



CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting
August 10, 2022

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers and by virtual teleconference at 6:00 P.M.

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

Present Virtually: None

Absent: None

Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

Mayor Burt announced that item 1 will be taken before item AA1.

Closed Session

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION Authority: Cal. Gov. Code section 54957(b)
Titles: City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk

MOTION: Council Member Filseth moved, seconded by Council Member Cormack to go into Closed Session.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

Council went into Closed Session at 6:08 P.M.

Council returned from Closed Session at 8:20 P.M.

Mayor Burt announced there was no reportable action.

ACTION MINUTES

Action Items

AA1. November 2022 Ballot Measures: (1) Repeal of a Resolution Adopted on August 8, 2022, and Adoption of a Revised Resolution Placing a Business Tax on the November 2022 Ballot; (2) Adoption of a Resolution Placing a Measure Affirming the Natural Gas Utility Transfer on the November 2022 Ballot

MOTION: Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Cormack to

1. Repeal Resolution 10062, adopted on Monday August 8, 2022, which placed a business tax on the November 8, 2022 at a rate of 11 cents per square foot, capped at \$1 million per business, raising approximately \$16.5 million annually.
2. Adopt the Resolution (Attachment A) calling an election for November 8, 2022 for submittal to the qualified electors of the City a measure amending Title 2 of the Municipal Code to add Chapter 2.37 to establish a tax on businesses operating in the City of Palo Alto, which includes a revised business tax at a rate of 7 ½ cents per square foot of occupied space, capped at \$500,000 per business, with annual 2.5% increases in the tax rate and cap, raising approximately \$9.6 million annually.
3. Adopt the Resolution (Attachment B) calling an election for November 8, 2022 for the submittal to the qualified electors of the City a measure affirming the City's natural gas utility general fund transfer.
4. Direct staff to return to Council with a revised Advisory Spending Resolution that includes additional language on fiscal reporting and transparency, to be placed on the Consent agenda in August.

MOTION PASSED: 6-1, Tanaka no

Council Member Questions, Comments and Announcements

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 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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