



# CITY OF PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

Regular Meeting  
November 21, 2016

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 6:04 P.M.

Present: Burt, DuBois, Filseth, Holman, Kniss, Schmid, Wolbach

Absent: Berman, Scharff

## Study Session

1. Study Session to Discuss the Planned Rebuilding Project of the Junior Museum & Zoo.
2. Study Session to Present the Findings of the Citywide Engineering and Traffic Speed Surveys and Discuss Alternatives to the Establishment of Speed Limits and Requirements for Enforcement.

## Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

None.

## Minutes Approval

3. Approval of Action Minutes for the November 7, 2016 Council Meeting.

**MOTION:** Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Wolbach to approve the Action Minutes for the November 7, 2016 Council Meeting.

**MOTION PASSED:** 7-0 Berman, Scharff absent

## Action Items

4. PUBLIC HEARING: 2016 Water Utility Public Health Goals Report.

Public Hearing opened and closed without public comment at 9:27 P.M.

**MOTION:** Council Member Kniss moved, seconded by Council Member DuBois to accept the City of Palo Alto 2016 Water Utility Public Health Goals Report.

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**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion, "and request Staff to evaluate the alternative of submitting a Request for Proposals (RFP) to a private or non-profit entity to be a provider of lead testing for residents on a cost-effective basis, and that the program be established and supported by the City."

**MOTION AS AMENDED RESTATED:** Council Member Kniss moved, seconded by Council Member DuBois to accept the City of Palo Alto 2016 Water Utility Public Health Goals Report and request Staff to evaluate the alternative of submitting a Request for Proposals (RFP) to a private or non-profit entity to be a provider of lead testing for residents on a cost-effective basis, and that the program be established and supported by the City.

**MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED:** 7-0 Berman, Scharff absent

## Inter-Governmental Legislative Affairs

None.

## Council Member Questions, Comments and Announcements

Council Member Holman said there was a memorial held in honor of Miner Forty Niner, the Palo Alto donkey who passed away in late September. She noted there were between 100-120 people in attendance at the memorial and she is pleased so many people showed up. She added the other donkey, Perry, has returned to Palo Alto and he has a new partner, Jenny. She said they are doing well together.

Mayor Burt said he was asked to speak on Palo Alto's Smart City initiatives last week at the Global Internet Conference in Wuzhen, China. He spoke about his time at the conference and noted, regarding climate change initiatives, the United States may be returning to where it was prior to the Paris Accords. He said the initiatives of local, regional and state governments are crucial when it comes to what we will be able to do in terms of climate change. He spoke about the importance of understanding the Smart City movement and how it relates to sustainability and climate change. He said it is important to share those issues with the community, what it means, and why it should matter. He also mentioned that one of the priorities Council laid out this year was housing. He said one of the areas regarding housing that was touched on at the Retreat, but not yet explored, is the displacement and severe impact on renters in the community. He said the surrounding communities are taking initiatives to try to provide renter protection. He noted the Council will not have an opportunity to take that issue up this year, but suggested Council Members should add this as a

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significant item at their upcoming retreat. He said it is an issue of critical importance to the community.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P.M.