



CITY OF PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting
September 12, 2016

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 5:04 P.M.

Present: Berman, Burt, DuBois arrived at 5:20 P.M., Filseth, Holman, Kniss, Scharff, Schmid arrived at 5:10 P.M., Wolbach

Absent:

Closed Session

1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS, CALIFORNIA
Property: U.S. Post Office, 380 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto 94301
Agency Negotiators: James Keene
Negotiating Parties: City of Palo Alto and United States Post Office
Under Negotiation: Purchase and Lease: Price and Terms of Payment.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Kniss to go into Closed Session.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0 DuBois, Schmid absent

Council went into Closed Session at 5:05 P.M.

Council returned from Closed Session at 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Burt announced no reportable action.

Study Session

2. 2755 El Camino Real (16PLN-00234): Request by Windy Hills Property Ventures for a Prescreening of Their Proposal to Re-zone the Subject Property at the Corner of El Camino Real and Page Mill Road From Public Facility (PF) to Another Zoning District That Would Allow

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Development of a Building With Approximately 60 Small Dwelling Units and 45 Parking Spaces.

Council took a break from 9:02 P.M. to 9:07 P.M.

Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

None.

Consent Calendar

MOTION: Vice Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Berman to approve Agenda Item Numbers 3-5.

3. Approval of Amendment Number 3 to Contract Number C14153010 With Arnold Mammarella Architecture and Consulting to add \$190,001 for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$975,000 for a Three Year Contract Supporting Planning Review of Individual Review Applications.
4. Approval of a Budget Amendment in the Residential Housing Fund for the Rehabilitation of 110-130 El Dorado Avenue Consistent With Prior Loan Approval and Approval of an Exemption Under Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.
5. Authorize the Acquisition of the Below Market Rate (BMR) Unit Located at 4250 El Camino Way, Unit A310 From Wells Fargo Bank for the Purpose of Preservation for the Amount of \$190,000 Plus Closing Costs and Approve a Budget Amendment in the Below Market Rate Emergency Fund and Approval of an Exemption Under Section 15326 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

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6. PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of a Resolution Adopting the Professorville Historic District Design Guidelines. The Guidelines Will be Used by the Historic Resources Board (HRB) and City Staff When Reviewing Development Applications to Evaluate the Compatibility of Proposed Changes With the Historic Character of Professorville. The HRB Recommends Council Approval of the Guidelines. The Project is

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Exempt From the Provisions of CEQA per Class 8 Categorical Exemption, Which Applies to Actions Taken by Regulatory Agencies, as Authorized by State or Local Ordinance, to Assure the Maintenance, Restoration, Enhancement, or Protection of the Environment Where the Regulatory Process Involves Procedures for Protection of the Environment.

Public Hearing opened at 10:05 P.M.

Public Hearing closed at 10:24 P.M.

MOTION: Council Member Holman moved, seconded by Council Member Kniss to continue this Item to a date uncertain.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Vice Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Wolbach to adopt a Resolution adopting the Professorville Historic District Design Guidelines as included in the Staff Report and direct Staff to return with suggested revisions at a future date.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION FAILED: 4-5 Berman, Burt, Scharff, Wolbach yes

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

7. PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of an Ordinance Approving Revisions to the Number and Wording of the Architectural Review Findings in Palo Alto Municipal Code Chapter 18.76 and Approval of an Exemption Under Sections 15061 and 15305 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. The Planning and Transportation Commission Recommended Council Approval of the Ordinance.

Public Hearing opened and closed without public comment at 11:38 P.M.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Burt to adopt an Ordinance modifying the Architectural Review Approval Findings including the following changes:

- A. Replace Finding Number 5 with the April 11, 2016 Council directed language for Finding Number 5, "the landscape design compliments and enhances the building design and its surroundings, is appropriate to the site's functions, and utilizes, to the extent practical, indigenous

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drought-resistant plant material capable of providing desirable habitat and that can be appropriately maintained;" and

B. Remove from Finding Number 2(b), "local."

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion Part A, "adding 'regional' after 'to the extent practical.'"

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion, "add to Finding 2(d), 'mass' after 'transitions in scale.'" (New Part C)

AMENDMENT: Council Member Holman moved, seconded by Council Member Schmid to add to the Motion, "add to Finding 2(c), "and in urban areas, establishes design linkages with surrounding existing buildings so that the visual unity of the street is maintained at a minimum by:

- i. The rhythmic pattern of the street established by the general width of the buildings and the spacing between them; and
- ii. The sizes, proportions, and orientations of windows, bays, and doorways; and
- iii. The location and treatment of entryways where applicable.

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT: Council Member Holman moved, seconded by Council Member XX to remove Part iii of the Amendment and replace in the Amendment, "urban areas" with "the Downtown urban core, California Avenue core, and El Camino Real."

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT RESTATED AND INCORPORATED INTO THE AMENDMENT WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to remove Part iii of the Amendment and replace in the Amendment, "urban areas" with "the Downtown business district and the California Avenue business district."

INCORPORATED INTO THE AMENDMENT WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Amendment, "Direct Staff to return with proposed boundary definitions for the Downtown business district and the California Avenue business district."

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AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT: Council Member Filseth moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to the Amendment, "remove from Finding Number 2(d), 'and land use designations.'"

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN BY THE MAKER

MOTION RESTATED: Vice Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Burt to adopt an Ordinance modifying the Architectural Review Approval Findings including the following changes:

- A. Replace Finding Number 5 with the April 11, 2016 Council directed language for Finding Number 5, "the landscape design compliments and enhances the building design and its surroundings, is appropriate to the site's functions, and utilizes, to the extent practical, regional indigenous drought-resistant plant material capable of providing desirable habitat and that can be appropriately maintained;" and
- B. Remove from Finding Number 2(b), "local;" and
- C. Add to Finding 2(d), "mass" after "transitions in scale."

AMENDMENT RESTATED: Council Member Holman moved, seconded by Council Member Schmid to:

- A. Add to the Motion, "add to Finding 2(c), 'and in the Downtown business district and the California Avenue business district, establishes design linkages with surrounding existing buildings so that the visual unity of the street is maintained at a minimum by:
 - a. The rhythmic pattern of the street established by the general width of the buildings and the spacing between them;
 - b. The sizes, proportions, and orientations of windows, bays, and doorways;" and
- B. Direct Staff to return with proposed boundary definitions for the Downtown business district and the California Avenue business district.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Scharff to continue the Motion as Amended, the Amendment as Amended, and this Item to a date uncertain.

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SUBSTITUTE MOTION PASSED: 9-0

8. Approval of the Recommended City Position for the 2016 League of California Cities Resolution.

MOTION: Council Member Kniss moved, seconded by Council Member Berman to authorize the City's Voting Delegate to vote on the one (1) resolution to be considered at the annual League of California Cities (LOCC) conference to be held in Long Beach, CA from October 5-7, 2016 and approve the general guidance provided below.

MOTION PASSED: 8-1 Scharff no

Inter-Governmental Legislative Affairs

None.

Council Member Questions, Comments and Announcements

Council Member Berman reported that he and several Council Members attended a peace walk this past Sunday, September 11. The walk began at Congregation Etz Chayim and Spark Church. Several hundred people were in attendance.

Council Member Holman reported that she also attended the peace walk. She noted that she and many others stayed outside due to the large crowd. She reported Police Chief Dennis Burns' presence at the peace walk. She requested Staff prepare a summary of State Ballot Propositions scheduled for the November 8, 2016 Election for Council to consider potential support or opposition any Propositions.

Council Member Wolbach requested Staff include local Ballot Measures to allow Council to consider where it would like to support or oppose any Measures. He expressed particular interest in Measure A, Santa Clara County Affordable Housing Bond.

Mayor Burt requested Staff contact Santa Clara County to ensure they are seeking local government support for Measure A. He also attended the peace walk. He reported his attendance and that of Council Members Holman and Kniss on Friday night at the Pacific Art League's 90th Anniversary Reception. The Reception was well attended. He also attended

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the third annual Palo Alto Community Health Fair on Saturday. The City has been a sponsor of the Health Fair for the last two years. Council Members Holman and Kniss also attended the Health Fair. He suggested an Objective 8, "cultivate strong partnerships with community partners" be added to the City's Heathy Cities, Healthy Community Initiative.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 A.M.