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The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 7:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Barton, Beecham, Cordell, Drekmeier, Kishimoto, Klein, Kleinberg, Morton, Mossar

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Norman Carroll, 3061 Emerson Street, spoke regarding a special event at Urban Ministries this morning and the fact the public restroom was out of service.

Robert Moss, 4010 Orme Street, spoke regarding the Old Pro property, and the possible presence of toxics and contamination.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Vote and Appointment of Applicants to the Planning and Transportation Commission (P&TC)

Assistant City Manager Emily Harrison stated staff researched the possibility of extending the expired terms of the Planning and Transportation Commission members leaving the Commission in order to finalize the Zoning Ordinance Update, which could extend into 2007.

Council Member Morton stated he has a conflict and would not participate because one of the candidates is a client.

Jeffrey Hook, 381 Oxford Avenue, spoke regarding science-based planning and the advantage of having an ecologist on the Commission.

David Schrom, 381 Oxford Avenue, spoke regarding changes in the community and urged the appointment of a candidate with an ecological approach.

<u>FIRST ROUND OF VOTING FOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION</u>

VOTING FOR KEVIN OHLSON Barton, Beecham, Mossar

VOTING FOR SAMIR TUMA Barton, Beecham, Kleinberg, Klein,

Mossar

VOTING FOR THOMAS JORDAN Drekmeier, Cordell, Kishimoto,

Kleinberg

VOTING FOR ARTHUR KELLER Drekmeier, Cordell, Kishimoto,

Klein

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City Clerk Donna Rogers announced on the 1st ballot, Sumir Tuma with five votes was appointed to the Planning and Transportation Commission for four-year terms ending July 31, 2010.

SECOND ROUND OF VOTING FOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

VOTING FOR ARTHUR KELLER Beecham, Mossar, Barton

VOTING FOR THOMAS JORDAN Drekmeier, Cordell, Kishimoto,

Kleinberg

VOTING FOR KEVIN OHLSON Klein

Ms. Rogers announced Council must take another vote since none of the candidates obtained the requisite five votes needed for appointment.

THIRD ROUND OF VOTING FOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

VOTING FOR ARTHUR KELLER Beecham, Klein

VOTING FOR THOMAS JORDAN Drekmeier, Cordell, Kishimoto,

Kleinberg

VOTING FOR KEVIN OHLSON Mossar, Barton

Ms. Rogers announced Council must take another vote since none of the candidates obtained the requisite five votes needed for appointment.

FOURTH ROUND OF VOTING FOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

VOTING FOR ARTHUR KELLER Beecham, Klein

VOTING FOR THOMAS JORDAN Drekmeier, Cordell, Kishimoto,

Kleinberg

VOTING FOR KEVIN OHLSON Mossar, Barton

Ms. Rogers announced Council must take another vote since none of the candidates obtained the requisite five votes needed for appointment.

MOTION: Council Member Drekmeier moved, seconded by Cordell, that the candidate who receives fewer votes than other two would be dropped from the list of candidates.

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MOTION WITHDRAWN BY MAKER AND SECONDER

MOTION: Council Member Drekmeier moved, seconded by Cordell, that the Council Members rank their choices number 1, 2, or 3, with a roll up of votes.

Council Member Mossar stated due to the inability to agree on the second candidate she suggested another round of applications.

Council Member Klein agreed with Council Member Mossar and said he believes Council should not change the procedure at this time, as suggested by Council Member Drekmeier.

Council Member Cordell stated she does not agree with advertising again for candidates.

MOTION PASSED 5-3 Barton, Klein, Mossar voting no, Morton not participating.

<u>FIFTH ROUND OF VOTING FOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION</u>

RANKING BY BEECHAM	No. 1 – Ohlson, No. 2 – Keller, No. 3 – Jordan
RANKING BY DREKMEIER	No. 1 – Jordan, No. 2 – Keller, No. 3 – Hook
RANKING BY CORDELL	No. 1 – Jordan, No. 2 – Keller
RANKING BY KISHIMOTO	No. 1 – Jordan, No. 2 – Keller, No. 3 – Ohlson
RANKING BY KLEINBERG	No. 1 – Jordan, No. 2 – Keller, No. 3 – Ohlson
RANKING BY KLEIN	No. 1 – Ohlson, No. 2 – Keller
RANKING BY MOSSAR	No. 1 – Ohlson, No. 2 – Keller
RANKING BY BARTON	No. 1 – Ohlson, No. 2 – Keller, No. 3 – Ely

City Attorney Gary Baum noted the Charter states "No appointment shall be made unless there is an affirmative vote of the Council." Therefore, five number ones must be achieved by a candidate.

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Ms. Rogers announced there are four number one votes for Ohlson and four number one votes for Jordan, and seven number two votes for Keller.

Mayor Kleinberg recommended one more ballot using the original method.

<u>SIXTH ROUND OF VOTING FOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION</u> <u>COMMISSION</u>

VOTING FOR ARTHUR KELLER Beecham, Kleinberg, Kishimoto,

Barton, Mossar

VOTING FOR THOMAS JORDAN Drekmeier, Cordell

VOTING FOR KEVIN OHLSON Klein

Ms. Rogers announced that on the 6th ballot, Arthur Keller with five votes was appointed to the Planning and Transportation Commission for a four-year term ending July 31, 2010.

2. Proclamation for Federation Internationale de Natation (FINA) 2006 Masters World Championship

Mayor Kleinberg presented the Proclamation to Anne Cribbs and congratulated the athletes competing at this event.

Anne Cribbs introduced Bill Matson, Vice President of FINA, and Michael Moore, Chair of the Local Organizing Committee.

Bill Matson thanked Council for the Proclamation and noted there are 7,200 athletes at this event, which is three-quarters of the number of athletes competing at the Olympic Games, and the welcome from Palo Alto is very much appreciated.

No action required.

STUDY SESSION

3. Revenue Generation and Cost Reduction

Staff presented an overview of the financial challenges facing the City. The result of those challenges was the City must identify additional funding over the long-term. The challenges staff presented included the costs associated with needed infrastructure investment, service delivery as it related to employee costs, and retiree medical. Revenue challenges included the potential loss of utility users' tax revenues and the retention and expansion of revenue-generating businesses.

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To address those challenges, staff outlined an approach that consisted of a number of ideas related to expense reduction and revenue creation over the short-to-long-term period. Some of the ideas included implementation of a roadway impact fee, continued restructuring and streamlining efforts, review of service delivery and contracting options, charges for emergency sidewalk repairs, service reduction, an increase in the transient occupancy tax, and increased sales tax revenue.

Staff informed Council of the next steps in the process. In October, staff would return to the Finance Committee with further discussion on the "best bets" for expense reduction and revenue generation. Based on Council direction, implementation would begin on the short-term options with the other options incorporated in the 2007-09 budget process.

No	action	reau	ired.
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FINAL ADJOURNMENT:	The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.
ATTEST:	APPROVED:

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