



CITY OF PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting
September 21, 2020

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in Virtual Teleconference at 5:04 P.M.

Participating Remotely: Cormack, DuBois, Filseth, Fine, Kniss, Kou, Tanaka

Absent:

Consent Calendar

Vice Mayor DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Kou, third by Council Member Filseth to move Agenda Item Numbers 1 and 3 to a date uncertain.

MOTION: Council Member Kniss moved, seconded by Mayor Fine to approve Agenda Item Numbers 2, 4-6.

- ~~1. Approval of Construction Cameras for use at the California Avenue Parking Garage and Highway 101 Pedestrian/Bicycle Overpass Construction Projects; and Approval of a Parking Guidance System in Accordance With the Surveillance and Privacy Protection Ordinance.~~
2. Approve Contract Amendments to Extend the Following Banking and Related Services Contracts: 1) U.S. Bank and its Wholly-owned Subsidiary Elavon for General Banking and Merchant Services; 2) Wells Fargo for Lockbox Services; 3) Union Bank for Investment Safekeeping (Custodial) Services; and 4) JP Morgan Chase Bank for Purchase Card (P-card) Services.
- ~~3. Consideration of an Appeal of a Director's Interpretation Made Pursuant to Palo Alto Municipal Code Section 18.01.025 and Related to Seismic Rehabilitation. The Project is Exempt From the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in Accordance With CEQA Guidelines 15061(b)(3).~~
4. Approval of a Contract Between Project Safety Net, Inc. for Youth Mental Health Support in the Amount of \$100,000 per Year; Approval of a One-time Transfer of \$21,604 in Donations for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$521,604 for the Term of September 21, 2020 Through June 30, 2025; and Approval of a Budget Amendment in the Public Services Donation Fund by a Two-thirds Vote.

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5. Resolution 9914 Entitled, "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto to Extend the Bicycle and Electric Scooter Share Pilot Program for 18 Months."
6. Resolution 9915 Entitled, "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Approving and Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Execute the Continuing Reimbursement Agreement for Letters of Credit With US Bank National Association at an Estimated Cost of \$35,000 per Year in Connection With the City's Market Purchase Program Agreement With Northern California Power Association (NCPA);" and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of all Documents Relating to the Letters of Credit.

MOTION PASSED FOR AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS 2, 4-6: 7-0

Rail Communications Update

7. Connecting Palo Alto Rail Grade Separation: Receive an Update From the Expanded Community Advisory Panel (XCAP).

NO ACTION TAKEN

Council took a break at 7:19 P.M. and returned at 7:35 P.M.

Action Items

8. Recommendation of the Planning and Transportation Commission (PTC) to: 1) Discuss the Draft Economic Analysis Analyzing Potential Increases to Inclusionary Housing Requirements; 2) Maintain the Inclusionary Housing Requirements at 15 Percent for Ownership Housing and the Housing Impact Fee for Rental Housing; and 3) Authorize an Analysis of Specific Adjustments Across the Spectrum of Zoning and Financial Factors That Would Support a 20 Percent Inclusionary Housing Requirement.

MOTION: Mayor Fine moved, seconded by Council Member Kniss to:

- A. Maintain the inclusionary housing requirements at 15 percent for ownership housing units and retain the housing impact fee for rental housing projects;
- B. Direct Staff and the Planning and Transportation Commission to explore possible zoning amendments or other factors that could support a future 20 percent inclusionary requirement for ownership and rental housing while recognizing that such analysis will be constrained without funding for additional consultant resources; and

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- C. Direct Staff to return with adjustments to parking and retail standards in a manner consistent with this analysis.

AMENDMENT: Vice Mayor DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Filseth to maintain inclusionary housing requirements at 15 percent for ownership housing units; and direct Staff to return with a proposal to replace the housing impact fee for rental housing with an inclusionary requirement.

AMENDMENT FAILED: 3-4 Cormack, Fine, Kniss, Tanaka no

MOTION PASSED: 6-1 Kou no

Council took a break at 9:56 P.M. and returned at 10:11 P.M.

9. Discussion and Direction to Staff on Housing Affordability Requirements for Projects Proposed Under the Planned Home Zoning (Planned Community Zoning). This Action is Exempt From the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in Accordance With CEQA Guidelines 15061(b)(3).

MOTION: Council Member Kniss moved, seconded by Mayor Fine to:

- A. Endorse an approach that offers a menu of options to home builders to meet the 20 percent inclusionary requirement for "planned home zoning" projects; and
- B. Affirm direction regarding the calculation for determining the number of housing units required to offset net new jobs created by a planned home zoning project.

MOTION PASSED: 4-3 DuBois, Filseth, Kou no

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned in honor of the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg at 11:27 P.M.