

Action Minutes

Special Meeting
October 1, 2012

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 7:05 P.M.

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

Absent: Price

Mayor Yeh

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

2. Acknowledgement of Recipients of Mayor's "Green Leader Business Award".
1. Presentation from Raania Mohsen, Executive Director for Cities Association of Santa Clara County.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Vice Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Schmid to move Agenda Item No. 4; Approval of Contract with Muzak, LLC, in the Amount of \$201,992 for Media Broadcast System for the Mitchell Park Library and Community Center (CIP PE-09006), to a date uncertain.

MOTION PASSED: 8-0 Price Absent

MOTION: Council Member Shepherd moved, seconded by Council Member Espinosa to approve Agenda Item Nos. 3, 5, 6.

3. Adoption of a Resolution Approving and Ratifying the Resource Adequacy Transfer Agreement Transferring a Portion of the City's Resource Adequacy Capacity from the High Winds Energy Center to NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, in 2013 and 2014.
- ~~4. Approval of Contract with Muzak, LLC, in the Amount of \$201,992 for Media Broadcast System for the Mitchell Park Library and Community Center (CIP PE-09006).~~
5. Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Sale of System Resource Adequacy Electricity

Capacity to NextEra Energy Power Marketing, LLC, for Calendar Year 2013.

6. Approval of a Final Map to Create Six New Residential Condominium Units at 382 and 384 Curtner Avenue.

MOTION PASSED: 8-0 Price absent

AGENDA CHANGES, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOTION: Vice Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Espinosa to continue Agenda Item No. 7, Response to Colleague's Memo on Employee Benefits, to October 15, 2012.

MOTION PASSED: 8-0, Price absent

MOTION: Council Member Holman moved, seconded by Council Member Shepherd to move Agenda Item 10; Colleagues Memo From Mayor Yeh and Council Member Holman Requesting Council to Pass a Resolution of the City Council of Palo Alto in Support of Proposition 34 (The SAFE California Act) before Agenda Item 9; Policy and Services Committee Recommendations for Annual Council Priority Setting Process.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0 Espinosa, Price absent

ACTION ITEMS

~~7. Response to Colleague's Memo on Employee Benefits.~~

8. Public Meeting: Approval of the Retention of the Charleston Road/Arastradero Road - Phase II Trial Restriping Improvements between El Camino Real and Gunn High School.
Curtis Williams, Planning and Community Environment Director,

MOTION: Vice Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Klein to approve the permanent retention of Phase Two of the Charleston-Arastradero Corridor Re-Striping Project, with additional modifications as follows:

- A traffic signal modification at the intersection of Arastradero Road and Donald/Terman to provide a right turn arrow movement that operates concurrently with the westbound left turn signal phase to help clear the Terman Drive parking lot more quickly. This right turn arrow movement would operate only during the periods of the day when the all-pedestrian signal phase at the intersection is in operation.
- Accelerate the design and implementation of the Maybell Avenue

Bicycle Boulevard project.

- Remove the median island on Arastradero Road between Hubbart Street and Ynigo Way installed initially in response to neighborhood feedback as part of the first year implementation of the trial. This will require the relocation of the vehicle speed feedback sign facing westbound Arastradero Road traffic from the median to the sidewalk along the north side of Arastradero Road, but will better support left turn access into and out of Hubbart Street and Ynigo Way.
- Provide enhanced green bicycle lane treatments at key intersections such as Alta Mesa-McKeller, Coulombe Drive, Donald Drive-Terman Drive, and Gunn High School to provide motorists awareness as to the presence of bicycles, and to provide guidance for the cyclist as to where bicycles should position themselves. New signage to identify wrong-way bicycle riding is also recommended, similar to that installed on Channing Avenue between Newell Road and Lincoln Avenue.
- Design improvements to the El Camino Real & Arastradero Road-Charleston Road should be planned and coordinated with Caltrans to help improve travel time and bicycle/pedestrian safety across the intersection.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: Mayor Yeh moved, seconded by Council Member Schmid to request Staff return to the Planning and Transportation Commission in one year with an update of the status of Maybell Avenue and cut through traffic to Green Acres 1 & 2 and Barron Park. Additionally to share the information with the PAUSD.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION FAILED: 2-6, Yeh, Schmid yes

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER that at the intersection of Clemo Avenue and Arastradero Road Staff will improve the crossing with illuminated signs

MOTION PASSED: 8-0 Price absent

10. Colleagues Memo From Mayor Yeh and Council Member Holman Requesting Council to Pass a Resolution of the City Council of Palo Alto in Support of Proposition 34 (The SAFE California Act).

MOTION: Council Member Holman moved, seconded by Mayor Yeh to adopt the Resolution in support of Proposition 34.

MOTION PASSED: 8-0 Price Absent

9. Policy and Services Committee Recommendations for Annual Council Priority Setting Process.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Schmid to approve the priority setting guidelines:

1. approve the definition of a Council Priority as "A Council priority is defined as a topic that will receive particular, unusual and significant attention during the year."
2. Three months in advance of the annual Council Retreat, staff will solicit input from the City Council on the priorities to be reviewed and considered for the following year.
 - a. Council members may submit up to three priorities.
 - b. Priorities must be submitted no later than December 1.
 - c. As applicable, the City Manager will contact newly elected officials for their input by December 1.
3. Staff will collect and organize the recommended priorities into a list for Council consideration, and provide to Council no less than two weeks in advance of the retreat.
4. The Policy and Services Committee, each year at its December meeting, shall make recommendations about the process that will be used at the Annual Retreat paying particular attention to the number of priorities suggested by Council members. The recommended process is to be forwarded to Council for adoption in advance of the Council retreat.

Guidelines for Selection of Priorities

1. There is a goal of no more than three priorities per year.
2. Priorities have a three year time limit.

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to change Guidelines Number 2 from "Priorities have a three year time limit." to "Priorities generally have a three year time limit."

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to change "must" to "should" on 1b.

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to request the Policy and Services Committee evaluate whether or not the City Council should have a set of core values.

Mayor Yeh determined that the incorporation regarding core values would be separated from the Main Motion for the vote.

VOTE FOR INCORPORATION REGARDING CORE VALUES: 8-0, Price absent

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: Council Member Holman moved, seconded by Council Member XXXX to include 1d to state "Additional priorities brought to the City Council Retreat will be considered."

AMENDMENT TO MOTION FAILED DUE TO A LACK OF A SECOND.

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER as a new 1d: The City Clerk will provide timely notice to the public to submit proposed Priorities by December 1st. The Policy and Services Committee shall recommend to the Council which suggestions if any shall be considered at the City Council Retreat.

MOTION PASSED: 8-0, Price absent

COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Shepherd discussed the new Alma Plaza traffic signal, she said it took a long time to transit through. She said she attended the Black and White Ball and was pleased to see so many participants.

Council Member Holman announced the Art Center Grand Opening the upcoming weekend. She said the Film Festival was well attended and a great event.

Vice Mayor Scharff attended the NCPA annual conference. The topics were Reliability, AB32 Cap & Trade, and Energy Storage.

Mayor Yeh attended the annual conference as well. He announced the final Mayors Challenge was the upcoming Sunday and would involve adventures along the local bike routes. He asked if there was a public item coming forward with the mobile home park.

James Keene, City Manager said there was something agendaized, but he did not have the date. He also mentioned that Curtis Williams, the Planning and Community Environment Director, had communicated with the public who attended the meeting and provided his contact information to them.

Mayor Yeh said he and Council Member Holman met with Senator Gordon regarding mobile home parks. He wanted the public to know that Senator Gordon was well versed on mobile home park issues.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 a.m.