



CITY OF PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting
January 23, 2017

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 5:03 P.M.

Present: DuBois, Filseth, Fine, Holman, Kniss, Kou, Scharff, Tanaka, Wolbach

Absent:

Closed Session

1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Authority: Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: Plum Tree Apartments, 3020-3038 Emerson Street, Palo Alto, CA
Agency Negotiators: James Keene, Lalo Perez, Hamid Ghaemmaghami, Hillary Gitelman
Negotiating Parties: Palo Alto Housing and City of Palo Alto
Under Negotiation: Option to Purchase – Price, Affordability Restrictions and Terms of Payment.

MOTION: Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Kou to go into Closed Session.

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

Council went into Closed Session at 5:03 P.M.

Council returned from Closed Session at 5:39 P.M.

Mayor Scharff announced no reportable action.

Study Session

2. Presentation by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Regarding the Next Network Initiative and its Impacts on Bus Service in Palo Alto.

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Special Orders of the Day

3. Proclamation Expressing Appreciation to Annie Folger for Outstanding Public Service on her Retirement.

Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

None.

Minutes Approval

4. Approval of Action Minutes for the January 3 and 9, 2017 Council Meetings.

MOTION: Council Member Fine moved, seconded by Council Member Kou to approve the Action Minutes for the January 3 and 9, 2017 Council Meetings.

MOTION PASSED: 8-0-1 Kniss abstain

Consent Calendar

MOTION: Vice Mayor Kniss moved, seconded by Mayor Scharff to approve Agenda Item Numbers 5-11.

Council Member Holman registered a no vote on Agenda Item Number 11-900 N. California Avenue [15PLN-00155]...

MOTION: Council Member Wolbach moved, seconded by Council Member Holman, third by Council Member DuBois to pull Agenda Item Number 11-900 N. California Avenue [15PLN-00155]... to be heard at a date uncertain.

5. Resolution 9676 Entitled, "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Authorization to Establish a Supplemental Pension Trust With the Public Agency Retirement Service (PARS) and Approve Budget Amendments in the General Fund and the General Benefits Fund."
6. Approval of a Contract With Altec Industries Inc., in the Amount of \$335,213 for the Purchase of an Altec Hydraulic Telescoping Crane and Approval of a Budget Amendment in Various Funds.
7. Approval of Amendment Number Two to Contract Number C14153485 With Canopy, for an Additional Amount of \$81,552 for a Total Amount Not-to-exceed \$481,182 to Administer a Crowdsourced Tree Data Platform to Advance Programmatic Initiatives in the Urban Forest

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Master Plan, and Continue Basic Contract Services Through a Three-month Extension to June 30, 2017.

8. Approval of a Contract With Altec Industries Inc., in the Amount of \$496,278 for the Purchase of Three 40-Foot Altec Aerial Trucks and Approval of Budget Appropriation Amendments in the Electric Utility Fund and the Vehicle Replacement and Maintenance Fund.
9. Resolution 9661 Entitled, "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Expressing Appreciation to Dennis Burns Upon His Retirement."
10. Resolution 9662 Entitled, "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Expressing Appreciation to Bob Beacom Upon His Retirement."
11. ~~900 N. California Avenue [15PLN-00155]: Denial of the Appeal of the Planning and Community Environment Director's Architectural Review Approval of Three new Single Family Homes, one With a Second Unit. Environmental Review: Categorically Exempt per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15303(a) (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), Zoning District: R-1 (Continued From January 9, 2017).~~

MOTION FOR AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS 5-10 PASSED: 9-0

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12. Discussion and Direction to Staff to Implement a One-year Traffic Safety Pilot Project Along Middlefield Road Between the Menlo Park City Limits and Forest Avenue, Find the Project Exempt From the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Approve a Budget Amendment in the General Fund.

Council Member Holman advised she will not participate in this Agenda Item because she has a real property interest near the project. She left the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Kniss moved, seconded by Council Member Fine to:

- A. Identify Alternative Concept Plan 7A as the preferred alternative to implement as a one-year pilot project; and
- B. Amend the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Appropriation for:
 - i. The General Fund to:

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- a. Increase the transfer to the Capital Fund in the amount of \$200,000; and
 - b. Decrease the Planning and Transportation Contingency in the amount of \$200,000; and
- ii. The General Capital Improvement Fund to:
- a. Increase the transfer from the General Fund in the amount of \$200,000; and
 - b. Increase the appropriation to Transportation and Parking Project (CIP PL-12000) by \$200,000; and
- C. Find the preferred Alternative Concept Plan exempt from environmental review as a minor change to existing roadways that would not result in significant environmental impacts.

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion, "direct Staff to define clear metrics for level of impacts that will determine success or failure, so that Council can evaluate this pilot with data at the conclusion." (New Part D)

MOTION AS AMENDED RESTATED: Vice Mayor Kniss moved, seconded by Council Member Fine to:

- A. Identify Alternative Concept Plan 7A as the preferred alternative to implement as a one-year pilot project; and
- B. Amend the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Appropriation for:
 - i. The General Fund to:
 - c. Increase the transfer to the Capital Fund in the amount of \$200,000; and
 - d. Decrease the Planning and Transportation Contingency in the amount of \$200,000; and
 - ii. The General Capital Improvement Fund to:
 - c. Increase the transfer from the General Fund in the amount of \$200,000; and
 - d. Increase the appropriation to Transportation and Parking Project (CIP PL-12000) by \$200,000; and

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- C. Find the preferred Alternative Concept Plan exempt from environmental review as a minor change to existing roadways that would not result in significant environmental impacts; and
- D. Direct Staff to define clear metrics for level of impacts that will determine success or failure, so that Council can evaluate this pilot with data at the conclusion.

MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED: 8-0 Holman absent

- 13. PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution 9663 Entitled, "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto for the Creation of a new Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Program in the Evergreen Park and Mayfield Neighborhoods Bounded by Park Boulevard, Caltrain Rail Corridor, Oregon Expressway, Page Mill Road and El Camino Real and Finding of Exemption Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)."

Vice Mayor Kniss advised she will not participate in this Agenda Item because she owns real property in the proposed boundaries. She left the meeting at 9:29 P.M.

Council took a break from 9:29 P.M. to 9:36 P.M.

Council Member Holman returned to the meeting at 9:32 P.M.

Public Hearing opened at 9:57 P.M.

Public Hearing closed at 10:59 P.M.

MOTION: Council Member Filseth moved, seconded by Mayor Scharff to:

- A. Adopt a Resolution to implement the Evergreen Park-Mayfield Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Program as a one-year pilot and direct Staff to make corresponding changes to the RPP Administrative Guidelines; and
- B. Find the program exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

AMENDMENT: Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Holman to add to the Motion, "direct Staff to schedule a Council discussion six months after the RPP launches for a review."

AMENDMENT FAILED: 4-4 DuBois, Fine, Holman, Kou, no, Kniss absent

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AMENDMENT: Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Filseth to add to the Motion, "to consider a phase out of business permits when the new California Avenue parking garage opens."

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN BY THE MAKER

AMENDMENT: Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Filseth to add to the Motion, "direct Staff to propose a limit to daily hangtags per employer." (New Part C)

AMENDMENT PASSED: 6-2 Scharff, Tanaka no, Kniss absent

AMENDMENT: Council Member Wolbach moved, seconded by Mayor Scharff to add to the Motion, "remove 2755 El Camino Real (former VTA Parking Lot) from this RPP Program." (New Part D)

AMENDMENT PASSED: 8-0 Kniss absent

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion, "replace in Resolution Section 4.A.c. 'two employee' with 'three employee' and replace in Section 4.B.1 and 4.B.2, 'resident living' with 'residence.'" (New Part E)

AMENDMENT: Council Member Tanaka moved, seconded by Council Member Fine to add to the Motion, "the Mayfield area will be designated opt-in."

AMENDMENT FAILED: 4-4 DuBois, Holman, Kou, Scharff no, Kniss absent

AMENDMENT: Council Member Tanaka moved, seconded by Council Member DuBois to add to the Motion, "refer review of this RPP Program to the Planning and Transportation Commission prior to Council's review." (New Part F)

AMENDMENT PASSED: 7-0-1 Filseth abstain, Kniss absent

AMENDMENT: Council Member Fine moved, seconded by Council Member Tanaka to reduce the number of permits residents can obtain from 5 to 4.

AMENDMENT FAILED: 4-4 DuBois, Filseth, Holman, Kou no, Kniss absent

AMENDMENT: Council Member Fine moved, seconded by Council Member DuBois to add to the Motion, "direct Staff to investigate ways to streamline purchasing of parking garage permits and consider valet parking." (New Part G)

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AMENDMENT PASSED: 7-0-1 Holman not participating, Kniss absent

AMENDMENT: Council Member Fine moved, seconded by Council Member Holman to add to the Motion, "allow employee permits to be shared between employees of the same business." (New Part H)

AMENDMENT PASSED: 8-0 Kniss absent

AMENDMENT: Council Member Holman moved, seconded by Council Member Tanaka to add to the Motion, "direct Staff to investigate ways for businesses to share permits within the Business District." (New Part I)

AMENDMENT PASSED: 5-3 DuBois, Fine, Scharff no, Kniss absent

AMENDMENT: Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to the Motion, "increase the number of permits for medical and dental serving employers to 50 based on location."

AMENDMENT RESTATED: Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to the Motion, "increase the number of permits for medical services and dental offices along El Camino Real to 50."

AMENDMENT FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND

AMENDMENT: Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Holman to add to the Motion, "direct Staff to schedule a Council Agenda Item relating to the creation of a California Avenue Transportation Management Association (TMA) or expansion of the Downtown TMA." (New Part J)

AMENDMENT PASSED: 8-0 Kniss absent

MOTION AS AMENDED RESTATED: Council Member Filseth moved, seconded by Mayor Scharff to:

- A. Adopt a Resolution to implement the Evergreen Park-Mayfield Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Program as a one-year pilot and direct Staff to make corresponding changes to the RPP Administrative Guidelines; and
- B. Find the program exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and
- C. Direct Staff to propose a limit to daily hangtags per employer; and
- D. Remove 2755 El Camino Real (former VTA Parking Lot) from this RPP Program; and

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- E. Replace in Resolution Section 4.A.c. “two employee” with “three employee” and replace in Sections 4.B.1 and 4.B.2, “resident living” with “residence”; and
- F. Refer review of this RPP Program to the Planning and Transportation Commission prior to Council’s review; and
- G. Direct Staff to investigate ways to streamline purchasing of parking garage permits and consider valet parking; and
- H. Allow employee permits to be shared between employees of the same business; and
- I. Direct Staff to investigate ways for businesses to share permits within the Business District; and
- J. Direct Staff to schedule a Council Agenda Item relating to the creation of a California Avenue Transportation Management Association (TMA) or expansion of the Downtown TMA.

MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED: 8-0 Kniss absent

Inter-Governmental Legislative Affairs

None.

Council Member Questions, Comments and Announcements

Council Member Wolbach expressed his appreciation to the City and the Human Relations Commission for their support of the Immigrants and Allies event held last week. The event was presented in Spanish and was well attended.

Mayor Scharff announced his appointment to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority, which oversees funds generated by the November 8, 2016 Measure A funds.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 P.M.