



CITY OF PALO ALTO
CITY COUNCIL

Special Meeting
February 3, 2014

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 6:05 P.M.

Present: Berman, Burt, Holman, Klein, Kniss, Price, Scharff,
Schmid, Shepherd

Absent:

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Introduction of Nuria Fernandez, General Manager, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Agency (VTA).
2. Proclamation of the Council Proclaiming the City of Palo Alto as Open [Data] by Default.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Council Member Price moved, seconded by Council Member Scharff to approve Agenda Item Number 2-7.

MOTION: Council Member Schmid moved, seconded by Council Member Holman and Council Member Burt to pull Agenda Item Number 6 to be heard on an unknown date.

Council Member Burt withdrew his third to the Motion.

MOTION FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A THIRD COUNCIL MEMBER

3. Resolution 9393 entitled "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Increasing the Palo Alto Clean Local Accessible Now (CLEAN) Program Cap to 3 Megawatts of Generating Capacity."
4. Resolution 9394 entitled "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto to: 1) Terminate the City's Natural Gas Direct Access Program by Repealing Gas Rate Schedule G-4; 2) Eliminate Fixed and Custom Gas Commodity Rates for Large Commercial Customers by Repealing Gas Rate Schedules G-11 and G-12; and 3) Effect the Changes by

Amending Gas Rate Schedules G-3 and G-8 and Utility Rules and Regulations 2, 3, 5 and 13.”

5. Finance Committee Recommends Approval to Issue the Request for Proposals and Undertake a Procurement Process for Street Sweeping Contractor Services.
6. Appeal of Director's Approval of a Sign Exception for a Wall sign at the Tesla Motors Dealership at 4180 El Camino Real.
7. Approval of Amendment Number One with CoalFire Systems Inc., for Contract Number S14150215 in the Amount of \$3700, and 20 Percent Contingency.

MOTION PASSED for Agenda Item Numbers 3-5, 7: 9-0

MOTION PASSED for Agenda Item Number 6: 7-2 Holman, Schmid no

ACTION ITEMS

8. Our Palo Alto: A Community Conversation About Our City’s Future. Staff Requests Council Input and Endorsement of a Three-Part Strategy To Engage Residents in a Community Conversation About the Future Of Our City. The Strategy Would Include (a) A Series Of Conversations and Events Focused On Ideas, Dialogue and Building Community (b) Near Term Actions Aimed at Addressing Today’s Critical Issues; and (c) Community Engagement Effort Aimed at the Design Of Alternative Futures Through the Comprehensive Plan Update Planning Process.

MOTION: Council Member Price moved, seconded by Council Member Berman to accept Staff recommendation to endorse “Our Palo Alto: A Community Conversation about our City’s Future” as a conceptual framework for ideas, actions, and design during the next year, and requesting that staff (a) convene a series of topical conversations and events throughout the year aimed at building community by broadening civic engagement about issues and ideas that are important to our City; (b) return to the Council with specific recommendations regarding near-term actions to address critical issues such as traffic and parking; and (c) return to Council with a specific schedule and scope of work to create a blueprint for the future of land use and development in our City by re-framing the ongoing update to the Comprehensive Plan to include broad community

engagement, discussion and analysis of alternative futures, cumulative impacts, and mitigation strategies.

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

9. Planned Community (PC) Zoning Time-Out & Reform. Staff Recommends Adoption of a Motion: (a) Expressing the Council's Intent to Defer Requests for Rezoning to the Planned Community (PC) Zoning District Until the Process and Requirements Regulating the PC Zone in Chapter 18.38 of the Municipal Code are Revised, and (b) Directing Staff to Return to the Council with an Analysis of Potential Revisions and Alternatives to the PC Zone for Public Input and Discussion.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Kniss moved, seconded by Mayor Shepherd to accept Staff recommendation to: 1) defer requests for rezoning to the Planned Community (PC) zoning district until the process and requirements regulating the PC zone in Chapter 18.38 of the Municipal Code are revised, and 2) direct Staff to return to the Council with an analysis of potential revisions and alternatives to the PC zone for public input and discussion.

AMENDMENT: Council Member Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Scharff that the PC suspension apply to any PC application not yet submitted.

AMENDMENT FAILED: 4-5 Burt, Klein, Price Scharff yes

AMENDMENT: Council Member Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Holman to direct Staff to return to Council with an agenda item to consider suspension of any up-zoning that would result in FAR increases during the timeframe the PC suspension would be in existence.

AMENDMENT FAILED: 3-6 Burt, Holman, Schmid yes

MOTION PASSED: 7-2 Klein, Price no

10. Public Hearing: Approval of the Record of Land Use Action for a Site and Design Review Application and Adoption of a Park Improvement Ordinance for the Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course Reconfiguration Project, Adoption of a Resolution 9395 entitled "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report and Adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course Reconfiguration and Baylands

Athletic Center Expansion Project, and Review of the Status of the Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course Reconfiguration Project, Capital Improvement Program Project PG-13003.”

MOTION: Council Member Klein moved, seconded by Council Member Scharff to accept Staff recommendation to: 1) approve a Record of Land Use Action approving the Site and Design Review application for the Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course Reconfiguration Project (Project), Capital Improvement Program Project PG-13003, based upon the findings and conditions in the Record of Land Use Action; 2) adopt the Resolution Certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report and Adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course Reconfiguration and Baylands Athletic Center Expansion Project (EIR Project); 3) Approve the Park Improvement Ordinance for modifications to the Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course; and 4) approve the design of the main entry sign suggested by Staff.

AMENDMENT: Council Member Schmid moved, seconded by Council Member XXX to accept the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation on the tree mitigation in the Baylands.

AMENDMENT FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND

AMENDMENT: Council Member Berman moved, seconded by Council Member Holman to change the approval of the main entry sign to the Baylands Golflinks Palo Alto sign shown on Packet Page 393.

AMENDMENT PASSED: 8-1 Scharff no

INCORPORATED IN THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER that the City Council is approving “Plan G” in Attachment D of the report, which includes a full renovation of the Golf course as well as the set aside of 10.5 acres to be carved from the Golf Course footprint for future recreation uses.

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned in memory of Pete Seeger at 11:42 P.M.