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The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Beecham, Burch, Cordell, Freeman, Kishimoto, Kleinberg, Morton (arrived at 6:08 p.m.), Mossar, Ojakian

CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with City Attorney -- Potential/Anticipated Litigation  
Subject: Written liability claim against the City of Palo Alto by Albert Hopkins  
Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1) & (b)(3)(C)

The City Council met in Closed Session to discuss matters involving existing litigation as described in Agenda Item No. 1.

**Mayor Beecham announced there was no reportable action.**

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 6:52 p.m.

PRESENT: Beecham, Burch, Cordell, Freeman, Kishimoto, Kleinberg, Morton, Mossar, Ojakian

SPECIAL MEETING

1. Resolution 8400 entitled "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Expressing Appreciation to Paul Thiltgen for Outstanding Public Service to the City of Palo Alto"

**MOTION:** Council Member Morton moved, seconded by Ojakian, to adopt the resolution.

Council Member Morton said Paul Thiltgen had blessed Palo Alto with 20-plus years of incredible growth in community programs. Mr. Thiltgen gave City staff the chance to meet repeated challenges and the opportunity to succeed. He was saddened to see the City lose such a special resource.

Council Member Ojakian thanked Paul Thiltgen for his efforts in renovating the City parks, his ability to get things done, and his sense of humor.

**MOTION PASSED 9-0.**

Paul Thiltgen said in December 2003, the Council recognized Del Thorpe who served the City for 38 years. He felt it was important that a person who had committed so much time to the City, and who had fostered the Cubberley Community Center through its growth and improvements should have the opportunity to be recognized.

Del Thorpe expressed appreciation for the many opportunities he had during his 38 years with the City.

Mr. Thiltgen expressed appreciation to his parents for the foundation they established. He enjoyed the staff he had worked with, and their commitment to serving the City and citizens of Palo Alto. He thanked the many volunteers who helped make community services so successful.

Vice Mayor Burch expressed appreciation to Maureen Thiltgen for the love and support of her husband.

Council Member Kleinberg said one of the legacies being left by Mr. Thiltgen was his ability to be creative, to take risks, and to be inspirational.

Council Member Morton applauded the Community Services Department.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 7:10 p.m.

PRESENT: Beecham, Burch, Cordell, Freeman, Kishimoto, Kleinberg, Morton, Mossar, Ojakian

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Appointment of Candidates to the Library Advisory Commission

FIRST ROUND OF VOTING FOR THE LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION

VOTING FOR DANIEL BENAS:

VOTING FOR SANFORD FORTE:

Kishimoto, Beecham, Kleinberg, Morton, Burch, Cordell, Ojakian, Mossar

VOTING FOR GENEVIEVE GERARD:

Freeman, Kishimoto, Beecham, Kleinberg, Morton, Burch, Cordell, Mossar

VOTING FOR KATHERINE JARVIS:

Freeman, Ojakian

VOTING FOR JOHN STUCKY:

Kishimoto, Beecham, Kleinberg, Morton, Burch, Cordell, Ojakian, Mossar

VOTING FOR SHELBY VALENTINE:

Freeman

City Clerk Donna Rogers announced that Sanford Forte, Genevieve Gerard, and John Stucky (with 8 votes) were appointed on the first ballot to three, three-year terms ending December 31, 2007.

2. Selection of Candidates to Interview for the Planning and Transportation Commission

**MOTION:** Council Member Kleinberg moved, seconded by Burch, to interview all of the candidates.

**MOTION PASSED 9-0.**

3. Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation on Selection of Utilities Advisory Commission Applicants for Council Interviews

**MOTION:** Council Member Mossar moved, seconded by Kleinberg, to approve the Ad Hoc Committee recommendation to interview the following candidates: 1) Ramarao Degumarthi, 2) Claude Ezran, 3) Anjali Joshi, 4) John Melton, and 5) Sally Tomlinson.

**MOTION PASSED 9-0.**

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Ed Power, 2254 Dartmouth Street, spoke regarding good government.

Christiane Cook spoke regarding police.

Lynn Chiapella, 631 Colorado Avenue spoke regarding San Carlos Court.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Burch moved, seconded by Morton, to approve the minutes of January 5, 2004, as submitted.

**MOTION PASSED 9-0.**

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Beecham stated he would not participate in Item No. 8 due to a conflict of interest because his residence was within 500 feet of the property.

**MOTION:** Council Member Morton moved, seconded by Mossar, to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 4-10.

#### LEGISLATIVE

4. Approval of Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto to Commence Paying and Reporting the Value of Employer Paid Member Contributions for Fire Department Personnel (IAFF)"

Resolution 8401 entitled "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto to Commence Paying and Reporting the Value of Employer Paid Member Contributions for Fire Department Personnel (IAFF)"

5. Approval of a Resolution Prohibiting Parking Between 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM on School Days on Segments of Georgia Avenue, Donald Drive and Hubbartt Drive"

Resolution 8402 entitled "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Approving and Adopting a New No Parking Zone Between 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. on School Days (Except Commercial Vehicles) on Segments of Georgia Avenue, Donald Drive and Hubbart Drive"

6. Recommendation to Appoint Marc Dickow (Jungle Copy) as a Member of the Downtown Palo Alto Business Improvement District Advisory Board to Replace Steve Warden (Union Bank)

Resolution 8403 entitled "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Appointing Marc Dickow (Jungle Copy) as a Member of the Downtown Palo Alto Business Improvement District Advisory Board to Replace Steve Warden (Union Bank)"

7. Endorsement of a Resolution in Support of Regional Measure 2-- Regional Traffic Relief Plan

Resolution 8404 entitled "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Declaring its Support for Measure 2--Regional Traffic Relief Plan"

#### ADMINISTRATIVE



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**MOTION PASSED** 9-0 for Item Nos. 4-7, 9 and 10.

**MOTION PASSED** 8-0 for Item No. 8, Beecham "not participating."

#### REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

11. Neighbors Abroad Recommendation to Add Niihari, Japan to the City of Palo Alto's Sister City Program *(Item to be continued at request of staff)*

**ITEM REMOVED BY STAFF AT THE REQUEST OF NEIGHBORS ABROAD**

COUNCIL COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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City Clerk

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Mayor

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