

CITY OF PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

Regular Meeting November 9, 2015

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 6:25 P.M.

Present: Berman, Burt, DuBois, Filseth, Holman, Kniss, Scharff, Schmid,

Wolbach

Absent:

Special Orders of the Day

- 1. United States Military Veterans Proclamation.
- 2. Presentation of Award of Accreditation by the American Public Works Association (APWA).

Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

None.

Minutes Approval

3. Approval of Action Minutes for the August 31, September 9, 15, 21, and 28, 2015 Council Meetings.

MOTION: Council Member Scharff moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Schmid to approve the Action Minutes for the August 31, September 9, 15, 21, and 28, 2015 Council Meetings.

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

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MOTION: Vice Mayor Schmid moved, seconded by Council Member Scharff to approve Agenda Item Numbers 4-5.

- 4. Approval of the Renewal of a Public-Private Partnership Agreement Between the City of Palo Alto and TheatreWorks, Palo Alto Players and West Bay Opera for the Use of the Lucie Stern Community Theatre.
- 5. Finance Committee Recommendation to Approve the Release of a Request for Proposal to Explore Options for the Delivery of the Aquatics Programs and Services for the City of Palo Alto.

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

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6. PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of an Ordinance Establishing a Single Story Overlay District for 83 Homes Within the Los Arboles Tract by Amending the Zoning Map to Rezone the Area From R-1 Single Family Residential and R-1 (7,000) to R-1(S) and R-1(7,000)(S) Single Family Residential With Single Story Overlay. Environmental Assessment: Exempt From the California Environmental Quality Act per Section 15305.

Public Hearing opened at 7:07 P.M.

Public Hearing closed at 7:13 P.M.

MOTION: Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Kniss to adopt the Ordinance Establishing a Single Story Overlay District for 83 Homes Within the Los Arboles Tract.

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

7. Discussion and Direction Regarding the Midtown Connector Project (Formerly Known as the Matadero Creek Trail Project).

MOTION: Council Member Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Scharff to direct Staff to evaluate both a hybrid alternative that would utilize portions of the Matadero Creek corridor and in parallel, identify the most

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practical second alternative on a collector street between Alma Street and West Bayshore Road.

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion, "to use Council Contingency Funds to continue the Feasibility Study on the hybrid alternative."

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion, "to direct Staff to return to the Council with a Budget Amendment Ordinance to fund additional studies."

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion, "to request Staff return with a preliminary evaluation of East Meadow Drive as a Class 4 bike lane or as close as possible to a Class 4 bike lane."

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to remove from the Motion, "in parallel."

MOTION RESTATED: Council Member Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Scharff to direct Staff to:

- A. Evaluate a hybrid alternative that would use portions of the Matadero Creek corridor that are usable; and
- B. Identify the most practical alternative on a collector street between Alma Street and West Bayshore Road; and
- C. Evaluate East Meadow Drive as a Class 4 bike lane or as close as possible to a Class 4 bike lane; and
- D. Request Staff return to Council with a Budget Amendment Ordinance to fund the additional studies that have been directed in the Motion.

AMENDMENT: Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Mayor Holman to remove from the Motion, "a hybrid alternative that would use portions of the Matadero Creek corridor that are usable."

AMENDMENT FAILED: 3-6 Berman, DuBois, Holman yes

MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED: 8-1 DuBois no

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8. Proposed Expansion of Palo Alto's Plastic Foam Ordinance (Ordinance 5039).

MOTION: Council Member Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Wolbach to support the proposed Ordinance amending Palo Alto Municipal Code Chapter 5.30, "Plastic Foam and Non-recyclable Food Service Container and Packing Items", and direct Staff to return to Council on the Consent Calendar as soon as practical for adoption of the Ordinance.

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

Inter-Governmental Legislative Affairs

None.

Council Member Questions, Comments and Announcements

Council Member Wolbach suggested a future discussion of El Camino Real and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) along with possibilities to improve service along El Camino Real. He reported his attendance at the National League of Cities Congress of Cities in Nashville, Tennessee last week. He appreciated the opportunity to reconnect with former Mayor Yiaway Yeh at the conference. He reported that Development Services Director, Peter Pirnejad, participated in multiple panels at the conference and represented the City well. A Council Member from Cambridge, Massachusetts suggested Council Members from different cities across the United States could benefit from video conferences between different cities to share knowledge and ideas. Several discussions at the conference related to the sharing economy.

Council Member Scharff reported Santa Clara Cities Association is exploring the creation of a marina sub-region. He offered support for holding a meeting to discuss El Camino Real and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).

Mayor Holman reported her attendance at National League of Cities Congress of Cities and also appreciated reconnecting with Mr. Yeh. Nashville, Tennessee recently elected its first female Mayor. She reported transportation, housing and the sharing economy are issues for most cities across the country. She reported on an incubator-maker space in Nashville.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 P.M.