

Action Minutes

Special Meeting
September 18, 2012

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 5:30 P.M.

Present: Burt, Espinosa, Holman, Klein, Price, Scharff, Schmid, Shepherd, Yeh

Absent:

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Property: Santa Clara County Assessor's Parcel Number 182-46-006, Palo Alto

Agency negotiator: Steve Emslie, Lalo Perez, Hamid Ghaemmaghani

Negotiating parties: John Arillaga

Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

Mayor Yeh announced that this closed session concerns 7.7 acre parcel identified as Santa Clara County APN: 182-46-006, located adjacent to Foothills Park in Palo Alto, California. The parcel is located northeast of the Los Trancos Road Subdivision; south of the Lee Subdivision and Arastradero Preserve; and to the northwest of Palo Alto Foothills Park. There is no situs address for the site. The parcel is landlocked and there are no public utilities to the site. Other than through Foothills Park, access to the site is only possible via a 40-foot-wide, non-public emergency ingress/egress easement from Los Trancos Road, which crosses the 19.2-acre common area of the adjacent Lee Subdivision.

The City Council reconvened from the Closed Session at 7:20 P.M. and Mayor Yeh advised no reportable action.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

2. Resolution 9286 entitled "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Expressing Appreciation to Police Canine Aris z Kaplickeho hamru Upon His Retirement".

Council Member Holman read the Resolution into the record.

MOTION: Council Member Holman moved, seconded by Council Member Espinosa to adopt the Resolution expressing appreciation to police canine Aris z Kaplickeho hamru upon his retirement

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

3. Proclamation of the Council in Support of Plug-In Day, September 23, 2012.

Vice Mayor Scharff read the Proclamation into the record.

4. Community Partnership Presentation – 20 Years of Clean Bay Business Program.

The Palo Alto City Council recognized automotive businesses in Palo Alto that have been part of the Clean Bay Business program for 20 consecutive years. 17 businesses in Palo Alto were honored for participating in this program, which has been successful in reducing heavy metal pollution from reaching the sewers and storm drains by using an incentive-based rather than regulatory approach. The significant decrease in heavy metal pollution from these businesses since the inception of the program contributes to the Regional Water Quality Control Plant's ability to meet its stringent heavy metal discharge requirements. Two businesses, Art's Bodycraft and Park Avenue Motors, were represented at the Council meeting and received their 20-year Clean Bay Business Plaques from Mayor Yeh. Steve Kirksey, representing Park Avenue Motors, addressed the Council and spoke about the value of the program to his company, his desire to lead by example to reduce pollution, and the great assistance he has received from the City's program manager, Margaret Zittle.

STUDY SESSION

5. Preliminary Review of Proposed Palo Alto Housing Corporation (PAHC) Affordable Senior Housing Development at 567-595 Maybell Avenue.

Steven Turner, Advance Planning Manager gave a brief overview of the potential use of the 567-595 Maybell Avenue property as an affordable housing site with 60 units of senior affordable rental housing targeted to very low income households and 15 market rate for-sale single family homes. He described how staff is seeking feedback from the Council about the proposed development. He introduced Palo Alto Housing Corporation (PAHC) Executive Director Candice Gonzales and she gave a brief summary

of PAHC's history and the community need for this type of housing. Lauri Moffet-Fehlberg, the project architect, presented the initial design concepts for the project including its circulation and design components. Jessica De Wit, Sr. Project Manager described the anticipated financing for the proposed project, noting that PAHC has submitted a \$6.5 million loan request with the City.

The Council Members discussed the conceptual plans. Several Council members commented on proposed circulation of the project and its impact on Maybell Avenue and Arastradero Road, particularly the nine single family dwellings that will use Maybell Avenue for ingress/egress. Other concerns were expressed regarding lack of public transit in the area, the "cookie cutter" design and forward facing garages of the residences, and the uniform parcel sizes and their compatibility with the surrounding neighborhoods. To insure that there would not be a future increase of density on the property, a number of Council members preferred that PAHC submit a Planned Community zone change rather than a zone change to Multiple Family Residential, RM-40. Other comments included orienting the buildings to focus on a common open space, possibly including a community garden, and the proposed cost of the development.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION: Council Member Shepherd moved, seconded by Council Member Klein to approve the minutes of June 11, 13, and 18, 2012.

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Council Member Price moved, seconded by Council Member Klein to approve Agenda Item Nos. 6-7.

6. Policy and Services Committee Recommendation to Accept the City Auditor's Office Fiscal Year 2013 Proposed Work Plan and Risk Assessment.
7. Budget Amendment Ordinance 5164 in the Amount of \$250,000 to Capital Improvement Program Project PE-86070 to be used in the Alma Street Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Project; and Approval with Interstate Grading & Paving, Inc. In The Amount Not to Exceed \$1,401,930 for the Alma Street HSIP Project, the 4th of 6

Contracts in the 2012 Street Maintenance Program Project (CIP PE-86070).

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

AGENDA CHANGES, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

10. Colleagues Memo from Mayor Yeh and Vice Mayor Scharff Regarding Council Contingency Funds in the Amount of \$25,000 for Neighborhood Grants.

MOTION: Mayor Yeh moved, seconded by Council Member Price to continue Agenda Item No. 10 to become the first Action Item on September 24, 2012.

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

ACTION ITEMS

8. Public Hearing: Adoption of a Resolution Amending the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan To Incorporate Certain Findings of the Palo Alto Rail Corridor Study and Approval of a Negative Declaration.

Public Hearing opened at 10:25 P.M.

Public Hearing closed at 10:31 P.M.

MOTION: Council Member Klein moved, seconded by Council Member Shepherd to refer this item back to the Rail Committee: the discussion of approval of a Resolution approving the 2012 Rail Corridor Study Report amending the Transportation Element of the Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan to incorporate some key policy findings of the Report, and that the Council approve the Negative Declaration for the project.

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

COUNCIL CONSENSUS: to establish a time limit to finish Agenda Item No. 9 no later than 11:30 p.m.

9. Work Plan and Schedule for Potential Infrastructure Finance Measure for the November 2014 Ballot.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Espinosa to continue the discussion of Agenda Item No. 9 until midnight.

MOTION PASSED: 8-1 Schmid no

MOTION: Vice Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Shepherd to adopt the plan and timeline set forth in Attachment B.

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

~~10. — Colleagues Memo from Mayor Yeh and Vice Mayor Scharff Regarding Council Contingency Funds in the Amount of \$25,000 for Neighborhood Grants.~~

COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Burt discussed the Gran Fondo event held on September 16, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 P.M.