

CITY COUNCIL RETREAT ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting February 1, 2014

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date at Ventura Activity Center at 9:05 A.M.

Present: Berman, Burt, Holman, Klein, Kniss, Price, Scharff, Schmid,

Shepherd

Absent:

1. Core Values Update

No Action Taken

2. 2014 Workplan and Our Palo Alto Initiative

No Action Taken

The City Council took a break at 11:05 A.M. and returned at 11:23 A.M.

- 3. Council Annual Priorities Setting
- a. Process Foundation
- b. Public Comment
- c. Individual Nominees
- d. Action: Final Grouping into Priorities and Vote and Approval

MOTION: Council Member Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Klein to have two priorities for 2014; 1) Updated Comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Plan; the Built Environment –Transportation, Parking and Livability, 2) Infrastructure Strategy and Funding.

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add back in as a third priority Technology and the Connected City as a priority.

AMENDMENT: Council Member Holman moved, seconded by Council Member XXX to include A Natural Environment –Urban Forest Natural Environment Resource Conservation as a priority.

AMENDMENT FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND

AMENDMENT: Council Member Holman moved, seconded by Council Member Schmid to add "natural habitat" to the first part of the Motion "the Built Environment –Transportation, Parking and Livability."

AMENDMENT FAILED: 2-6 Holman, Schmid yes

MOTION RESTATED: Council Member Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Klein to have; 1) comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Planning and Action; the Built Environment –Transportation, Parking and Livability, 2) Infrastructure Strategy and Funding, and 3) include Technology and the Connected City.

AMENDMENT: Council Member Scharff moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Kniss to include mobility after "Built Environment-Transportation".

AMENDMENT PASSED: 6-3 Berman, Burt, Schmid no

MOTION SEPARATED FOR PURPOSES OF VOTING

MOTION PASSED for comprehensive planning and action on land use and transportation; the Built Environment-transportation, mobility, parking and livability: 9-0

MOTION PASSED for Infrastructure Strategy and funding: 8-1 Price no

MOTION PASSED for Technology and the Connected City: 9-0

Council took a lunch from 12:30 PM until 12:45 P.M.

Priorities & Work Plan: Getting the Work Done

4. Committees

- a. Technology & Connected City: <u>Action</u>: Review Reappointment of the Committee. Schedule Staff updates to Council as part of 2014 Work Plan.
- b. Rail Committee: <u>Action</u>: Consider Folding the committee work into Council for 2014. Cal Train EIR will be brought to full Council. Staff will monitor other items and bring to Council as needed.
- c. Committee of the Whole: <u>Action</u>: Consider establishing a *Committee* of the Whole format for use a few times a year (quarterly?) for key

emergent issues that could benefit from full Council discussion and potential action in a committee setting format.

MOTION: Council Member Schmid moved, seconded by Council Member Price to: 1) discontinue the Technology Committee, 2) no reappointment to the Rail Committee, and 3) try the council as a whole for items pertaining to the Rail Committee and Technology Committee.

MOTION PASSED: 7-2 Kniss, Scharff no

- 5. Council Meetings
- a. <u>Action:</u> Approval of Resolution setting the 2014 Council Summer Break and Winter Closure.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Kniss moved, seconded by Council Member Burt to take the month of July 2014 for summer break and the winter closure will be December 22 through 26, 2014.

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

b. Council Meeting Management: <u>Action (possible):</u> Council Members are asked to bring ideas to streamline meetings or get through more items. Preliminary decisions may be made (Action). *Follow-up action at a subsequent Council meeting may be necessary.*

MOTION: Council Member Scharff moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Kniss to direct the City Attorney draft an Ordinance to change the Municipal Code so Council meetings begin at 6:00 P.M.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Mayor Shepherd moved, seconded by Council Member Scharff to have Policy and Services Committee discuss and clean up the Ordinance.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION PASSED: 9-0

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>: The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 P.M.