

# ACTION MINUTES

Regular Meeting  
May 21, 2012

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 7:14 P.M.

Present: Espinosa, Holman, Klein, Price, Scharff, Schmid, Shepherd, Yeh

Absent: Burt

## SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. National Public Works Week May 20-26, 2012.

Vice Mayor Scharff read the Proclamation into the record.

2. Resolution 9250 entitled "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Expressing Appreciation to Terry Acebo-Davis on the Completion of Two Terms on the Public Art Commission".

**MOTION:** Council Member Espinosa moved, seconded by Council Member Klein to approve the Resolution for Terry Acebo-Davis.

**MOTION PASSED:** 8-0 Burt absent

3. Resolution 9251 entitled "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Expressing Appreciation to Michael Smit on the Completion of One Term on the Public Art Commission".

**MOTION:** Council Member Price moved, seconded by Council Member Schmid to approve the Resolution for Michael Smit.

**MOTION PASSED:** 8-0 Burt absent

4. Resolution 9252 entitled "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Expressing Appreciation to Roger Bloom Upon his Retirement".

**MOTION:** Council Member Shepherd moved, seconded by Council Member Espinosa to approve the Resolution for Roger Bloom.

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**MOTION PASSED:** 8-0 Burt absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Holman advised she would not be participating in the approval of these minutes as she was not in attendance at this meeting.

**MOTION:** Council Member Espinosa moved, seconded by Council Member Price to approve the minutes of February 13, 2012.

**MOTION PASSED:** 7-0 Holman not participating, Burt absent

CONSENT CALENDAR

**MOTION:** Council Member Schmid moved, seconded by Council Member Holman to continue Agenda Item No. 7 to a date uncertain.

Council Member Klein advised he would not be participating in Agenda Item No. 7 as he has represented Casa Olga.

**MOTION PASSED:** 7-0 Klein not participating, Burt absent

**MOTION:** Council Member Espinosa moved, seconded by Council Member Klein to approve Agenda Item Nos. 5-6.

5. Resolution 9253 entitled "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto to Execute the Northern California Power Agency Legislative and Regulatory Program Agreement.
6. Budget Amendment Ordinance 5157 in the Amount of \$249,918 to Provide an Additional Appropriation for the Electrical/Mechanical Systems Upgrade Project at the Regional Water Quality Control Plant (WQ-80021); and Approval of a Wastewater Treatment Enterprise Fund Contract with DTN Engineers, Inc. in Total Amount Not to Exceed \$249,918 for Electrical/Mechanical Systems Design at the Regional Water Quality Control Plant-Capital Improvement Program WQ-80021.
- ~~7. Approval of Amendment No. 2 to an Agreement between the City of Palo Alto and Casa Olga Relating to the University Avenue Area Off Street Parking Assessment District.~~

**MOTION PASSED for Agenda Item Nos. 5, 6:** 8-0 Burt absent

AGENDA CHANGES, ADDITIONS, AND DELETIONS

- ~~9. Public Hearing: Adoption of a Resolution Amending the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan Incorporating the Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan and Approval of a Negative Declaration (Staff Request this be Continued to July 9, 2012).~~

**MOTION:** Council Member Shepherd moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Scharff to continue this item to July 9, 2012.

**MOTION PASSED:** 8-0 Burt absent

#### ACTION ITEMS

8. Selection of Option for Connectivity Between the Art Center and the Main Library (CIPs PE-11000, PF-07000).

**MOTION:** Council Member Holman moved, seconded by Council Member XXX to approve Staff recommendation to: 1) direct Staff to design and construct a bicycle/pedestrian connecting path which is adjacent to (but not impacting) the community garden plots with no paving (Option C).

#### **MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND**

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Shepherd to approve Staff recommendation to: 1) approve the removal of a redundant driveway in front of the Art Center, installation of a plaza area between the Art Center and Main Library, removal of a parking lot shed (Component 1 of Options A, B, C, and D); 2) approve the construction of a vehicular connector and an accessible path between the Art Center and Main Library parking lot and removal and relocation of impacted community garden plots (Component II of Option A), an existing redwood tree would be retained and the connector driveway would be curved as much as feasible so as to slow traffic.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Council Member Schmid moved, seconded by Council Member Holman to approve Staff recommendation to: 1) approve the construction of a bicycle and pedestrian connection and an accessible path between the Art Center and Main Library parking lots and removal and replacement of impacted community garden plots (Component II of Option B).

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION FAILED:** 2-6 Holman, Schmid yes, Burt absent

**MOTION PASSED:** 7-1 Holman no, Burt absent

10. Utilities Advisory Commission Recommendation to Pursue a Carbon-Neutral Electric Portfolio and Develop a Plan by December 2012.

**MOTION:** Mayor Yeh moved, seconded by Council Member Klein to accept Staff recommendation to support a policy to pursue a carbon-neutral electric portfolio and direct Staff to develop a plan by December 2012 to achieve that goal.

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to direct Staff that the December 2012 staff report will have a goal that the program be fully implemented no later than January 1, 2015.

**MOTION PASSED:** 8-0 Burt absent

11. Approval of Policy & Services Committee Recommendation on Infrastructure Funding.

**MOTION:** Council Member Shepherd moved, seconded by Council Member Price to accept Policy & Services Committee recommendation to: 1) not place a bond measure or other revenue measure on the November 2012 general election; 2) direct Staff to start planning for a 2014 election; 3) direct Staff to develop a detailed plan and timeline for a 2014 election to include financial considerations, identification of potential assets to be constructed or remodeled, appropriate polling and identification of potential revenue sources, and to bring the plan and timeline to Council for approval by September 1, 2012; and 4) direct Staff to include identification of potential projects and the estimated costs as the first task accomplished under the timeline.

**MOTION PASSED:** 8-0 Burt absent

12. Rail Committee Status Report on Current High Speed Rail and Caltrain Electrification Submitted for Council Review and Comment.

No action required.

#### COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Klein reported he attended the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) meeting last week. The discussions centered around; 1) the current bay area water supply, 2) WSIP water supply project being on target at this time, and 3) a group of San Francisco voters who are trying to put a ballot measure on this November to drain the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. He also reported on attending the annual Avenidas fundraiser this past week.

Council Member Schmid reported on attending a meeting with the Santa Clara Valley Water District who has sent a letter to the City to have the Council support the Clean and Safe Water Bond measure.

Council Member Holman stated that the Council and Staff had recently withheld support for that Bond, and were the only city to not support it. She reported on several events that occurred this past weekend including the Palo Alto Women's Club Kitchen Tour, Barron Park Neighborhood Association who had a successful May Fete event, and the Past Heritage had their preservation awards.

Mayor Yeh invited the community to the second Mayor's Challenge to be held on June 3, 2012, called Day in the Park. The 3 events will be Bocce Ball, table tennis and Yoga. He also spoke about a possible partnership centered around Beijing.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 P.M.