



CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting
February 28, 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: Burt, Cormack, DuBois, Filseth, Kou, Stone, Tanaka

Absent: None

Study Session

1. ~~Report and Discussion on Valley Water's Purified Water Project Including Location of the Advanced Water Purification Facility at the Former Los Altos Treatment Plant Site, Reverse Osmosis Concentrate Management, Upcoming Agreements and Decisions. (This item has been removed from the agenda)~~

Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

Item 1 was removed prior to the final posting deadline and was not considered.

Consent Calendar

Council Member DuBois registered a no vote on Agenda Item 7.

Council Member Tanaka registered a no vote on Agenda Item 7.

MOTION: Council Member Cormack moved, seconded by Mayor Burt to approve Agenda Item Numbers 2-6, 8-10.

2. Approve Minutes from the February 5, 2022 City Council Retreat, February 7, 2022 City Council Meeting, and the February 14, 2022 City Council Meeting.
3. Adoption of **Resolution 10018** to Authorize the City Manager to Apply for an SB1383 Local Assistance Program Grant from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) and Execute Related Program Agreements and Amendments.
4. Appointment of 2022 Emergency Standby Council.

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5. Approval for the Renewal of the Agreement Between the City of Palo Alto and the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation for Mutual Cooperation and Support to Facilitate the Foundation's Financial and Administrative Support of the City's Palo Alto Art Center.
6. Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Professional Services Contract Number C20176858 With Sandis Civil Engineers to Increase the Not-to-Exceed Compensation by \$50,000 (to \$171,000) and to Extend the Term of the Contract to October 2026 for the Completion of Final Plans and Design Support for the Churchill Avenue Enhanced Bikeway Project.
7. Staff and Utilities Advisory Commission Recommend the Council Adopt **Resolution 10019** Amending Utilities Rule and Regulation 11 (Billing, Adjustments and Payment of Bills) to Set a \$5,000 Limit on Fee-Free Credit Card Payments and Apply a Cost-Recovery Charge for Credit Card Payments in Excess of \$5,000.
8. Approval of a Five-Year Contract C22181932 with Sierra Traffic Markings, Inc in the Amount of \$850,000 to Provide On-Call Minor Roadway Improvements.
9. Approval of Contract C22182466 With Ranger Pipelines, Inc. in the Amount of \$7,819,336 for Water Main Replacement Project 28 (WS-14001) in the Barron Park, Oak Creek, Duvneck Francis, Charleston Meadows Neighborhoods and in the California Business District, and Authorization for the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute Related Change Orders Not-to-Exceed \$781,934 for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$8,601,270.
10. Approval of Contract No. C22182372 with CSW/Stuber-Stroeh Engineering Group Inc. in the Amount of \$164,852 for Design Services for the University Avenue Streetscape Update Capital Improvement Program Project, PE-21004 and Approval of Budget Amendments in the Capital Improvement Fund and the Stanford University Medical Center (SUMC) Fund.

MOTION SPLIT FOR PURPOSE OF VOTING

ITEMS 2-6, 8-10 OF MOTION PASSED: 7-0

ITEM 7 OF MOTION PASSED: 5-2, Tanaka, DuBois no

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11. PUBLIC HEARING: Objections to Weed Abatement and Adoption of a Resolution Ordering Weed Nuisance Abated.

Public Hearing opened at 6:37 P.M.

The Council kept the Public hearing open and returned to the item after the culmination of Item 12. There were no comments from the public.

Public Hearing closed at 8:46 P.M.

MOTION: Council Member Filseth moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Kou to adopt **Resolution 10020** ordering the abatement of weed nuisances in the City of Palo Alto.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

12. Discussion and Direction on Draft Response to the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Report Published December 16, 2021 Pertaining to Affordable Housing and Potential Direction to Staff on Related Policies.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Kou moved, seconded by Council Member Filseth to direct Staff to accept the Grand Jury Response Letter and include clarification that the 2018 residential development cap is not decided at the ballot box.

MOTION PASSED: 5-2, Cormack, Tanaka no

13. California Avenue and Ramona Street Temporary and Permanent Closure: Direct Staff to Issue RFP for a Feasibility Study and Return for Contract Approval, and Provide Direction to Staff on Activities and Programming.

ORIGINAL PROPOSED MOTION: Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Kou to:

- A. Direct Staff to issue a Request for Information (RFI) and/or Request For Proposals (RFP) to obtain a consultant to conduct a feasibility study to define the scope and understand the impact of the proposed permanent closure(s) on portions of California Avenue from El Camino Real to Park Blvd. and the section of Ramona Street between Hamilton Avenue and University Avenue
- B. Direct Staff to return to Council for approval of the contract for the feasibility study and to provide a schedule

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- C. Direct Staff to proceed with commencing a charette process prior to the full RFI/RFP product
- D. Include into the RFI, in addition to items mentioned in the staff report:
 - i. Evaluate option to close Cal Ave from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon in addition to permanent closure
 - ii. Consider methods to value rents for use of public spaces and evaluate if revenues could be used as partial funding of the process
 - iii. Suggest approach to improve aesthetics and maintain open sidewalks
 - iv. Include proposed guidelines on hours of use of public spaces and noise control
 - v. Evaluate displaced traffic impacts, particularly on residential streets
 - vi. Bring the budget request as part of the 2023 Budget process

AMENDMENT: Council Member Cormack moved, seconded by Mayor Burt to delete C, i: Evaluate option to close Cal Ave from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon in addition to permanent closure.

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Kou to add to motion: Direct Staff to proceed with commencing with a charette process prior to the implementation of the RFI/RFP.

MOTION FAILED: 3-4, DuBois, Filseth, Cormack, Tanaka no

AMENDMENT: Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Stone to add to the motion: Direct Staff to come back with an item on Action to extend the street closure through December 31, 2023

MOTION PASSED: 5-2, DuBois, Kou no

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Council Member Tanaka moved, seconded by Mayor Burt approved the addition of section D, i to enable biking on Cal Ave.

MOTION FAILED: 3-4, Kou, Cormack, Filseth, DuBois no

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FINAL AMENDED MOTION: Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Kou to:

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- B. Direct Staff to return to Council for approval of the contract for the feasibility study and to provide a schedule
- C. Include into the RFI, in addition to items mentioned in the staff report:
 - i. ~~Evaluate option to close Cal Ave from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon in addition to permanent closure~~
 - ii. Consider methods to value rents for use of public spaces and evaluate if revenues could be used as partial funding of the process
 - iii. Suggest approach to improve aesthetics and maintain open sidewalks so that the pedestrian traffic is near the windows
 - iv. Include proposed guidelines on hours of use of public spaces and noise control
 - v. Evaluate displaced traffic impacts, particularly on residential streets
 - vi. Bring the budget request as part of the 2023 Budget process
- D. Direct staff to come back with an item on Action to extend the street closure through December 31, 2023

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 P.M.

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ATTEST:

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Lesley Milton

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City Clerk

APPROVED:

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Patrick Burt

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Mayor

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