



# CITY OF PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting  
September 16, 2013

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 5:05 P.M.

Present: Berman, Burt, Holman, Klein, Kniss arrived at 5:15 P.M., Price arrived at 5:10 P.M., Scharff, Schmid, Shepherd

Absent:

## CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
City Designated Representatives: City Manager and his designees pursuant to Merit System Rules and (James Keene, Pamela Antil, Lalo Perez, David Ramberg, Joe Saccio, Kathryn Shen, Sandra Blanch, Dania Torres Wong, Val Fong, Marcie Scott, Brenna Rowe, Molly Stump)  
Employee Organization: Service Employees International Union, (SEIU) Local 521  
Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6(a)

## STUDY SESSION

2. Potential List of Topics for the Study Session With Assemblyman Rich Gordon.

Assemblyman Gordon spoke regarding the recently closed Legislative Session. The Legislature passed an increase in the minimum wage, increasing it to \$10 an hour over a couple of years; authorized the issuance of driver's licenses to undocumented residents; and they took some action which will affect the California Environmental Quality Act. Council Members asked him for updates on specific bills such as the expansion of the authority of the Coastal Commission. He said he hoped for a reintroduction of the bill to support greater due process. He discussed the future of High Speed Rail, indicating it was not a high priority in the Legislature. He said that previously when they cut the State Budget, most of it was in health and

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human services, impacting the services offered. He said that the infrastructure for these services needed to be rebuilt. He answered questions about job based forecasts for economies versus population based forecasts, indicating the population forecasts are more reliable.

## SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

3. Presentation of \$1.2 Million Donation Check from the Palo Alto Library Foundation to the City of Palo Alto.

## MINUTES APPROVAL

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Shepherd moved, seconded by Council Member Price to approve the minutes of August 12, 2013.

**MOTION PASSED:** 9-0

## CONSENT CALENDAR

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Shepherd moved, seconded by Council Member Price to approve Agenda Item Numbers 4-10.

4. Budget Amendment Ordinance 5211 entitled "Budget Amendment Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto to Appropriate the State Homeland Security Grant Program Funds for Blue Card Command and Control Certification."
5. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Contract C13149552 with Turner Construction Company to Increase Compensation by \$785,000 for a Total Amount Not-to -Exceed \$1,485,000 for Additional Construction Management Services for the Mitchell Park Library & Community Center Project.
6. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. C12144101 with WMB Architects, Inc. in the Amount of \$105,974 for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$284,691 for Design of Improved Public Lobby and Meeting Spaces and Consolidation of Utilities Customer Service Functions on the First Floor as Part of the City Hall First Floor Renovations Capital Improvement Program Project PE-12017.
7. Approval of Amendment No. 20 to Contract No. S0114750 With The Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board for Rail Shuttle Bus Administration to Extend the Term for Six Months and Add \$26,684 for a Total Not To Exceed Amount of \$2,903,928.

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8. Resolution 9373 entitled "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Approving the 2014 Municipal Fee Schedule Amendments."
9. Approval of Utilities Enterprise Fund Construction Contract No. C141541174 with DN Tanks, Inc. In a Not to Exceed Amount of \$340,000 for Repairs at Mayfield Reservoir.
10. Confirmation of Appointment of Hillary Gitelman as Director of Planning and Community Environment.

**MOTION PASSED:** 8-0, Klein absent

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11. Review of Preliminary Economic Analysis Report for a Planned Community (PC) Rezoning to Accommodate: 1) Four-Story Office Development at 395 Page Mill Road and; 2) Three-Story Public Safety Building with Attached Six-Level Parking Structure Located at 3045 Park Boulevard.

## **NO MOTION REQUIRED**

12. Colleague's Memo From Mayor Scharff, Vice Mayor Shepherd, Council Members Kniss and Price Regarding Palo Alto Traffic Demand Management Plan.

**MOTION:** Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Price to direct Staff to develop a comprehensive Transportation Demand Management (TDM) plan for the California Avenue and University Avenue Downtown Districts, the Stanford Research Park, and East Meadow Circle, with the goal of reducing solo car trips by at least 30% and return to the full Council for further policy direction prior to initiating CEQA review, soliciting contracts, or proposing new fees, Ordinances or Resolutions. The City Manager shall retain a consultant to assist in the expeditious development of a rigorous TDM plan.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Council Member Klein moved, seconded by Council Member Burt to direct Staff to organize one or two study sessions with outreach to various stakeholders, to have appropriate speakers including representatives from Stanford and Contra Costa County and anyone else identified as an expert or critic, and Staff will report to the City Council at the same time as to the cost of any such study and its feasibility at an appropriate time frame to come forward. Also to have the City Attorney

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identify and speak to any legal issues. Identify an outline for proposed ideas of financing such a program. To identify possible other solutions to the traffic and parking problems. Such report and study sessions to take place no later than January 2014.

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH CONSENT OF MAKER AND SECONDER** for Staff to consult with the Planning and Transportation Commission during the time period.

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH CONSENT OF MAKER AND SECONDER** to add "on transportation demand management" after "direct Staff to organize one or two study sessions"

**MOTION:** Council Member Kniss moved, seconded by Council Member Price to Table the item.

Council Members Kniss and Price withdrew their Motion to Table the item.

**MOTION TO CONTINUE:** Council Member Klein moved, Mayor Scharff seconded to form a Committee of two Council Members, to be appointed by the Mayor to draft a resolution with respect to a Transportation Demand Management plan and bring back to Council by the first meeting in October.

**MOTION TO CONTINUE PASSED:** 9-0

13. Approval of City of Palo Alto's Response to the 2012-2013 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Report - "The State of Public Safety Disability Retirement Rates In The County."

**MOTION:** Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Kniss to 1) approve the following response to the 2012-2013 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Report, "The State of Public Safety Disability Retirement Rates In The County" and 2) the Mayor will send a letter to the Grand Jury with the City's Response by the deadline, September 30, 2013, to include the corrections indicated.

**MOTION PASSED:** 9-0

## COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Berman announced that he was in New York attending a conference regarding Fiber to the Premises.

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Council Member Klein commented on the process for appointing an Interim or Acting City Auditor.

Mayor Scharff said the position was appointed as an Acting City Auditor by the previous City Auditor. The Council Appointed Officer Committee believed they would be able to find a permanent replacement soon. The confirmation of the Acting City Auditor appointment would be on the next Council Agenda.

Vice Mayor Shepherd said she and the Mayor had been invited to witness the Governor sign a Memorandum of Understanding with China regarding climate change.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 P.M.