



# CITY OF PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

Regular Meeting  
March 9, 2015

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 6:03 P.M.

Present: Berman, Burt, DuBois, Filseth, Scharff, Schmid, Wolbach

Absent: Holman, Kniss

Human Relations Commissioners:

Present: Alhassani, Chen, Morin, O’Nan, Savage, Stone

Absent: Bacchetti

## Study Session

1. Joint Study Session with the Human Relations Commission on Accomplishments, Projects and Priorities in 2015.
2. Short-Term Rentals and Home Occupation Uses in Residential Neighborhoods.

## Minutes Approval

**MOTION:** Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Berman to approve the minutes of December 15, 2014, January 5 and 12, 2015.

**MOTION PASSED:** 7-0 Holman, Kniss absent

## Consent Calendar

**MOTION:** Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Burt, third by Council Member Wolbach to pull Agenda Item Number 7-

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Request for Finding that Stevenson House Rehabilitation Proposed Ownership Structure is Compliance with the Site-Specific Planned Community Zoning Ordinance Adopted in June 1965, to be heard after the Consent Calendar as Agenda Item Number 11a.

**MOTION:** Council Member Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Burt to approve Agenda Item Numbers 3-6, 8-11.

3. Ratification of Code Enforcement Settlement Agreement - 2040 Cowper Street.
4. Approval of Contract to Hunt Design for \$104,600 for Design of Downtown Parking Wayfinding and Signage and Development of a Parking Brand, and Approve a Budget Amendment Ordinance 5307 entitled "Budget Amendment Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto in the Amount of \$104,600 Transferring Funds from the University Avenue Parking Permit Fund to CIP PL-15004, Parking Wayfinding Project."
5. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Contract #C13148075 with West Coast Arborists, Inc., for an Additional Amount of \$182,410 for a Third Year of a Three Year Term for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$1,232,410 for Tree Pruning and Removal Services; and Adoption of a Related Budget Amendment Ordinance 5308 entitled "Budget Amendment Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto in the General Fund."
6. Approval of a Signage Contract with McGuire-Pacific Contractors in the Amount Not to Exceed \$368,500 and Adoption of a Related Budget Amendment Ordinance 5309 entitled "Budget Amendment Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto in the Amount of \$368,500."
7. ~~Request for Finding that Stevenson House Rehabilitation Proposed Ownership Structure is Compliant With the Site-Specific Planned Community Zoning Ordinance Adopted in June 1965.~~
8. Ordinance 5310 entitled "Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Authorizing Closing of the Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014 (First Reading: February 9, 2015 PASSED: 8-0 Kniss absent)."

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9. Ordinance 5311 entitled "Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Amending Municipal Code Sections 2.16.070, 2.20.020, 2.21.025, 2.25.030, 2.27.020 to Change the Start of Terms on the Architectural Review Board, the Historic Resources Board, the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Planning and Transportation Commission from November 1st to December 16th (First Reading: February 9, 2015 PASSED: 8-0 Kniss absent)."
10. Ordinance 5312 entitled "Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto to Update the Fiscal Year 2015 Table of Organization for Fiscal Year 2015 Incorporating Technical Changes (First Reading: February 9, 2015 PASSED: 8-0 Kniss absent)."
11. Resolution 9501 entitled "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Approving Interim Appointment of James Lightbody to Chief Transportation Official Position Pursuant to Government Code Section 21221(h)."

**MOTION PASSED FOR AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS 2-6 AND 8-11:** 7-0  
Holman, Kniss absent

- 11a. (Former Agenda Item Number 7) Request for Finding that Stevenson House Rehabilitation Proposed Ownership Structure is Compliant With the Site-Specific Planned Community Zoning Ordinance Adopted in June 1965.

**MOTION:** Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Burt to direct Staff to work with the Applicant on a "letter regarding zoning compliance" to clarify that Stevenson House must remain affordable senior housing for the change to specific planned community zoning ordinance to remain in effect; and the Council finds that the Stevenson house property at 455 E. Charleston Road will be in compliance with its existing zoning under the proposed financing and ownership structure described in this report.

## **MOTION WITHDRAWN BY THE MAKER**

**MOTION:** Council Member Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Berman that the City Council finds that the Stevenson House property at 455 E. Charleston Road will be in compliance with its existing zoning under the proposed financing and ownership structure described in the report.

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**MOTION PASSED:** 7-0 Holman, Kniss absent

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12. Finance Committee Recommendation to Accept the Fiscal Year 2016 to 2025 General Fund Long Range Financial Forecast.

**MOTION:** Council Member Filseth moved, seconded by Council Member Wolbach to approve the Fiscal Year 2016 to 2025 General Fund Long Range Financial Forecast and refer to the Finance Committee a discussion for recommendations about means by which to address the City's unfunded pension and retiree healthcare liabilities.

**MOTION PASSED:** 7-0 Homan, Kniss absent

## Inter-Governmental Legislative Affairs

None

## Council Member Questions, Comments and Announcements

Council Member Berman attended the inauguration of the Dawoodi Bohra Mosque on San Antonio Road across from the Oshmann Family Jewish Community Center. The City Manager and several Board of Supervisor members also attended the event.

Council Member Wolbach reported his attendance at the Let's Get Moving, Silicon Valley Transportation Choices and Healthy Communities Summit this past Saturday. Several members of the Board of Supervisors were also in attendance. He also spoke at Gunn High School as part of Service Day on Thursday.

Council Member Scharff inquired as to the status of Staff report pertaining to the type of minutes prepared for City Council meetings.

Beth Minor, Acting City Clerk stated the report is scheduled to return to Council in the beginning of May.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 P.M.