

# CITY OF PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting August 24, 2015

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Berman, Burt, DuBois, Filseth arrived at 6:02 P.M., Holman,

Kniss arrived at 6:02 P.M., Scharff arrived at 6:02 P.M., Schmid

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Absent:

## **Closed Session**

**MOTION:** Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Burt to go into Closed Session.

MOTION PASSED: 5-0 Filseth, Kniss, Scharff, Schmid absent

Council went into Closed Session at 6:01 P.M.

## CONFERENCE WITH CITY LABOR NEGOTIATORS

City Designated Representatives: City Manager and his designees pursuant to Merit System Rules and Regulations (James Keene, Ed Shikada, Suzanne Mason, Kathy Shen, Frank Lee, Nancy Nagel, Dania Torres Wong, Sandra Blanch, Lalo Perez, David Ramberg, Joe Saccio, Molly Stump, Walter Rossmann, Eric Nickel, Catherine Capriles, Geo Blackshire, Albert Yang, Natalie Korthamar, Dennis Burns)
Employee Organizations: Palo Alto Police Officers Association (PAPOA); Palo Alto Fire Chiefs' Association (FCA) and Employee Organization: International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), Local 1319; Palo Alto Police Manager's Association (PAPMA)

Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6(a).

Council returned from Closed Session at 7:31 P.M.

Mayor Holman announced no reportable action.

Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

None.

## Consent Calendar

Council Member DuBois registered no votes on Agenda Item Numbers 2 and 6.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Schmid moved, seconded by Council Member Kniss to approve Agenda Item Numbers 2-6.

- 2. Adoption of an Ordinance Changing the End of Term Date for Commissioners Serving on the Human Relations Commission, Library Advisory Commission, Public Art Commission and Utilities Advisory Commission from April 30 to May 31 of Various Years and Making Minor Non-substantive Language Changes.
- 3. Approval of an Amendment to the Office of Emergency Services Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Information (C4I) Critical Emergency Response Contract Number C13149763 to Add an Additional \$25,000 in Funding to the Contract for a Total Not to Exceed Amount of \$275,000.
- 4. Policy & Services Committee and Staff Recommendation That the City Council Authorize a Request for Proposals for; a Technical Study of Increased Air Traffic Noise, to Designate a Council Member to Act as a Liaison to Engage in Regional Mitigation and Advocacy Efforts, Adopt a Resolution 9543 Entitled, "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Urging the Federal Aviation Administration to Address Increased Aircraft Noise in Palo Alto, and Direct Staff to Engage in Additional Outreach, Coordination and Advocacy Activities Regarding Aircraft Noise."
- 5. Adoption (with Minor Staff-Initiated Changes Following First Reading) of an Ordinance 5340 Entitled, "Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Deleting Section 18.42.110 of Chapter 18.42 of Title 18 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code and Adding a New Section 18.42.110 Pertaining to the Siting and Permitting of Wireless

Communications Facilities; Exempt from California Environmental Quality Act under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b) and 15301, 15302 and 15305. (FIRST READING: June 29, 2015, Passed: 8-0, DuBois absent)."

6. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Palo Alto and Caltrain Regarding Vegetation Removal and Fencing Enhancements and an Intrusion Detection Camera System Beta Test in the Caltrain Corridor in Palo Alto and Budget Amendment Ordinance 5341.

**MOTION FOR AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS 3-5 PASSED: 9-0** 

MOTION FOR AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS 2 AND 6 PASSED: 8-1 DuBois no

## Action Items

7. Recommendation to Adopt an Ordinance Implementing a Local Minimum Wage Requirement of \$11.00 by January 1, 2016 and Discussion of Collaborating With Other Cities to Implement a Regional Minimum Wage of \$15.00 Per Hour by 2018.

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

- A. Adopt an Ordinance Adding Chapter 4.62 to Title 4 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code to Require the Payment of a City-Wide Minimum Wage to take effect on January 1, 2016; and
- B. Establish a base wage of \$11.00 to commence of January 1, 2016; and
- C. That Policy & Service Committee continue to study and discuss additional increases in coordination with surrounding cities.

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion at the beginning of Part C, "Adopt a goal of raising the minimum wage to \$15.00 by 2018 and to coordinate and seek to create an aligned minimum wage with surrounding cities."

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion, "Refer to Policy and Services Committee additional discussion of considerations of exceptions, and enforcement, to include evaluation of a process for these additional discussions."

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion in Part D, "including but not limited to tipped wait staff in restaurants and seasonal teenage employees" after "of exceptions."

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion in Part D, "impacts" after "teenage employees."

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

8. Approval of Response to Grand Jury Report "A Slow Rising Emergency— Sea Level Rise."

**MOTION:** Council Member Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Wolbach to approve the response to the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Report "A Slow Rising Emergency – Sea Level Rise" incorporating guidance received from Council; and request the Mayor send a letter to the Grand Jury with the City's response by the specified deadline, September 15, 2015.

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

9. Approval of Response to Grand Jury Report on Protecting Our Most Vulnerable Residents.

**MOTION:** Council Member Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Kniss to approve the response to the 2014-2015 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Report entitled, "Protecting Our Most Vulnerable Residents."

#### MOTION PASSED: 9-0

10. PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance to Amend Chapters 18.38, PC Planned Community District Regulations, and 18.79, Development Project Preliminary Review Procedures; Exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines 15061.

Public Hearing opened at 10:11 P.M.

Public Hearing closed at 10:44 P.M.

**MOTION:** Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Scharff to direct Staff to return with an Ordinance removing the "PC" Planned Community Zoned District for PC applications not already approved, retaining provisions for existing PCs.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Council Member Burt moved, seconded by Mayor Holman to request that the Mayor appoint an ad hoc committee for the purpose of evaluating the benefits that have been derived from PCs and if there are alternative mechanisms that could provide these benefits, or alternately, at a high level, a set of reforms that are necessary to reform the PC process should it be retained.

**AMENDMENT TO THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Vice Mayor Schmid moved, seconded by Council Member Scharff to add to the Substitute Motion, "following the approval of the Comprehensive Plan" after "request that."

**AMENDMENT TO THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION PASSED:** 6-3 Burt, Holman, Wolbach, no

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED:** 6-3 DuBois, Filseth, Scharff no

**MOTION:** Mayor Holman moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Schmid to direct Staff to bring back changes to Municipal Code Section 18.79, Development Project Preliminary Review Procedures at a subsequent Council meeting.

**MOTION PASSED**: 9-0

Inter-Governmental Legislative Affairs

None.

<u>Council Member Questions, Comments and Announcements</u>

Council Member Wolbach encouraged colleagues to be open to creative approaches for generating affordable housing.

Council Member Burt reported the Mayoral appointments of himself and Council Member DuBois to the Joint Recycled Water Advisory Committee, a collaborative effort with Santa Clara Valley Water District to explore potential direction and capital investment in potable and non-potable water recycling opportunities. The Committee tentatively approved expanding to include additional partner agencies including the Regional Water Quality Control Plant. Council Member Burt was selected as Committee Chair.

Council Member Kniss reported the success of new signage at the intersections of Everett Avenue at Middlefield Road and Hawthorne Avenue at Middlefield Road. Traffic enforcement at these intersections has generated numerous citations. Approximately six accidents have been reported at these intersections. She hopes that recent activity near the traffic signals at Palo Alto High School is related to traffic signal synchronization improvements. Santa Clara County has not made significant progress towards traffic signal synchronization improvements along Oregon Expressway.

Council Member Scharff suggesting bringing back a telephone number dedicated to complaints regarding the Gasoline Leaf Blower Ordinance. This service was cut during the economic downturn.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 A.M.