

# CITY OF PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting March 24, 2014

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 6:04 P.M.

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

Absent: Scharff

Parks and Recreation Commission:

Present: Ashlund, Crommie, Hetterly, Lauing, Knopper, Markevitch,

Reckdahl

## STUDY SESSION

1. Study Session with Council and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission on the Parks, Trails, Open Space and Recreation Master Planning Process and Outcomes.

#### No Action Taken

 Palo Alto Historical Museum to Present an Update and Discuss Future Vision and Plans for the Roth Building at a Study Session with the Council.

No Action Taken

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION:** Council Member Berman moved, seconded by Council Member Price to approve Agenda Item Numbers 3-8c.

3. Authorization to Submit a Grant Application to the California Arts Council for California Creative Communities.

- 4. Appeal of Director's Individual Review Approval of a Two-Story, Single Family Home at 4055 Second Street (Staff Requests Continuation to April 7, 2014).
- 5. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a General Services Agreement with Western States Oil in the Amount not to Exceed of \$925,000 per Year, with Authorization for Two Additional Years, to Pay for the Purchase of Unleaded Gasoline and Diesel to Supply Fuel for the City's Fleet.
- 6. Approval of Contract Amendment 3 with Materials and Contract Services, LLC for Temporary Employment Services in the Administrative Services Department Purchasing Division in the Amount of \$99,800.
- 7. Approval of Contract No. C14149799 with Musson Theatrical, Inc. In the Amount of \$262,240 for the Replacement of Children's Theatre Audio/Visual Monitoring Systems and the New Sound System for the Lucie Stern Community Theatre.
- 8. Approval to Extend the Application Deadline for the Planning & Transportation Commission Recruitment.
- 8a. Approval of Amendment to City Attorney Employment Agreement.
- 8b. Approval of Amendment to City Manager Employment Agreement.
- 8c. Approval of Amendment to City Clerk Employment Agreement.

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

#### ACTION ITEMS

9. Council Direction on Whether to Submit Utility Users Tax Modernization Ordinance to Voters in November 2014 Election.

**MOTION:** Council Member Berman moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Kniss to direct Staff to: 1) return to Council to call an election for November 2014 and place before voters an amendment to the Utility User Tax to modernize the telecommunication provision, and 2) provide direction to Staff to include elimination of the large volume discount paid by nine commercial users of gas, electric and water.

**INCORPORATED INTO MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF MAKER AND SECONDER** that the Council defers action on the second half of the Motion regarding elimination of the large volume discount paid by nine commercial users of gas, electric and water until such time as Staff has notified the nine large volume discount users.

**INCORPORATED INTO MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF MAKER AND SECONDER** to request Staff return to Council with a number of options for determination of the rate for the balance of the rate payers before the language for the ballot measure has been determined.

MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED: 8-0 Scharff absent

10. Colleagues' Memo From Council Members Burt, Holman, and Schmid Urging Colleagues to Dedicate New Parkland in the Foothills.

MOTION: Council Member Holman moved, seconded by Council Member Schmid to direct Staff to: 1) return to Council with a park dedication ordinance for this City-owned land adjacent to Foothills Park, 2) outline the major options for the best uses of this land, 3) present to the Parks and Recreation Commission alternatives for public uses along with natural landscape restoration for their review and for public input, 4) establish a timeline for permanently opening the land to the public, and 5) draft a letter of appreciation acknowledging the contribution by the Lee family to Palo Alto parks.

**AMENDMENT:** Council Member Klein moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Kniss to delete item numbers 3 and 4 in the Motion and add to the end of item number 2, "and estimated costs of such uses".

**AMENDMENT FAILED:** 4-4 Berman, Burt, Holman, Schmid no, Scharff absent

**AMENDMENT**: Council Member Berman moved, seconded by Council Member Klein to add "and estimated costs of such uses" into item number 2 of the main Motion.

**AMENDMENT PASSED**: 7-1 Holman no, Scharff absent

## MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED: 8-0 Scharff absent

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION

11. Endorsement of AB 1799- (Gordon) to Modify State Law Governing Funding for the Long-term Stewardship of Mitigation Properties by Public Agencies.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Kniss moved, seconded by Mayor Shepherd to direct Staff to send a letter of support on the City Council's behalf to Assembly Member Rich Gordon in support of Assembly Bill 1799 (AB 1799).

MOTION PASSED: 6-2 Holman, Schmid no, Scharff absent

## COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> The meeting was adjourned in memory of Tom Wyman at 11:21 P.M.