reflect the range of comments received, and 3) make the following changes and additions to the Preliminary Analysis:

A) Include additional "export" (non-Palo Alto) alternatives in which Wet Anaerobic Digestion is used in place of incineration at the Regional Water Quality Control Plant (RWQCP).

B) Lift the Net Present Value (NPV) analysis to the summary tables.

C) Include the replacement costs of the wastewater solids (biosolids) incinerator in those alternatives involving the incinerator.

D) Conduct more runs of the economic and greenhouse gas models, providing new data points with respect to the following input parameters:

- a. Land Rent Value
- b. Greenhouse Gas Value ("CO<sub>2</sub> Adder")
- c. Interest Rate for Loans
- d. Contingency Amount
- e. Amount of any Grants

E) Summarize the data such that Council can determine whether to complete the Feasibility Study or forego further work at that time.

**AMENDMENT:** Council Member Schmid moved, seconded by Council Member XXX that in early June Staff is to bring back to Council the comparative evaluations of economics and environment of anaerobic digestion against other conversion technologies drawn from the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority, Santa Barbara County Waste Authority, and Los Angeles County Waste Authority.

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

**AMENDMENT:** Council Member Holman moved, seconded by Council Member XXXX that the Greenhouse Gas Value ("CO<sub>2</sub> Adder") come as a separate column and not be included in the costs.

## **AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN BY THE MAKER**

**MOTION PASSED:** 7-1 Schmid no, Burt absent

### COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Espinosa thanked Acting City Attorney, Don Larkin for all the work and leadership he has provided to the City Attorney's Office.

Acting City Attorney, Don Larkin thanked Mayor Espinosa and the City Attorney Office staff.

Council Member Shepherd advised that she was in Sacramento today to support AB952- which would bring ethics to the High Speed Rail Authority, it passed 9-0 and has made it out of Committee.

### CLOSED SESSIONS

Ken Horowitz spoke regarding Agenda Item No. 22 and his desire for the City to keep Cubberley for Foothill-De Anza College use.

The City Council convened into the Closed Session at 11:16 p.m.

#### 21. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

City Designated Representatives: City Manager and his designees pursuant to Merit System Rules and Regulations (James Keene, Pamela Antil, Dennis Burns, Lalo Perez, Joe Saccio, Sandra Blanch, Marcie Scott, Darrell Murray)

Employee Organization: International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1319

Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6(a)

#### 22. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Property: 4000 Middlefield Avenue, Assessors Parcel No. 147-08-052

Negotiating Party: Linda Thor, Chancellor

City Negotiator: James Keene, Donald Larkin, Steve Emslie, Lalo Perez, Martha Miller

Subject of Potential Negotiations: Price and Terms of Payment for Sale/Lease

The City Council reconvened from the Closed Session at 12:40 a.m. and Mayor Espinosa advised no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 a.m.