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The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Conference Room at 5:35 p.m.

Present: Barton, Burt, Drekmeier, Espinosa, Klein, Morton arrived at 5:50 p.m., Schmid, Yeh

Absent: Kishimoto

### CLOSED SESSION

- A. Public Employment  
Title: City Auditor  
Authority: Government Code section 54957(b)

Council reconvened from Closed Session at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Klein advised no reportable action taken.

### SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

- B. Interview of a Candidate for the Utilities Advisory Commission

No reportable action taken.

### STUDY SESSION

1. Annual Joint Meeting With Planning and Transportation Commission Regarding Planning Issues.

The Planning and Transportation Commission (P&TC) presented its first Annual Report which discussed key projects, plans and Ordinances addressed in 2006/2007. The P&TC divided the presentation among the seven members and described the purpose of the report, the trends of development over the one-year period, impacts and recommendations resulting from those development trends. The P&TC also discussed its goals for the coming year. They anticipate preparing a report each year for the Council. Overall, the Council was supportive of the P&TC's efforts and considered the report informative and helpful.

Irvin Dawid, 753 Alma Street #126, spoke regarding smaller units, flexible zoning, height limits, the Hyatt and the Association of Bay Area Government.

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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Andrei M. Sarna-Wojcicki, 708 Garland Drive, spoke regarding Oregon Expressway Improvement Project and the widening of Middlefield Road, bike paths, sidewalks and landscaping effects.

Marc Zucker, 2310 Middlefield Road, spoke regarding Santa Clara County's plans to change the intersection of Middlefield Road and Oregon Expressway, bike safety and landscaping.

Paul Peng, 2320 Middlefield Road, spoke regarding his opposition of widening Middlefield Road at Oregon Expressway, landscaping, sidewalks and safety.

Winter Dellenbach, spoke regarding Veterans Affairs (VA) Palo Alto Hospital expansion, development impacts and the desire for more information on the project.

Joel Garhan, Garland Drive, Palo Alto, noted his opposition to changes to Oregon Expressway and Ross Road, pedestrian and bike access.

Joyce Pimental, 2370 Middlefield Road, noted her opposition to proposed changes to Middlefield Road and the Oregon Expressway project, landscaping, sidewalks and pedestrians.

Mark Lawrence, 446 Marion, spoke regarding the changes to Oregon Expressway, Ross Road and the Waverly Street crossing, traffic and walkability.

Council Espinosa acknowledged Kristina Peterson leaving the Palo Alto Daily to go to school in New York.

### SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

3. Appointment of Two Candidates to the Planning and Transportation Commission for Two Terms Ending July 31, 2012.

#### First Round of Voting for Two Planning and Transportation Commission Members.

Voting For Susan Fineberg:                      Barton, Burt, Drekmeier, Espinosa,  
Klein, Morton, Schmid, Yeh

Voting For Karen Holman:                      Barton, Burt, Drekmeier, Espinosa,  
Klein, Morton, Schmid, Yeh

Voting For Karen Sundback:

City Clerk Grider announced that Susan Fineberg and Karen Holman with eight votes were appointed to the Planning and Transportation Commission for terms ending July 31, 2012.

## STUDY SESSION

### 2. Joint Meeting With Planning and Transportation Commission on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Work Program.

Staff gave a brief presentation on how to implement the work program that was approved by Council in 2006 and reaffirmed by Council in April, 2008. Staff explained the proposed process in developing growth projections and the housing inventory and to evaluate relevance of existing policies and programs. Timelines and milestones were also identified during the staff presentation. Council Members and Commissioners discussions mainly revolved around the following subject matters; housing density and development, incorporation of a Sustainability theme in the Comprehensive Plan, public participation, and Concept Plan Area boundaries for California Avenue and East Meadow/Fabian Way/ W. Bayshore. It was suggested that a mass public survey may increase public participation during the Comprehensive Plan Amendment process. The Council and Commissioners also recommended extending the boundaries of the two Concept Area Plans.

Irene Sampson, 3992 Bibbits Drive, spoke for the League of Women Voters, regarding the Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan and compliance with the Association of Bay Area Government (ABAG).

Bonnie Packer, 768 Stone Lane, spoke regarding affordable housing, financing and outreach to those in multifamily housing, density, economic and social diversity.

Candice Gonzalez, 725 Alma Street, spoke regarding the goals of the Palo Alto Housing Corporation.

Mark Sabin, 533 Alberta Avenue, spoke regarding why people move and live in Palo Alto, Assembly Bill 32 and changes in the community.

Robert Moss, 4010 Orme Street, spoke regarding single family homes and zoning, ABAG numbers, parks, quality of life and broadband service.

Irvin Dawid, 753 Alma Street #126, spoke on the Regional Housing Needs Allocation and the Hyatt project.

Pearl Renaker, 623 Guinda Street, spoke on the livable quality of Palo Alto, resources and extending this to others with housing density.

Jeff Rensch, 741 Chimalus Drive spoke regarding University Avenue, ABAG numbers as an opportunity, housing density, walkable neighborhoods.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

**MOTION:** Council Member Morton moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Drekmeier to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 4-6.

4. Finance Committee Recommendation to Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Agreements for the Short-Term Assignment of the City's Share of Entitlements on the California-Oregon Transmission Project to Other Members of the Transmission Agency of Northern California.
5. Approval of a Contract With O'Grady Paving Inc. in the Total Amount Not to Exceed 1,402,354 dollars for the 2008 Street Maintenance Program, Phase 2 Capital Improvement Program Project PE-86070.
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**MOTION PASSED:** 8-0, Kishimoto absent

**MOTION:** Council Member Morton moved, seconded by Mayor Klein to move Council Comments before the Closed Session.

**MOTION PASSES:** 8-0 Kishimoto

### COUNCIL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES

Council Member Morton advised that he attended the Santa Clara County Airport Land Use Commission meeting and they will be coming to the Palo Alto City Council on the proposed update to the Palo Alto Airport Land Use Plan. He also wants the City to take a more proactive approach with Santa Clara County on the upgrades to the Oregon Expressway Improvement Plan.

Interim Deputy City Manager Kelly Morariu stated the County just closed the comment period on the alternatives to Oregon Expressway Improvement. She stated it is still a long process of vetting the alternatives, and so there will be many occasions where the City can provide input.

**MOTION:** Council Member Morton moved, seconded by Council Member Schmid to have Staff agendize the Oregon Expressway Improvements.

**MOTION PASSED:** 8-0 Kishimoto absent

Vice Mayor Drekmeier discussed a meeting he attended regarding the proposed ban on plastic bags.

Council Member Yeah stated he attended the Northern California Power Agency meeting with the Utilities Staff in Murphy. He reported on the water level and the low hydro power this past year due to lack of rainfall.

Adjourned to closed session at 10:18 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

7. Conference with Labor Negotiator  
Agency Designated Representative: Sherry Lund  
Unrepresented Employees: City Manager  
Authority: Government Code section 54957.6
8. Conference with Labor Negotiator  
Agency Designated Representative: Sherry Lund  
Unrepresented Employees: City Clerk  
Authority: Government Code section 54957.6
9. Conference with Labor Negotiator  
Agency Designated Representative: Sherry Lund  
Unrepresented Employees: City Attorney  
Authority: Government Code section 54957.6

Council reconvened from Closed Session at 10:45 p.m.

Mayor Klein advised no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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City Clerk

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Mayor

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