



# CITY OF PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting  
September 19, 2016

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 5:06 P.M.

Present: Berman arrived at 7:03 P.M., Burt, DuBois, Filseth, Holman, Kniss, Scharff, Schmid, Wolbach

Absent:

## Study Session

1. Study Session on Motor Vehicle Level of Service (LOS), Multimodal Level of Service (MMLOS), Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress, Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), and CEQA Changes Related to Transportation Impacts.

## Special Orders of the Day

2. Selection of Applicants to Interview on September 27, 2016 for the Historic Resources Board, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Planning and Transportation Commission, and the Storm Drain Oversight Committee.

**MOTION:** Council Member Holman moved, seconded by Council Member Kniss to authorize and request the City Clerk to include the additional applications received for the recruitment and included in the At Place Memorandum, for Council's consideration for interviews.

**MOTION PASSED:** 9-0

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Kniss to interview all applicants for the Historic Resources Board and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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**MOTION PASSED:** 9-0

**MOTION:** Council Member Wolbach moved, seconded by Council Member Schmid to interview all applicants for the Planning and Transportation Commission.

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the end of the Motion, "with 10 minute interviews."

**AMENDMENT:** Council Member Holman moved, seconded by Council Member XX to replace in the Motion, "10" with "15."

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

**MOTION RESTATED:** Council Member Wolbach moved, seconded by Council Member Schmid to interview all applicants for the Planning and Transportation Commission with 10 minute interviews

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

## Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

None.

## Minutes Approval

3. Approval of Action Minutes for the August 29 and September 6, 2016 Council Meetings.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Berman to approve the Action Minutes for the August 29 and September 6, 2016 Council Meetings including changes to the September 6, 2016 Action Minutes outlined in the Staff Memorandum.

**MOTION PASSED:** 9-0

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## Consent Calendar

**MOTION:** Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Kniss to approve Agenda Item Numbers 4-6.

4. Approval of a Contract With Buhler Commercial in the Amount Not-To-Exceed \$586,803 for the Lucy Evans Baylands Interpretive Center Improvements; Approve and Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Amendment Number 1 to Contract Number C15157772 in the Amount of \$60,730 With FOG Studio for Design and Construction Administration Services; Amend the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Appropriation for the Baylands Interpretive Center Facility Improvements, Capital Improvement Program Project PE-15029; and Find the Project Categorically Exempt From the California Environmental Quality Act Under Section 15301 (Existing Facilities).
5. Approval of the Third Amendment to the Agreement Providing for Implementation of the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program Between Santa Clara County, Santa Clara Valley Water District, and Multiple Santa Clara County Cities to Extend its Term.
6. Approval of the Baylands Boardwalk Feasibility Study Report and Direct Staff to Pursue Replacement of the Boardwalk, Approve and Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Number C16163750 in the Amount of \$439,992 With Biggs Cardosa Associates, Inc. to Provide Design and Environmental Services and Amend the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Appropriation for the Baylands Boardwalk Improvements Capital Improvement Program Project PE-14018.

**MOTION PASSED:** 9-0

Council took a break from 7:47 P.M. to 7:57 P.M.

## Action Items

7. Discuss and Identify a Preferred Alternative for Roadway Improvements to Embarcadero Road Between El Camino Real and Emerson Street and Direct Staff to Complete the Environmental Analysis and Plans, Specifications and Estimates for Construction.

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**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member DuBois to identify Alternative 2 as the preferred alternative for the preparation of an environmental analysis and plans, specifications and estimates for construction for Embarcadero Road between El Camino Real and Emerson Street roadway improvements.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Berman to identify Alternative 1, with the change to utilize the two-way configuration of Alternative 2 on the North side of Embarcadero Road, from Trader Joe's to Emerson Street, as the preferred alternative for the preparation of an environmental analysis and plans, specifications and estimates for construction for Embarcadero Road between El Camino Real and Emerson Street roadway improvements.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION PASSED:** 5-4 DuBois, Holman, Scharff, Schmid, no

8. Review of the Draft Transportation Element Prepared by the Comprehensive Plan Update Community Advisory Committee (Continued From August 15, 2016).

## NO ACTION TAKEN

### Inter-Governmental Legislative Affairs

None.

### Council Member Questions, Comments and Announcements

Council Member Schmid reported his attendance at the latest Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) meeting. At the meeting, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) reported the State Water Resources Control Board introduced a suggested 40 percent sustainable flow from January through June along the Tuolumne River. This could reduce the total flow into and out of the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir.

Council Member DuBois reported that he and many other Council Members attended the Midtown Residents Annual Ice Cream Social. He thanked Sheri Furman for her efforts in organizing the Social.

Vice Mayor Scharff reported that the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Director, Ezra Rapport resigned, effective September 30.

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ABAG Deputy Executive Director Brad Paul will serve as Acting Executive Director as ABAG merges with the San Francisco Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

Council Member Kniss reported that she also enjoyed attending the Midtown Residents Annual Ice Cream Social. She reminded Council Members that the California League of Cities, Peninsula Division Quarterly Dinner is being held this Thursday. She commented on the Palo Alto Transportation Management Association (TMA) Information Report, noting that the TMA is in need of funding.

Council Member Wolbach noted that he was disturbed by some comments posted to a Palo Alto Online article reporting on the September 11 peace walk. He suggested the Council adopt a Resolution condemning Islamophobia in Palo Alto, the United States, and internationally.

Mayor Burt reported that Acterra held an electric vehicle event on Saturday. The event was well attended. He suggested a poll of Palo Alto residents be conducted asking what type of vehicle residents plan to purchase when making their next vehicle purchase. He noted the Sustainability and Climate Action Plan (S/CAP) includes a decrease in gas powered vehicles, however, the City does not have a method of gathering data pertaining to this metric. He predicts that most people do not intend to purchase a gas powered vehicle.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 P.M.