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Carnahan, David

From: Beth Rosenthal <bbr550@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 7, 2019 4:42 PM
To: Holman, Karen (external)
Cc: Council, City
Subject: Fwd: Thank you!

Beth Rosenthal, Ph.D.
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Beth Rosenthal <bbr550@gmail.com>
Date: January 7, 2019 at 4:27:46 PM PST
To: kcholman@sbcglobal.net
Cc: citycouncil@cityofpaloalto.org
Subject: Thank you!

Dear Karen,

I am afraid that I will be at work too late tonight to deliver this message in person so please forgive me for having to use email. I can't thank you enough for your years of effort on behalf of the residents of Palo Alto. You are always up to date on the complexities of the issues that come before the Council. You never fail to ask searching questions regarding details that otherwise would have been ignored or glossed over. You have been stalwart in looking after the concerns of residents and have been indefatigable in that effort despite a Council that was frequently unsupportive of the direction you suggested.

Thank you so much for your hard work on behalf of so many. It makes me so happy that you will be open space commissioner. I know you will be superb in that capacity.

Best,

Beth

Beth Rosenthal, Ph.D.
Sent from my iPhone

Carnahan, David

From: Kelsey Banes <kelseybanes@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 7, 2019 1:25 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Council Reorganization

City Council Members,

Thank you to outgoing Mayor Kniss for your outstanding leadership of the city council last year. While Palo Alto still has a long way to go in addressing our housing shortage, significant progress was made this year to enable more production of much needed multifamily housing supply. In 2019, I hope that the city council will continue to address the housing crisis and prevent homelessness by enacting policies to produce housing for all income levels, preserve existing multifamily, and protect tenants.

The local newspapers reported that Eric Filseth is likely to be selected as mayor. While I believe that Councilmember Filseth has demonstrated willingness to compromise and responsiveness to evidence (e.g., recognition that parking pricing impacts transportation decisions) as Vice Mayor, his attitudes toward housing production suggest he does not appreciate the urgency and severity of our housing crisis (e.g., "People who live in Palo Alto can afford to live in Palo Alto"--This statement is accurate for homeowners, but not renters, nearly 40% of whom are overburdened by housing costs in Palo Alto). I would prefer a mayor who recognizes that increasing overall supply of housing (including subsidized and market-rate housing) benefits renters and the health of our community as a whole.

I enthusiastically support Adrian Fine for Mayor. I am confident that Councilmember Fine, a renter himself, understands Palo Alto's housing needs. His leadership is of particular importance this year given that the Planning and Transportation Commission now has no renter representation. Furthermore, Councilmember Fine's background in planning makes him uniquely qualified to lead the council in addressing our most pressing housing and transportation problems.

For Vice Mayor, I believe Allison Cormack would likely be an excellent choice. Although I am unsure whether she would agree with all aspects of my housing agenda, she has shown a willingness to listen which suggests she would be skilled at facilitating productive discussion and building consensus.

Finally, I would also like to thank the outgoing city council members Scharff, Holman, and Wolbach. Thank you for your generous service to the city!

Kelsey Banes



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Carnahan, David

From: Jeff Hoel <jeff_hoel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 5, 2019 6:01 PM
To: UAC
Cc: Hoel, Jeff (external); Council, City; CAC-TACC; Stump, Molly
Subject: 01-09-19 UAC meeting, Item IX.2 -- fiber optics, wireless, and AMI

Commissioners,

At UAC's 01-09-19 meeting (agenda here)

<https://cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/68326>

Item IX.2 will be about fiber optics, wireless, and AMI infrastructure. It's a "discussion" item, so UAC can't vote.

Here's the staff report.

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/68314>

Please see my comments about the staff report, below the "#####" line (paragraphs beginning with "###").

SUMMARY:

* I think it would be a mistake to "sunset" CAC. There's no reason CAC and UAC can't play complementary roles.

* I sense "mission creep" away from FTTP as an ultimate goal and toward humoring the incumbents. If so, that would be unfortunate.

Thanks.

Jeff

Jeff Hoel
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Palo Alto, CA 94303

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STAFF REPORT

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/68314>

MEMORANDUM TO: UTILITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION

FROM: UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

DATE: January 9, 2019

SUBJECT: Staff Request for Feedback on Recommendations Regarding the City's Fiber-Optic, Wireless and Advanced Meter Infrastructure Planning

UAC's job is advising Council, not staff.

Request

Request for feedback from the Utilities Advisory Commission regarding the following two staff recommendations regarding fiber-optic, wireless and Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) planning:

1. Staff is considering reissuing the Fiber-to-the-Node (FTTN) Request for Proposal to expedite network planning, design and construction and to better align the FTTN network business case with the AMI implementation plan. Additional tasks will include a detailed design and construction cost estimate to build the network.

2. Have the Utilities Advisory Commission (UAC) assume the advisory role to provide guidance and alignment for the AMI implementation plan with fiber and wireless expansion initiatives,

As you know, I have long advocated that UAC exercise its responsibility, spelled out in the City's municipal code, Section 2.23.050 (purposes and duties),

[http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/California/paloalto_ca/paloaltomunicipalcode?f=templates\\$fn=default.htm\\$3.0\\$v_id=amlegal:paloalto_ca](http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/California/paloalto_ca/paloaltomunicipalcode?f=templates$fn=default.htm$3.0$v_id=amlegal:paloalto_ca)

to advise Council about the City's utilities, including (as of 10-18-10)

<https://cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/25435>

the fiber utility. The municipal code does not spell out a responsibility to advise Council about wireless per se, but I guess UAC is responsible to advise Council about wireless to the extent that it affects the City's utilities enumerated in Section 2.23.050. Of course, if there were a reason to add wireless per se to UAC's duties, Council could amend the municipal code. Or Council could add the responsibility on an ad hoc basis, per Section 2.23.050(b)(5). (Sometime around 1998, Council actually did add FTTP to UAC's list of responsibilities on an ad hoc basis. Sorry I can't be more specific. Online records don't go back that far. But then Council removed that ad hoc responsibility in 2004.)

and sunset the Fiber and Wireless Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), effective January 17, 2019.

I was both surprised and disappointed by this proposal. Council's Technology and the Connected City (TACC) committee directed City Manager Keene to appoint a Citizen Advisory Committee at its 05-14-13 meeting (Item 5, page 6).

<https://cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/35046>

Who now has the authority to "sunset" it?

Incidentally, when CAC was created, I think that did not absolve UAC of any of its responsibilities. And, as far as I can see, Section 2.23.050 does not provide a mechanism for Council to subtract from UAC's responsibilities on an ad hoc basis.

Background

On August 21, 2017, Council directed staff to: (1) Pursue a Fiber-to-the Node (FTTN) network for fiber and broadband expansion; and (2) Expand Wi-Fi to unserved City facilities and discontinue consideration of City-provided Wi-Fi in commercial areas - Staff Report ID #7616: <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/61084> .

The Council Motion directed staff to:

A. Develop a business case

Does this mean that if FTTN can't at least pay for itself without considering future FTTP possibilities, then we shouldn't do even FTTN?

I don't like the idea of FTTN. But CTC (our consultant) persuaded the Boulder City Council to do a \$15 million FTTN (which they call a fiber optic backbone) as a step toward municipal FTTP, using certificates of participation for financing. Council understood very well that their FTTN wouldn't begin to pay for itself on its own. But it's a step toward municipal FTTP, which they knew they wanted.

<https://bouldercolorado.gov/connect-boulder/boulder-broadband-enhancement>

For the curious, there's a video of the 05-08-18 Council meeting (3:04:14).

<https://boulder.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/VODPreview.aspx?meetingVideoID=f58b1a2f-4307-4d2f-acdc-a507c7ee139f&index=9>

for a municipal-provided Fiber-to-the-Node (FTTN) network for fiber and broadband expansion ("Option 2"); engage a management consultant to develop the business case, funding plans, identify potential partners and/or service providers, and high level

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- network design; and engage an engineering firm to design a FTTN network including an expansion option to build a citywide Fiber-to-the-Premises (FTTP) network; and
- B. Expand Wi-Fi to unserved City facilities and discontinue consideration of City provided Wi-Fi in commercial areas; and
- C. Expediently return to Council with Ordinances that will lower the City's FTTN construction costs such as a Dig Once, String Once Ordinance; a Multi-unit housing Ordinance; and a Microtrenching Ordinance.

I wonder whether Council understood that "expedient" means "suitable for bringing about a desired result under the circumstances."

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/thesaurus/expedient>

It doesn't mean quickly. It leaves unexplained who's desiring what result, and why "the circumstances" might excuse a less than ideal result.

Maybe Council meant expeditiously -- "with speed and great efficiency."

<https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/expeditiously>

In the past, a member of the City Attorney's office has attended UAC meetings, just in case it would be convenient for UAC to get legal advice. As I understand it, the four ordinances are hung up in the City Attorney's office for some reason. If a member of the City Attorney's office were to attend UAC's 01-09-19 meeting, would UAC be willing to ask that person what the hang-up is?

On November 19, 2018, the Council approved the City of Palo Alto Utilities Smart Grid Assessment and Technology Implementation plan, including advanced metering infrastructure-based smart grid systems to serve electricity, water and natural gas utility customers - Staff Report ID #9780:

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/67639>)

AMI is a foundational technology that is becoming a standard in the utilities industry and will improve customer experience while enabling City of Palo Alto Utilities to operate more efficiently.

AMI is going to make the rates for electricity, gas, and water go up. Period. But it MIGHT also provide the information customers need to conserve enough that their bills don't also go up. When Council considered the issue, it was late, and there was very little discussion, so I wonder how many Council members understood this.

The Council encouraged staff to align the FTTN business case and leverage the dark fiber network with the AMI deployment.

At Council's 11-19-18 meeting, Council Member DuBois said (at 3:00:37 on this transcript of the video, page 62)
<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/67916>

"We should evaluate whether we can leverage our dark fiber optic backbone." I think he was trying to say we should develop fiber assets that can be useful for both AMI and FTTP. And staff was saying, in effect, that AMI needs no fiber assets.

Discussion In response to the Council's August 21, 2017 motion, staff completed the following actions:

1. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued on June 28, 2018, to retain a management consultant for professional services to develop a business case to build a FTTN network to multiple neighborhood nodes, assess local market conditions, identify potential public-private partnerships, and develop City ordinances that could lower fiber construction costs and incentivize fiber development. The RFP noted that depending on the outcome of the above-mentioned tasks, the City may issue another RFP to engage an engineering firm to prepare a detailed design and cost estimate for a FTTN network, including an expansion option to deploy a citywide FTTP network.

To me, this expansion option to deploy a citywide FTTP network is the raison d'être of FTTN. So I was disappointed that it was considered only as an "option."

The RFP scope of work included all the above-noted items in parts A and C of the Council Motion.

2. The City's OverAir Wi-Fi hotspots were expanded to the following unserved City facilities: Lucie Stern Children's outdoor theater, Lucie Stern courtyard, Baylands Golf Course Café and Pro Shop, and within all rooms across the Cubberley Community Center campus. Considering the Council's acceptance of the smart grid and technology plan, it is recommended that the fiber-optic network expansion planning employ a fundamental design principle of fully leveraging

and expanding this network to support a communications platform for AMI, Smart City initiatives and wireless technologies to support City services.

I question this "fundamental design principle," since it doesn't include supporting FTTP, and it does include support for "Smart City initiatives and wireless technologies to support City services" that haven't been described yet.

One of the definitions of "fundamental" is "adhering to fundamentalism,"

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/fundamental>

which is not what you want in City government.

As a result, and in response to Council's November 19, 2018 motion, staff is assessing whether to revise some of the tasks requested in the original FTTN RFP to better align the business case with the AMI network, including potentially adding the detailed design and cost estimate for a Citywide FTTN network to the project scope and reissuing the original RFP, with the tasks shown below:

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- Task 1 – Develop a business case and identify potential applications for FTTN, including a financial model for each alternative network and a high-level scalable design to support essential City services, including AMI.

Again, I think it's unreasonable to expect FTTN to pay for itself without considering future FTTP possibilities.

- Task 2 – Identify potential private-public partnership models to attract partners to deploy next generation broadband services for the community.

What's the difference between a "private-public partnership" and a "public-private partnership"? Google gets 7,680,000 hits for "public-private partnership" but only 643,000 hits for "private-public partnership." Searching only the City's website, Google gets 887 hits for "public-private partnership" but only 122 for "private-public partnership."

Fort Collins, CO, and Loveland, CO, both looked into public-private partnerships (PPPs), and both concluded that a FTTP PPP was less desirable for them than a municipal retail FTTP model.

- Task 3 – Draft City ordinances for Council consideration to lower fiber construction costs to incentivize third parties to build and operate a new network. Example ordinances include Dig Once, Microtrenching, String Once (a.k.a. One Touch Make Ready), and Multi-unit housing access.

This item seems to say that the only reason to do the ordinances is for the sake of third parties. Is that what Council meant?

- Additional Task 4 – Dependent on the outcome of the business case, prepare a detailed design and construction cost estimate for a FTTN network.

This summary fails to say anything about the expansion option to deploy a citywide FTTP network. So I don't like it for that reason.

Staff has worked constructively with the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) since its appointment by the City Manager in 2014.

Council's Technology and the Connected City committee asked City Manager Keene to appoint a CAC on 05-14-13 (See the minutes, Item 5, page 6.)

<https://cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/35046>

It took him until 02-18-14 to appoint the members, which happened to be the day before Google publicly announced its intentions to consider deploying Google Fiber to 34 more cities, including Palo Alto.

Notable accomplishments of the CAC include working with staff and a consultant to prepare the 2015 Fiber-to-the-Premises Master Plan and Wireless Network Plan, preparing a Request for Information (RFI) in 2016 for a public-private partnership to build a citywide FTTP network,

I don't remember how many bids were received. Staff asked the bidders who would be willing to have their bids (perhaps with sensitive portions censored) revealed to the public, and eight were willing to allow that.

https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/utl/news/rfi_responses.asp

Six bids were deemed "compliant." Staff thought three bids were worthy of further consideration.

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/55016>

Ultimately, none was deemed good enough. Why does staff persist in thinking that a PPP might still be a good idea?

providing input for the 2018 FTTN RFP, in addition to providing assistance related to Google Fiber. The Committee's valuable guidance has been much appreciated. At this time, given Council's direction to prepare a FTTN network business case and approval of the AMI implementation plan, staff recommends the UAC assume the primary role in aligning AMI with the fiber and wireless expansion initiatives, and to provide recommendations to the Council.

As far as I'm concerned, UAC has always (since 1990) had the role of advising Council about utilities, including (since 10-18-10) the fiber utility.

CAC has had the role of advising staff, which is a different thing. Staff is apparently saying it no longer needs any advice from CAC.

The UAC is well suited to assume this role, which is in line with its purpose and duty to advise Council on major programs and projects related to the City's utilities, including the fiber optics utility. The UAC can also provide a broad forum for wider community participation, outreach and oversight for fiber, wireless and AMI planning.

Yes. UAC meetings are videotaped, so the public can find out exactly who said what. And agendas with staff reports are posted in advance, so the public can know in advance what's going to be discussed. And, in theory at least, UAC has some sort of say about what gets agendized. And, for the action items at least, UAC can vote, as a way of advising Council. In the old days, before June 2004, the posted minutes were verbatim, so the public could read exactly who said what. I'd like to see verbatim minutes reinstated.

Initially, CAC meetings were not open to the public, and agendas were not posted in advance. After a time, that changed. But on one occasion, CAC did again meet behind closed doors to hear CTC explain how it did its FTTP cost estimates. (CTC considered this information to be proprietary, so it didn't want to do the explaining in public.) CAC meetings are not videotaped. CAC usually met approximately every other month, but in 2018, CAC met only twice. Staff cancelled meetings five times.

https://cityofpaloalto.org/gov/boards/technology_committee.asp

The UAC will effectively facilitate recommendations to the Council and create the best opportunity to efficiently leverage the City's fiber network with the AMI implementation to expedite network planning, design and construction. Resource Impact Depending on feedback from the UAC, staff will recommend to Council an award of a professional services contract to retain a consultant to perform the tasks above, and will return to Council for approval.

Apparently staff has decided not to recommend any of the existing bids to Council. OK. Would staff be willing to ask the bidders who would be willing to have their bids (perhaps with sensitive portions censored) revealed to the public (as was done for the 2016 RFI)?

Is staff open to the possibility of receiving advice about the next RFP before it's issued? Does UAC think they should be?

Policy Implications The fiber and wireless activities are consistent with the Telecommunications Policy adopted by the Council in 1997, to facilitate advanced telecommunications services in Palo Alto in an environmentally sound manner (Reference CMR: 369:97- Proposed Telecommunications Policy Statements).

I recommend that Council review and update this policy, and direct staff to make the policy available online to the public in an "official" place. A lot has changed in 21 years. Meanwhile, an unofficial version of the policy exists here (pages 14-20).

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/35933>

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This page is not PDF-searchable, which is a deficiency.

PREPARED BY: Jim Fleming, Senior Management Analyst

REVIEWED BY: Dave Yuan, Strategic Business Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Dean Batchelor, Interim Utilities General Manager

Can I infer from the signatures page that responsibility for FTTN has moved from IT back to Utilities?

Carnahan, David

From: Fred Xia <fredxia2011@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 12:13 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: An idea to alleviate local traffic congestion

Dear Council,

Happy New Year!

I'm Fred Xia, a midtown resident. I'd like to share with you an idea about alleviating heavy traffic congestion on our local streets.

We all know heavy traffic is caused by the large number of people working in Palo Alto but living somewhere else. However another important factor is that major job centers, e.g. Downtown and Stanford, are far away from highway exits. A friend of mine who lives in East Bay and worked in Downtown Palo Alto once told me he often spent 40 minutes in evening rush hours just to get on to Dumbarton Bridge from Downtown. It was very stressful for him as well.

My idea is to implement a Park and Ride system, together with Menlo Park, using self-driving shuttles operated by Waymo and/or other high-tech companies, initially with two parking lots, one right off Dumbarton Bridge and one at the 280/Page Mill exit.

I think this is going to be a win-win-win solution for Palo Alto, for commuters, and for the high-tech companies:

- The capital cost is very low. There is already a Park and Ride lot at 280/Page Mill exit, and plenty of empty space adjacent to it. There is also large open space right off Dumbarton. Palo Alto and Menlo Park just need to pave the land to make space for commuter parking. The city government won't operate the service. Waymo or other self-driving car service companies will operate the service.
- While this is not a silver bullet solution, it will meaningfully reduce traffic on local streets. Google traffic map clearly shows that large number of commuters exit at Dumbarton and 280/Page Mill in rush hours. I believe lot of them work in Stanford/Shopping Center/Hospital and Downtowns of Palo Alto and Menlo Park.
- It provides an ideal pilot program for self-driving car industry, and hence should be very attractive to companies like Waymo. Self-driving technology is still in its infancy. Shuttle routes on local streets have repeatable and limited scope, and yet very useful to the public. With mobile apps Waymo can easily interact with customers to optimize the scheduling and dispatching of shuttle vans. A customer will have good visibility on shuttle arrival and a satisfactory user experience.
- For commuters the benefit of convenience and comfort is significant. Instead of endlessly focusing on tail lights and hitting brakes and gas pedals he or she can relax, watching a movie or chatting with fellow commuters. There is simply no comparison in terms of quality of time.

- The system is very flexible. A commuter may choose to not use shuttle for the day and drive all the way to office for whatever reason. Conversely a commuter can also reach the parking lot using alternative methods such as Uber. This gives commuters peace of mind.
- Why not the other end of Dumbarton in Frement? Because of liability. It is still far way from enough confidence to commercially operate self-driving vehicles on critical highways, because the impact of an accident is too difficult to handle, both for technology and for public image.
- Self-driving car companies will be interested in subsidizing the trip cost, because it is the Killer App for them. It can very well become the first commercially viable application for self-driving technology. As such the program will also significantly boost the image of Palo Alto and Menlo Park as the center for technology innovation.

Palo Alto and Menlo Park are uniquely qualified for such Park and Ride + Self-Driving system because these two cities have concentrated ingress/egress commute exit points, and open space available adjacent to these points for parking lots. Other cities either have too diverse points of entry or no land available for large parking lots. What Palo Alto and Menlo Park need to do is to provide parking infrastructure and permits for Waymo and others to commercially operate self-driving shuttles.

Thanks very much for reading.

Sincerely,

Fred Xia
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Carnahan, David

From: Neilson Buchanan <cnsbuchanan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 6, 2019 8:36 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Best and highest use for President Hotel capacity

Please use your influence to preserve inventory of housing at the President Hotel during the next few months while the building is available for tenants. Please do not allow current capacity to languish empty. Unoccupied housing serves nobody's best interests. I hope better alternatives evolve soon with guidance of a new city manager and council.

Neilson Buchanan
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From: California High-Speed Rail
To: Council, City
Subject: California High-Speed Rail Board of Directors Agenda for January 15, 2019
Date: Friday, January 4, 2019 3:26:46 PM

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CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority



BOARD AGENDA

BOARD MEETING DETAILS

JANUARY 15, 2019 @ 10:00 AM

Meeting Location

California Secretary of State Auditorium
1500 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

PUBLIC COMMENT

For this meeting, an opportunity for public comment on all agenda and non-agenda items will be provided at the outset of the public session of the meeting. **Those persons who wish to comment on agenda and non-agenda items, are required to submit their requests to Board Secretary before the start of the meeting by filling in the green cards.** Typically public comment will be limited to two minutes per person, however the Chair may decide to shorten or lengthen the public comment periods, at his or her discretion. Agenda Items may be taken out of order.

1. Consider Approving the Board Meeting Minutes from the December 13, 2018 Board Meeting

Responsible Party:

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Status: A

Duration: 5 min.

2. Status Update on the High-Speed Rail Authority's Implementation of the California State Auditor's Recommendations

Responsible Party:
M. Rossi

Status: I
Duration: 20 min.

3. 2019 Program Overview

Responsible Party:

Status: I

4. Closed Session Pertaining to Litigation

The Authority will meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e)(1)&(2)(A) to confer with counsel with regard to the following litigation:

- John Tos; Quentin Kopp; Town of Atherton; County of Kings; Patricia Louise Hogan-Giorni; Anthony Wynne, Community Coalition on High-Speed Rail, TRANSDEF; California Rail Foundation v. California High-Speed Rail Authority (Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2016-00204740)
- County of Kings v. California High-Speed Rail Authority; (Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2014-80001861)

The Authority will meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e)(1)&(2)(B)(i);11126(a)(1).

Responsible Party:

T. Fellenz

Status: --

Duration: --

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From: Jeanne Fleming <jfleming@metricus.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 12:23 PM
To: Carnahan, David
Cc: Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission
Subject: CPRA Request

Dear David Carnahan,

Pursuant to my rights under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.), I ask to obtain copies of all Invoices submitted to the City of Palo Alto by lawyers and by law firms between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018.

If you have any questions about my request, please let me know.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. As always, I am most appreciative of your help.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Fleming

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Carnahan, David

From: Arlene Goetze <photowrite67@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 11:15 AM
To: Joe Simitian; susan.ellenberg@bos.sccgov.org
Subject: Fluoridation Needs to End--RF Kennedy Jr

Forwarded by Arlene Goetze, No Toxins for Children, photowrite67@yahoo.com

- * **Dozens of studies and reviews—including in top-tier journals such as *The Lancet*—have shown that fluoride is neurotoxic and lowers children's IQ.**
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U.S. Water Fluoridation: A Forced Experiment that Needs to End

By the Children's Health Defense Team
from childrenshealthdefense.org . January 9, 2019

The United States stands almost entirely alone among developed nations in adding industrial silicofluorides to its drinking water—imposing the community-wide measure without informed consent. Globally, roughly 5% of the population consumes chemically fluoridated water, but more people in the U.S. drink fluoride-adulterated water than in all other countries combined.

Within the U.S., just under a third (30%) of local water supplies are not fluoridated; these municipalities have either held the practice at bay since fluoridation's inception or have won hard-fought battles to halt water fluoridation.

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The fluoride chemicals added to drinking water are unprocessed toxic waste products—captured pollutants from Florida's phosphate fertilizer industry or unregulated chemical imports from China.

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Dozens of studies and reviews—including in top-tier journals such as *The Lancet*—have shown that fluoride is neurotoxic and lowers children's IQ. Fluoride is also associated with a variety of other health risks in both children and adults. However, U.S. officialdom persists in making hollow claims that water fluoridation is safe and beneficial, choosing to ignore even its own research!

A multimillion-dollar longitudinal study published in *Environmental Health Perspectives* in September, 2017, for example, was largely funded by the National Institutes of Health and National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences—and the seminal study revealed a strong relationship between fluoride exposure in pregnant women and lowered cognitive function in offspring. Considered in the context of other research, the study's implications are, according to the nonprofit **Fluoride Action Network**, “enormous”—“a cannon shot across the bow of the 80 year old practice of artificial fluoridation.”

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A little history

During World War II, fluoride (a compound formed from the chemical element fluorine) came into large-scale production and use as part of the Manhattan Project. According to declassified government documents summarized by Project

Censored, Manhattan Project scientists discovered early on that fluoride was a “leading health hazard to bomb program workers and surrounding communities.” In order to stave off lawsuits, government scientists “embarked on a campaign to calm the social panic about fluoride...by promoting its usefulness in preventing tooth decay.”

To prop up its “exaggerated claims of reduction in tooth decay,” government researchers began carrying out a series of poorly designed and fatally flawed community trials of water fluoridation in a handful of U.S. cities in the mid-1940s. In a critique decades later, a University of California-Davis statistician characterized these early agenda-driven fluoridation trials as “especially rich in fallacies, improper design, invalid use of statistical methods, omissions of contrary data, and just plain muddleheadedness and hebetude.”

As one example, a 15-year trial launched in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1945 used a nearby city as a non-fluoridated control, but after the control city began fluoridating its own water supply five years into the study, the design switched from a comparison with the non-fluoridated community to a before-and-after assessment of Grand Rapids. Fluoridation’s proponents admitted that this change substantially “compromised” the quality of the study.

In 1950, well before any of the community trials could reach any conclusions about the systemic health effects of long-term fluoride ingestion, the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) endorsed water fluoridation as official public health policy, strongly encouraging communities across the country to adopt the unproven measure for dental caries prevention. Describing this astonishingly non-evidence-based step as “the Great Fluoridation Gamble,” the authors of the 2010 book, **The Case Against Fluoride**, argue that:

> **“Not only was safety not demonstrated in anything approaching a comprehensive and scientific study, but also a large number of studies implicating fluoride’s impact on both the bones and the thyroid gland were ignored or downplayed”** (p. 86).

In 2015, **Newsweek** magazine not only agreed that the scientific rationale for putting fluoride in drinking water was not as “clear-cut” as once thought but also shared the “shocking” finding of a more recent Cochrane Collaboration review, namely, that **there is no evidence to support the use of fluoride in drinking water**.

Bad science and powerful politics

The authors of **The Case Against Fluoride** persuasively argue that “bad science” and “powerful politics” are primary factors explaining why government agencies continue to defend the indefensible practice of water fluoridation, despite abundant evidence that it is unsafe both developmentally and after “a lifetime of exposure to uncontrolled doses.” Comparable to Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.’s book, **Thimerosal: Let the Science Speak**, which summarizes studies that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and “credulous journalists swear don’t exist,” **The Case Against Fluoride** is an extensively referenced tour de force, pulling together hundreds of studies showing evidence of fluoride-related harm.

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The research assembled by the book’s authors includes studies on fluoride biochemistry; cancer; fluoride’s effects on the brain, endocrine system and bones; and dental fluorosis. With regard to the latter, public health agencies like to define dental fluorosis as a purely cosmetic issue involving “changes in the appearance of tooth enamel,” but the International Academy of Oral Medicine & Toxicology (IAOMT)—a global network of dentists, health professionals and scientists dedicated to science-based biological dentistry—describes the damaged enamel and mottled and brittle teeth that characterize dental fluorosis as “the first visible sign of fluoride toxicity.”

The important 2017 study that showed decrements in IQ following fluoride exposure during pregnancy is far from the only research sounding the alarm about fluoride’s adverse developmental effects. In his 2017 volume, **Pregnancy and Fluoride Do Not Mix**, John D. MacArthur pulls together hundreds of studies linking fluoride to premature birth and impaired neurological development (93 studies), preeclampsia (77 studies) and autism (110 studies). The book points out that rates of premature birth are “unusually high” in the United States.

At the other end of the lifespan, MacArthur observes that **death rates in the ten most fluoridated U.S. states are 5% to 26% higher than in the ten least fluoridated states, with triple the rate of Alzheimer’s disease**. A 2006 report by the National Research Council warned that exposure to fluoride might increase the risk of developing Alzheimer’s.

The word is out

Pregnancy and Fluoride Do Not Mix shows that the Institute of Medicine, National Research Council, Harvard’s National Scientific Council on the Developing Child, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and National Toxicology Program all are well aware of the substantial evidence of fluoride’s developmental neurotoxicity, yet no action has been taken to warn pregnant women.

Instead, scientists with integrity, legal professionals and the public increasingly are taking matters into their own hands. A Citizens Petition submitted in 2016 to the EPA under the Toxic Substances Control Act **requested that the EPA exercise its authority to prohibit the purposeful addition of fluoridation chemicals to U.S. water supplies.** This request—the focus of a lawsuit to be argued in court later in 2019—poses a landmark challenge to the dangerous practice of water fluoridation and has the potential to end one of the most significant chemical assaults on our children’s developing bodies and brains.

Sign up for free news and updates from Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and the Children's Health Defense. CHD is planning many strategies, including legal, in an effort to defend the health of our children and obtain justice for those already injured. Your support is essential to CHD's successful mission.

Carnahan, David

From: Jeanne Fleming <jfleming@metricus.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 2:21 PM
To: Stump, Molly
Cc: Council, City; Planning Commission; Clerk, City
Subject: RE: Request for information

Dear Ms. Stump,

Thank you for your email.

I would appreciate it if you would tell me on what legal basis the City of Palo Alto is refusing to reveal the name(s) of the law firm(s) and/or lawyer(s) who are advising the City with respect to the amended Wireless Ordinance that your Office is advising City Council to adopt.

More generally and more importantly, I would like to know the ethical justification for the City of Palo Alto refusing to tell a resident the name of any firm or individual hired to provide services to the City.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Fleming, PhD
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From: Stump, Molly <Molly.Stump@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 3:56 PM
To: Jeanne Fleming <jfleming@metricus.net>
Cc: Council, City <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>; Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@cityofpaloalto.org>; Clerk, City <city.clerk@cityofpaloalto.org>; Yang, Albert <Albert.Yang@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Subject: FW: Request for information

Dr. Fleming,

In response to your question below, please be advised that as City Attorney, I am responsible for legal services and work product provided to the City of Palo Alto, whether the work is performed by attorneys in this office or by outside special counsel. The Office works as a team under my general direction. We do not provide detailed breakdowns regarding who did what, in part because information of this nature may violate legal privileges. If you have a more specific question or concern, direct it to me.

Regards,
Molly Stump

Molly Stump | City Attorney
City Attorney's Office

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From: Jeanne Fleming <jfleming@metricus.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2018 5:14 PM
To: Yang, Albert <Albert.Yang@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Cc: Stump, Molly <Molly.Stump@CityofPaloAlto.org>; Council, City <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>; Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@cityofpaloalto.org>; Clerk, City <city.clerk@cityofpaloalto.org>
Subject: Request for information

Dear Albert Yang,

I would appreciate it if you would give me the names of the lawyers and law firms that have been or will be hired to draft, advise or otherwise assist the City of Palo Alto with the ordinance amending Section 18.42.110 (Wireless Communications Facilities) of the Municipal Code.

This is the amended ordinance that on December 12, 2018 you recommended to the Planning & Transportation Commission that it in turn advise City Council to adopt.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Carnahan, David

From: Mark Cox <markdarrellcox@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 1:31 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Noel

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From: Mark Cox <markdarrellcox@outlook.com>
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Subject: Noel

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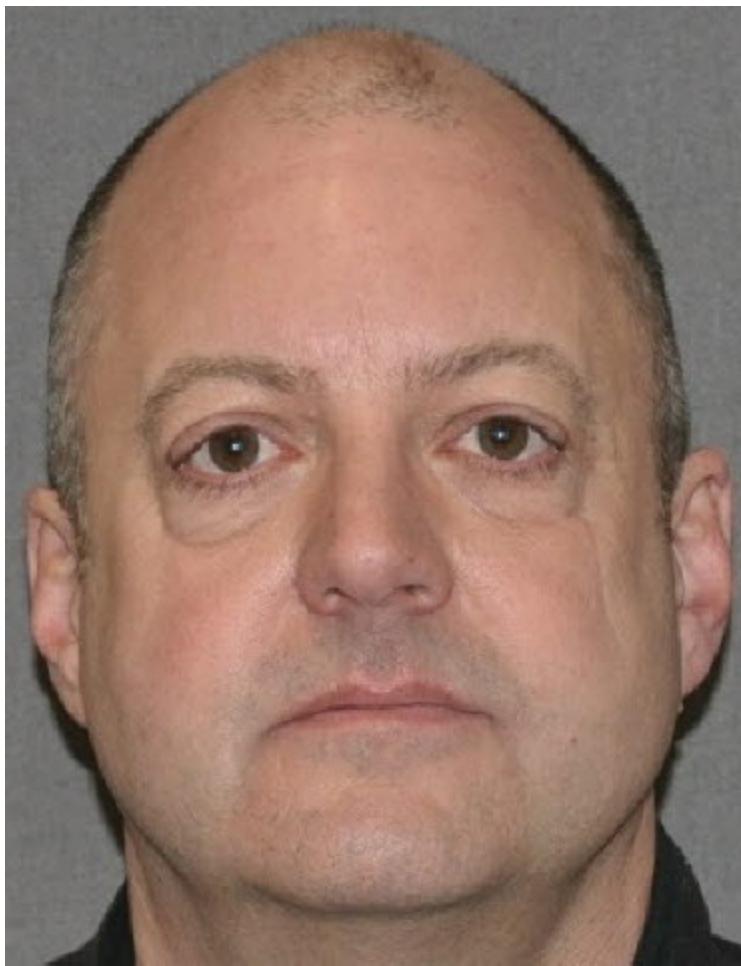
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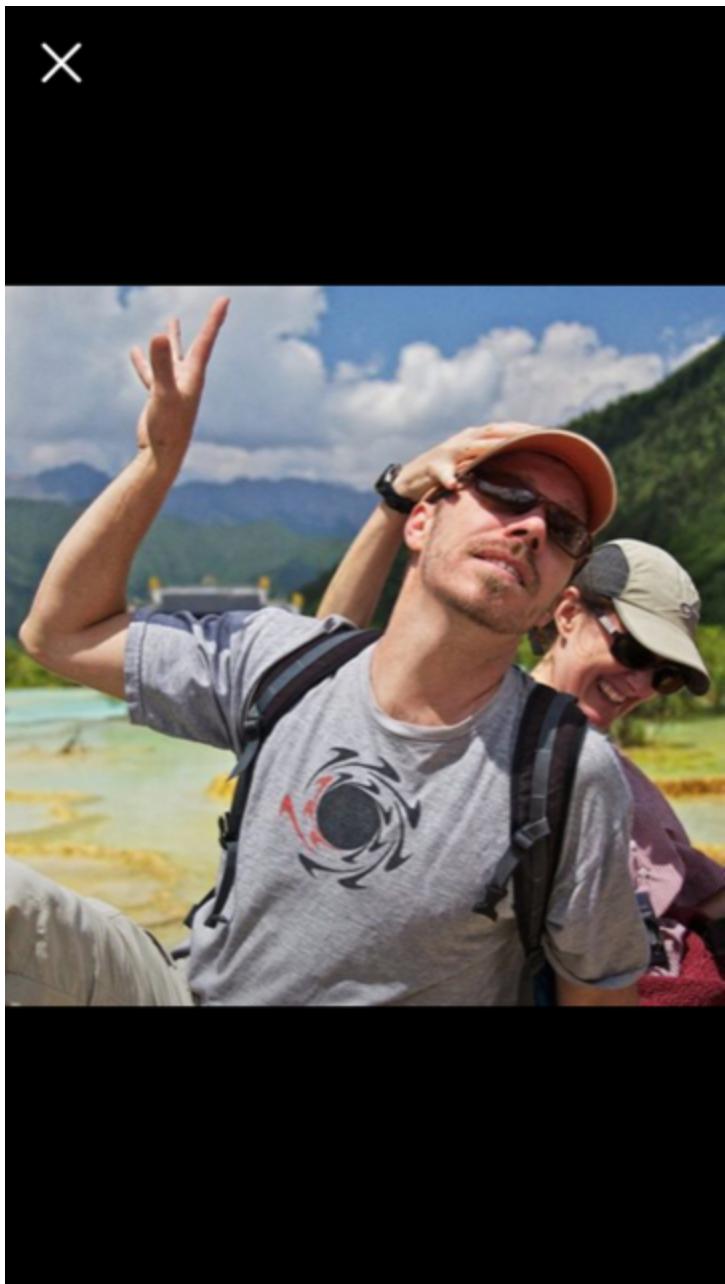
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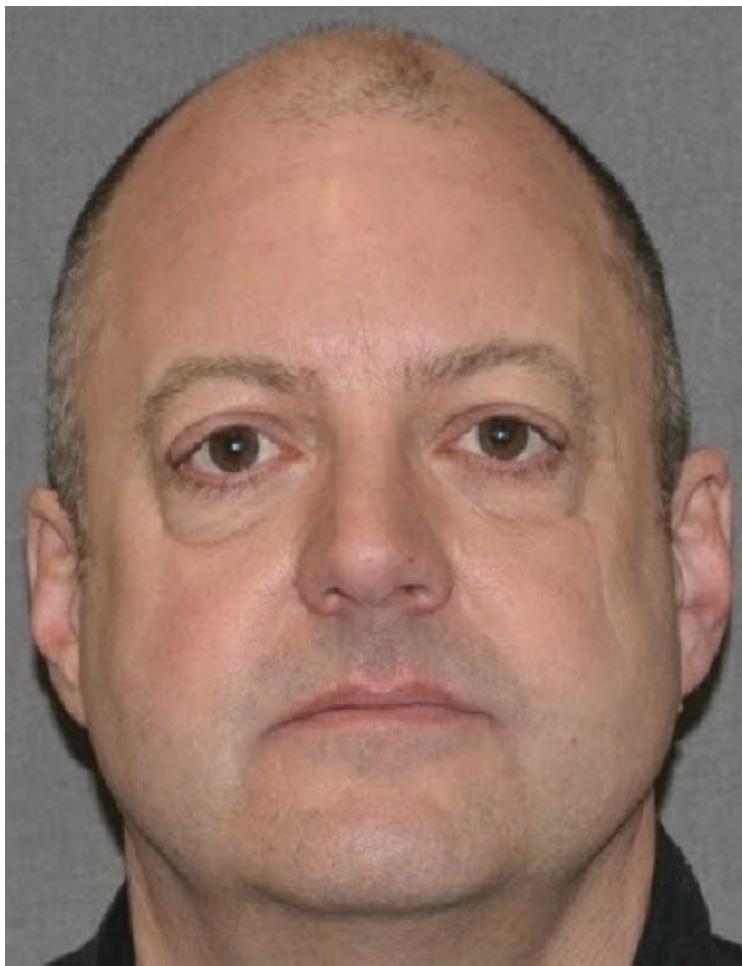
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Carnahan, David

From: Bette Kiernan <betteuk@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 11:19 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: party expenditures

Honorable Council Members:

Perhaps in the future funds might be used to create a more nurturing, compassionate society in Palo Alto. Many live with challenges.

For example, during the severe air alert related to recent fires, a clean air area might have been easily established. Five thousand dollars might have offered residents a place of caring and provided healthy snacks and drinks for three worst days.

Monies will continue to be needed to support citizens as global warming increases.

You are in a position to take us further along on a journey to create better world.

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Carnahan, David

From: Ann Protter <ann.protter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 7, 2019 4:58 PM
To: Council, City; alisoncormack@gmail.com
Cc: Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission
Subject: Planning Manager should Not have sole authority

Dear City Council Members,

I understand the city staff has a proposal to give the Planning Manager sole authority over the aesthetic standards for cell towers - including where they sit and their appearance.

While I understand the desire to streamline (both the city council as well as some of the city processes), we citizens actually feel like we have a right to be involved and be able to express our opinions.

Given that some residents helped to uncover financial bias in at least one city staff member which directly impacted a cell tower decision, you all might agree that residents contribute to the process.

I urge you to request modification of the proposed ordinance:

- 1) Have the Architectural Review Board lead in developing new standards; do not allow the Planning Manager sole authority.
- 2) Allow for a democratic process (residents input).
- 3) Insist upon City Council's approval.

I sincerely thank you,
Ann Protter

Carnahan, David

From: JIM POPPY <jamespoppy@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 12:02 PM
To: Council, City; City Mgr; Lait, Jonathan
Subject: Please help Planning Director Lait enforce a simple zoning issue

Dear City Council and City Manager,

Planning director Lait is asking Castilleja School to verify their enrollment with a simple audit. Castilleja has refused.

Castilleja is still in violation of their CUP, which restricts enrollment to 415 students. Given their history of lying about enrollment, Castilleja should have to submit an audit of their enrollment before any consideration can be given to their proposed expansion. Their financial records are audited every year. An enrollment number would be easy to obtain without compromising anyone's privacy.

Please show citizens that you are willing to enforce the codes you have established. Castilleja has had a very cozy relationship with City Hall for decades and it's time to subject them to the same laws everyone else must abide by.

Thank you,

Jim Poppy

135 Melville Ave.

Carnahan, David

From: Carnahan, David
Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 1:17 PM
To: Jeanne Fleming
Cc: Council, City; Planning Commission; Architectural Review Board; Clerk, City; Lait, Jonathan; Atkinson, Rebecca
Subject: RE: Council consideration of amendments to Wireless Ordinance and cell tower appeals

Ms. Fleming,

I am not sure if the wireless ordinance will be an action item or a consent item.

Jonathan Lait, Interim Planning Director (cc'ed) is a good person to contact regarding this ordinance. When this item makes it onto a City Council agenda, it will be clearly identified as Action or Consent. Members of the public are welcome to speak on either type of agenda item.

Regarding the appeals of Crown Castle/Verizon Cluster 2 and Vinculum/Verizon Cluster 2 agenda items, Rebecca Atkinson, Planner (cc'ed) is a good person to contact.

David Carnahan, Deputy City Clerk, MPA
O: 650-329-2267 | E: david.carnahan@cityofpaloalto.org

From: Jeanne Fleming <jfleming@metricus.net>
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Dear David Carnahan,

Thank you for this amplification. I am most appreciative.

I would appreciate it as well if you would tell me whether the City is planning to place the amended Wireless Ordinance on Council's agenda as an Action item or as a Consent Calendar item.

Again, thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Fleming,

The Tentative Agenda is a list of potential items for future Council meetings. The list is used to help balance the various agenda items needing consideration by the City Council and is subject to change depending on work load, council priorities, emerging concerns, etc.

City Council agendas are typically published 11 days prior to each Council meeting, and include the topics Council will consider at the respective meeting. The Agenda for the January 14 City Council meeting will be published on January 10, later than normal due to winter holidays. The Agenda for the January 22 City Council meeting will also be published on January 10.

The Tentative Agenda published yesterday does not list either a wireless ordinance nor any appeals for small cell applications through January 28, however, as a tentative list, it does not constitute the final set of agenda items the Council may consider at the January meetings.

David Carnahan, Deputy City Clerk, MPA
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From: Jeanne Fleming <jfleming@metricus.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 9:18 PM
To: Carnahan, David <David.Carnahan@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Cc: Council, City <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>; Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@cityofpaloalto.org>; Architectural Review Board <arb@cityofpaloalto.org>; Clerk, City <city.clerk@cityofpaloalto.org>
Subject: RE: Council consideration of amendments to Wireless Ordinance and cell tower appeals

Dear David Carnahan,

Thank you for your prompt response.

To be sure I understand you, please tell me if this is correct: The amended Wireless Ordinance City Staff is recommending that City Council approve—and approve before January 14, 2019—is not in City Council's schedule for consideration.

Also to be sure I understand you, I would appreciate it if you would tell me if this is correct: The tentative agenda published on December 12, 2018 which said that appeals of Crown Castle/Verizon Cluster 2 and Vinculums/Verizon Cluster 2 would be heard by City Council on January 22nd, 2019 was not correct, and no such appeals are scheduled to be heard on that date, nor have they been set for any other date.

Thank you again,

Jeanne Fleming

Jeanne Fleming, PhD
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From: Carnahan, David <David.Carnahan@CityofPaloAlto.org>
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Happy New Year Ms. Fleming,

The City Council Tentative Agenda is updated each week a Council Packet is published and includes a tentative list of items for future Council meetings. The [Tentative Agenda](#) published today goes out through the January 28 Council meeting. Neither of the items you mention are currently on the Tentative Agenda through January 28.

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Subject: Council consideration of amendments to Wireless Ordinance and cell tower appeals

Dear David Carnahan,

I would appreciate it if you would tell me when City Council is scheduled to consider the proposed amendments to the Wireless Ordinance (18.42.110).

I would also appreciate it if you would tell me whether appeals of Crown Castle/Verizon Cluster 2 and Vinculums/Verizon Cluster 2 remain on City Council's schedule for January 22nd, 2019.

If you are not the right person to ask for this information, please let me know who I should contact.

Thank you, as always, for your help, and Happy New Year to you.

Jeanne Fleming

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Carnahan, David

From: Phil Coulson <philcoulson_3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 10:38 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: re: Wireless Ordinance amendment

Hi -

I am writing you all in the City Council strongly requesting you do not approve an amendment to the Wireless Ordinance *unless it is modified*:

- To make the ARB (Architectural Review Board) the lead in developing new standards - NOT the Planning Director.
- To provide Palo Alto residents opportunities to respond to the proposed standards - thereby making the process more democratic.

As a resident of Palo Alto I know that by doing what I suggest will help not only the overall aesthetics of wireless installations in our neighborhoods, but also create a reassuring environment that the city council takes into consideration the voices of its citizens on proposals that impact them and their homes.

Regards,

-Phil Coulson

Carnahan, David

From: Kelly Germa <kelly.germa@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 3:51 AM
To: Alison.Cormack@cityofpaloalto.org; Kou, Lydia; Tanaka, Greg; DuBois, Tom; Filseth, Eric (Internal); liz.kniss@cityofpaloalito.org; Fine, Adrian
Cc: Planning Commission; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board; Council, City
Subject: Recently Rewritten Proposal for Palo Alto Wireless Ordinance Amendment

Dear Ms. Cormack, Ms. Kou, Mr. Tanaka, Mr. Filseth, Mr. Fine, and Ms. Kniss,

Please do not approve the newly rewritten proposal for the Palo Alto Wireless Ordinance.

You cannot in good conscience allow one Planning Commissioner to have sole discretion over the aesthetics and placement of cell towers in Palo Alto without being accountable to Palo Alto voters and/or being professionally qualified to make such decisions.

For months, your constituents, the residents of Palo Alto, have attended hours of meetings and written many many letters and emails to you voicing their opposition to above-ground, unsightly, noisy cell towers in their residential neighborhoods.

Just because the FCC order will become effective in mid-January doesn't allow you to suddenly completely ignore all this input. You were elected by vote to represent city residents, many of whom have emphatically and repeatedly told you they want the cell towers installed underground!

It is a breach of your duty to Palo Alto residents to now abruptly remove the ARB from the aesthetics review process and approve an amendment allowing one individual the power to indiscriminately change and implement cell tower installations without first establishing them to be what people of Palo Alto want as far as aesthetics and noise.

Your approval would back the cost-saving interests of cell phone companies, companies that have not elected you and to which you are not accountable, flying in the face of clear evidence of your Palo Alto constituents' wishes. This newly rewritten amendment takes away the ability of Palo Alto residents to have a say in the aesthetics of their community. You would be silencing them, not representing them. You would be authorizing one person in the Planning Commissioner role to decide the effects of cell tower installations on Palo Alto aesthetics without approving standards to insure that person is at least equal or more qualified than the ARB representatives you would remove from the current legal process, and without holding that person to any accountability standards for their decision-making to relate to the intentions of the people of Palo Alto.

Acting on behalf of Palo Alto residents as elected, please reject this amendment as rewritten and continue to move forward to find workable solutions to integrate cell tower equipment into residential neighborhoods with the least aesthetic damage.

Thank you,
Kelly Germa
Homeowner, Midtown Palo Alto
650-544-5711

Sent from my iPad

Carnahan, David

From: Carol Ruth <carolruth1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 4:50 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Removal of 40 mature trees on Sherman Avenue

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to express my distress in hearing that the new garage/police station will require the removal of 40 trees including mature protected redwoods. Apparently the trees must be removed because the garage was expanded. I do not think this is a well thought out plan and angers many residents. There has been a large outcry on Nextdoor from many people about the loss of these trees.

I urge you to revisit this decision, so it does not repeat terrible decision to remove the beautiful mature oaks along California Avenue.

Sincerely,
Carol Ruth

Carnahan, David

From: Robert Lum <outrageouslums@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 7, 2019 9:23 PM
To: Atkinson, Rebecca; Council, City; Planning Commission
Cc: Lait, Jonathan; Clerk, City
Subject: Stop the Verizon Cluster 2 Cell Towers

As long term residence of Palo Alto, I urge you to stop the placement of any additional cellular towers on poles throughout Palo Alto. We are the owners and residents of 781 Barron Avenue for over 20 years.

We have been opposed to having this project since the beginning. You should enforce Palo Altos aesthetics, noise and ordinances with respect to the siting and installation of the cell towers near residences. If the towers are so safe and acceptable, there are plenty of poles closer to Barron Park Elementary School for placement.

Anne and Robert Lum

Carnahan, David

From: Neilson Buchanan <cnsbuchanan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 6, 2019 12:01 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: THREE ABAG MEETINGS VITAL TO FUTURE OF PALO ALTO
Attachments: XXX Important January 2019 ABAG Committee Meeting.docx; xxx MTC Legislative Committee Agenda Jan 11 2019.pdf

On behalf of dozens of concerned citizens in Palo Alto, I urge the Council and staff to monitor the activities of these ABAG/MTC/CASA committees and the subsequent state legislation known as SB50 et al. We also urge you to keep these committees and legislation on your 2019 Council agendas and keep Palo Alto citizens directly informed and involved.

These three committees and state legislators are proposing major changes in powers currently held by local jurisdictions such as Palo Alto. See attachments with live links.

ABAG Regional Planning Committee Housing Subcommittee

Next Meeting:

January 10, 2019, 11:00 - 12:30 p.m.
Bay Area Metro Center
375 Beale Street, Suite 700
San Francisco, CA 94105

Agenda: <https://abag.ca.gov/abag/events/agendas/T011019a.pdf>

<https://abag.ca.gov/meetings/rpchousing.html>

ABAG Legislation Committee

Next Meeting:

January 17, 2019, 5:00 p.m.
Bay Area Metro Center
Board Room
375 Beale Street
San Francisco, California

Agenda: The Agenda for the next meeting is not available yet. [not available on website, but it is attached]

<https://abag.ca.gov/meetings/legislation.html>

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Thank you.

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Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Bay Area Metro Center
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San Francisco, CA 94105

Meeting Agenda

Legislation Committee

Committee Members:

Alicia C. Aguirre, Chair Sam Liccardo, Vice Chair

**Damon Connolly, Dave Cortese, Anne W. Halsted,
Julie Pierce, James P. Spering**

Non-Voting Members: Tom Azumbrado, Dorene M. Giacopini

Friday, January 11, 2019

9:40 AM

Board Room - 1st Floor

This meeting is scheduled to be webcast live on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Web site: <http://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/meetings> and will take place at 9:40 a.m. or immediately following the 9:35 a.m. Operations Committee meeting.

1. Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Quorum: A quorum of this committee shall be a majority of its regular voting members (4).

2. Consent Calendar

- 2a. [18-1088](#)** Minutes of the December 14, 2018 Meeting

Action: Committee Approval

Attachments: [2a_MTC LEGIS_Minutes_Dec 14 2018.pdf](#)

- 2b. [18-1089](#)** Legislative History

Action: Information

Presenter: Rebecca Long

Attachments: [2b_Leg History January.pdf](#)

3. State Legislation

- 3a. [19-0003](#) Fiscal Year 2019-20 State Budget Proposal

Overview of the transportation and housing elements of Governor Newsom's proposed state budget for FY 2019-20.

Action: Information

Presenter: Rebecca Long

Attachments: [3a_State Budget Update.pdf](#)

- 3b. [19-0005](#) CASA Outreach

Update on staff's effort to inform and engage with local elected officials and the general public about the CASA Compact.

Action: Information

Presenter: Randy Rentschler

Attachments: [3b_CASA Local Outreach.pdf](#)

- 3c. [19-0004](#) CASA Legislative Update

Overview of bills introduced to date related to the CASA Compact.

Action: Information

Presenter: Rebecca Long

Attachments: [3c_CASA Legislative Update.pdf](#)

4. Federal Legislation

- 4a. [19-0006](#) Impact of Federal Government Partial Shutdown on Transportation & Housing

Update on the budget standoff and implications for federal transportation and housing programs.

Action: Information

Presenter: Randy Rentschler

Attachments: [4a_Federal Shutdown.pdf](#)

- 4b.** [18-1091](#) Tom Bulger's Report

Report from Washington, D.C. advocate.

Action: Information

Presenter: Randy Rentschler

Attachments: [4b_Tom Bulger's DC Report Dec 2018.pdf](#)

5. Public Comment / Other Business

6. Adjournment / Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Legislation Committee will be Friday, February 8, 2019 9:40 a.m. the Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA.

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MTC's Chair and Vice-Chair are ex-officio voting members of all standing Committees.

Carnahan, David

From: slevy@ccsce.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 12:14 PM
To: Steve Levy
Subject: Updates on Bay Area economy

<http://www.bayareaeconomy.org/insights/>

I write a monthly update for the Bay Area Council Economic Institute on recent trends.

There were two posts in December--one on job trends and one on new population estimates

The major takeaways are

--Job growth remains strong supported by large increases in labor force participation rates with new or returning entrants attracted by job opportunities

--Population growth is slowing dramatically driven by declining birth rates and increasing out migration driven by high housing costs.

Both trends suggest challenges are coming in finding new workers and underscore the importance of increasing housing supply for all income groups.

Steve



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December 18, 2018

Mayor Liz Kniss
City of Palo Alto
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Palo Alto, CA 94063

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Dear Mayor Kniss:

Thank you for your letter regarding grade separation considerations. I understand Caltrain has discussed these issues with the City in various other venues, but wanted to make sure you have a consolidated response to the questions posed in the letter.

1. *Under what conditions would Caltrain accept a grade variance from 1 percent to 2 percent, and what would the approval process be?*

Caltrain has a standard procedure for design variances. It outlines the approval process and required supporting documentation. The allowable maximum grade takes into consideration factors such as operational impacts, vehicle performance, proximity to stations, other site specific conditions, and maintenance impacts. A comprehensive study including operational simulations is required to support the design variance request. Additionally, the requestor is responsible for the costs to support the variance review/analysis.

2. *Under what conditions would Caltrain accept a variance to the existing vertical clearance for poles and wires, and what would the approval process be?*

Caltrain minimum clearance to the pole and wires is established to meet California Public Utilities Commission requirements such as General Order 95 and SED 2. Union Pacific Railroad also requires minimum clearances.

3. *How are grade separation design criteria and constraints likely to change in the future?*

The Caltrain Business Plan will help shape a long range vision for the corridor and will address how train service will grow over time and the kinds of supporting infrastructure that may be needed to support this growth. This work will include significant focus on the issue of grade-crossings and an effort to develop a corridor-wide strategy to support the funding and

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implementation of grade separations. Any changes to Caltrain's standards must be considered in a way that is careful, deliberate and fully weighs both benefits and consequences, and should be undertaken on a system-wide basis. We anticipate working with the City of Palo Alto and other corridor communities in the coming year to begin this discussion.

4. *What should the City of Palo Alto assume regarding freight on the Caltrain right-of-way in the future?*

The City of Palo Alto should assume that freight will continue to operate diesel locomotives along the corridor, even after Caltrain electrifies the line. UPRR use of the Caltrain Corridor is governed by the Surface Transportation Board. Subsequently, Caltrain has a trackage rights agreement with UPRR that specifies the terms of freight operations. After the electrification of the Corridor, it is anticipated that a short-line freight operator will replace UPRR. In addition, the Caltrain Corridor is included in the STRACNET Corridor which specifies additional requirements to allow shipments of military equipment, if needed.

5. *What is Caltrain's criteria regarding shooflies that are likely needed for several grade separations during construction?*

In general, the shoofly track shall be designed for timetable speed for both passenger and freight trains per Caltrain track standards and operating requirements. Except for approved construction windows during cut over operations, the proposed grade separation design shall keep all Caltrain tracks fully operational at all times and shall cause no interruption to train operations during construction. The construction of the grade separation shall not temporarily or permanently reduce the future demand on the Caltrain operating system and shall meet future Caltrain standards and requirements.

6. *What level of funding support needed to grade separate because of the PCEP can or could be expected from Caltrain?*

The Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP) does not include any grade separations. As stated previously, the Business Plan will identify a long term service vision for the corridor and the infrastructure needed to support that service. The Plan will also include a strategy for funding these investments over time. It is anticipated that a variety of local, regional, state and federal funding sources will be needed to support these corridor-wide investments.

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7. *The cost of maintenance for grade separation alternatives may vary greatly. What should the City of Palo Alto assume regarding who will pay for the cost of maintenance?*

Environmental and economic life-cycle assessments should be performed for all alternatives. For a traditional grade separation such as raising and/or lowering the track by embankment, viaduct and bridge, the City of Palo Alto may assume that Caltrain will take on the maintenance responsibility for such new infrastructure. However, the City of Palo Alto may assume it is responsible for the cost to maintain trench and/or tunnel alternatives as they are anticipated to be significantly more expensive to maintain. Additionally, a mixed operation with freight (diesel powered locomotive) and passenger trains in a tunnel is not desired and requires special attention by FRA under High-Speed Passenger Rail Operations. Ultimately, the specific terms of a maintenance agreement would need to be negotiated between Caltrain and the City.

Again, thank you for these thoughtful questions. As the City continues its assessment of potential options, please let us know if more information is needed.

Sincerely,



Jim Hartnett
Executive Director

cc: Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
Palo Alto City Council

December 21, 2018
TO: STATE, CITY AND LOCAL OFFICIALS
NOTICE OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES FOR ITS NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING APPLICATION (A.18-12-008)

Summary

On December 13, 2018, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed its 2018 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). In this application, PG&E presents the costs that are necessary to safely and responsibly decommission Diablo Canyon Power Plant and to complete decommissioning and remediation activities associated with Humboldt Bay Power Plant Unit 3. If this application is approved, it would increase electric rates beginning in 2020.

Background

Every three years, PG&E is required to file a Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding application with the CPUC. This current application includes updated decommissioning costs since the 2015 application was filed (A.16-03-006).

This application is consistent with the CPUC's decision to retire Diablo Canyon Power Plant in 2025 to meet California's evolving energy policies and increase the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency resources.

The application includes costs related to the following:

- Planning and preparation for decommissioning activities
- Obtaining necessary regulatory approvals and permits
- Demolition and disposal of existing site facilities
- Site restoration activities
- Managing spent nuclear fuel storage until disposal by the Department of Energy
- Maintaining necessary security operations

PG&E is seeking \$417 million for each of the years covered in this application, which are 2020, 2021 and 2022.

How will PG&E's application affect electric rates?

Many customers receive bundled electric service from PG&E, meaning they receive electric generation, transmission and distribution services. Based on rates currently in effect, the bill for a typical residential bundled nonCARE customer using 500 kWh per month would increase from \$113.64 to \$116.03, or 2.1 percent. Actual impacts will vary depending on energy usage.

Direct Access and Community Choice Aggregation customers only receive electric transmission and distribution services from PG&E. On average, these customers will see an increase of 4.2 percent.

Departing Load customers do not receive electric generation, transmission or distribution services from PG&E. However, they are required by law or CPUC decision to pay certain charges. On average, these customers will see an increase of 39.8 percent.

Detailed rate information is included in a bill insert being sent directly to customers in December 2018 and January 2019.

How do I find out more about PG&E's proposals?

If you have questions about PG&E's filing, please contact PG&E at **1-800-743-5000**. For TTY, call **1-800-652-4712**. Para más detalles llame al **1-800-660-6789** • 詳情請致電 **1-800-893-9555**. If you would like a copy of PG&E's filing and exhibits, please write to PG&E at the address below:

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Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial
Proceeding Application (A.18-12-008)
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A copy of PG&E's filing and exhibits is also available for review at the CPUC's Central Files office by appointment only. For more information, contact aljcentralfilesid@cpuc.ca.gov or 1-415-703-2045. PG&E's application (without exhibits) is available on the CPUC's website at www.cpuc.ca.gov.

CPUC process

This application will be assigned to an Administrative Law Judge (Judge) who will determine how to receive evidence and other related documents necessary for the CPUC to establish a record upon which to base its decision. Evidentiary hearings may be held where parties will present their testimony and may be subject to cross-examination by other parties. These evidentiary hearings are open to the public, but only those who are formal parties in the case can participate.

After considering all proposals and evidence presented during the hearings, the assigned Judge will issue a proposed decision which may adopt PG&E's proposal, modify it or deny it. Any of the five CPUC Commissioners may sponsor an alternate decision. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon at a scheduled CPUC Voting Meeting.

The Public Advocates Office (CalPA) at the CPUC may review this application. CalPA is the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC with a legislative mandate to represent investor-owned utility customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. CalPA has a multidisciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting and engineering. For more information about CalPA, please call 1-415-703-1584, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov or visit CalPA's website at www.publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

Stay informed

If you would like to follow this proceeding, or any other issue before the CPUC, you may use the CPUC's free subscription service. Sign up at: <http://subscribe.cpuc.ca.gov/>. If you would like to learn how you can participate in the proceeding, have informal comments about the application or have questions about the CPUC processes, you may access the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office (PAO) webpage at <http://consumers.cpuc.ca.gov/pao/>.

You may also contact the PAO as follows:

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Call: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free) or 1-415-703-2074

TTY: 1-866-836-7825 (toll-free) or 1-415-703-5282

If you are contacting the CPUC, please include the application number (Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding Application A.18-12-008). All comments will be made available for review by the Commissioners, the assigned Judge and appropriate CPUC staff and will become public record.