



# CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting  
August 22, 2022

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers and by virtual teleconference at 5:00 P.M.

Present: Burt, Cormack, DuBois, Filseth, Kou, Stone, Tanaka

Present Virtually: None

Absent: None

## Special Orders of the Day

1. Interviews for the Human Relations Commission

## Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

Agenda was amended prior to deadline adding items AA1, AA2 and AA3.

## Public Comment

## Consent Calendar

Council Members Tanaka and Kou registered a no vote on Agenda Item Number 4.

Council Member Tanaka registered a no vote on Agenda Item Number AA1.

**MOTION:** Council Member Cormack moved, seconded by Council Member DuBois to approve the Consent Agenda Items 2 -4, AA1 and AA2.

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2. Review and Approve the Williamson Act Contract Renewals Within Palo Alto City Limits (2022)
3. 2515 El Camino Real: Ratify a BMR Regulatory Agreement Permitting Rental of Two Units at Below Market Rates and Approve and Authorize the City Manager to Execute and Record Amendment No. 1 to the Regulatory Agreement. Environmental Assessment: Exempt from CEQA Pursuant to Guidelines Section 15601(b)(3).
4. 1985 Louis Road (First Congregational Church of Palo Alto) [22PLN-00159]: Appeal of a Director's Decision Approving a Safe Parking Program Permit to Allow Overnight Parking of up to Four (4) Vehicles at the Subject Property. Environmental Assessment: Exempt. Zoning District: R-1 (Single-Family Residential).

AA1. Repeal of Resolution Adopted on August 8, 2022 and Adoption of a Revised **Resolution 10068** Establishing Advisory Spending Guidelines for Business Tax Proceeds

AA2. Approval of the City Position for the 2022 Cal Cities Annual Conference Resolution

## MOTION SPLIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING

**MOTION PASSED** Items 2, 3, AA2: 7-0

**MOTION PASSED** Item 4: 5-2 Kou, Tanaka No

**MOTION PASSED** Item AA1: 6-1 Tanaka no

## City Manager Comments

## Action Items

5. Consider a Recommendation to Review and Endorse the 2023-31 Draft Housing Element Goals, Policies and Programs and Updated Sites Suitability Inventory and Analysis; Provide Direction on Possible Land Use Policy Changes to Promote Housing in Certain General Manufacturing (GM) and Research, Office and Limited Manufacturing (ROLM) Districts; and, Receive an Update on the Housing Element Project Schedule.

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**MOTION:** Council Member Filseth moved, seconded by Council Member Tanaka to approve an increase in density for up to 90 units per acre for all units in the GM and ROLM Districts and with appropriate transitions adjacent to the R1 zone, as referenced in PowerPoint presentation.

**MOTION PASSED:** 5-1-1, Kou no, Cormack recused

**MOTION:** Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Mayor Burt to modify programs in the proposed housing element as follows:

1. Program 1.6 Stanford Lands
  - b. Eliminate 27 University as a housing opportunity site and the corresponding program 1.6D
  - c. Eliminate the reference to 75 feet in height for program 1.6B
  - d. Eliminate the reference to 65 feet for section 1.6C

**MOTION PASSES:** 5-1-1, Tanaka no, Cormack recused

**MOTION:** Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Mayor Burt to modify programs in the proposed housing element as follows:

1. Program 1.6 Stanford Lands
  - a. Evaluate creation of new neighborhood along Foothill expressway for 7th Cycle Housing Element
2. Program 4.2 Housing Preservation
  - a. Add a program to evaluate amending the muni code to restrict short term rentals, particularly where owner is not residing in property, to insure housing stock is used for long term rentals
3. Program 6.4A Homelessness Programs
  - a. Add another program to include Commercial lots in the safe parking program.
  - b. Remove the reference to Cubberley but retain language to for support services for participants of a safe parking program

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## 4. Program 3.3A

- a. Modify reference to “religious institutions located in R1 district” to clarify that we will evaluate affordable housing with less dense incentives in R1.
5. Add a program to review the PTOD development standards for greater housing production
6. Evaluate the feasibility of potential regulations to incentivize housing units to be used for the purpose of housing

**MOTION PASSES:** 6-1, Cormack recused

## AA3. City Auditor Vacancy: Council Direction on Next Steps

**MOTION:** Council Member Cormack moved, seconded by Mayor Burt to request up to three individuals to interview from Baker Tilly to act as an interim Auditor, and the Council Appointed Officers Committee to meet to address the next steps for filling the Auditor position for the medium to long term

**MOTION PASSED:** 7-0

## Council Member Questions, Comments and Announcements

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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City Clerk

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*Pat Burt*  
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Mayor

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