



CITY OF PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

Regular Meeting
April 3, 2017

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 6:02 P.M.

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

Absent:

Closed Session

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
City Designated Representatives: City Manager and his Designees
Pursuant to Merit System Rules and Regulations (Ed Shikada, Lalo Perez, Eric Nickel, Rumi Portillo, Molly Stump)
Employee Organization: International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), Local 1319
Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6(a).

CONFERENCE WITH CITY ATTORNEY—POTENTIAL LITIGATION
Significant Exposure to Litigation Under Section 54956.9(d)(2)
(One Potential Case, as Defendant) – Palo Alto-Stanford Fire Protection Agreement.

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

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

Council went into Closed Session at 6:02 P.M.

Council returned from Closed Session at 7:18 P.M.

Mayor Scharff announced no reportable action.

Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

None.

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Minutes Approval

2. Approval of Action Minutes for the March 7 and 20, 2017 Council Meetings.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Kniss moved, seconded by Council Member Wolbach to approve the Action Minutes for the March 7 and 20, 2017 Council Meetings.

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

Consent Calendar

MOTION: Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Kniss to approve Agenda Item Numbers 3-6.

3. Approval of the Update of the Ten-Year Gas Efficiency Goals.
4. Resolution 9674 Entitled, "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto to Join the World Health Organization's Age Friendly Global Network and the Santa Clara County Age Friendly Initiative."
5. Authorization for the City Manager to Vote on Storm Water Management Fee Ballots Received for Parcels Owned by the City of Palo Alto.
6. Ordinance 5410 Entitled, "Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Amending Chapter 16.28 of the Municipal Code to Require Testing, Monitoring and Protective Measures for Temporary Construction-related Groundwater Pumping (Dewatering) (FIRST READING: March 7, 2017 PASSED: 9-0)."

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

Action Items

7. Council Direction on the Parking and Retail Program and Related Zoning Changes Needed for the Public Parking Garage Component of the Public Safety Building and the new California Avenue Parking Garage Project at 250 Sherman Avenue and 350 Sherman Avenue, Respectively.

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

- A. Direct Staff to proceed with full preliminary design on a new 636-space parking garage concept with four levels of above-ground parking, two

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levels of basement parking and no retail space, (i.e. California Avenue Parking Garage Option 3A), and to design enhancements to the Birch Street frontage that will create an appealing interface between the garage and the pedestrian sidewalk, with the Council discussion serving the purpose of a prescreening preliminary review; and

- B. Direct Staff to prepare revisions to the Public Facility (PF) zoning Ordinance to specifically accommodate public parking garages.

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

- A. Direct Staff to proceed with full preliminary design on a new 632-space parking garage concept with five levels of above-ground parking, one level of basement parking and no retail space, (i.e. California Avenue Parking Garage Option 3B), and to design enhancements to the Birch Street frontage that will create an appealing interface between the garage and the pedestrian sidewalk, with the Council discussion serving the purpose of a prescreening preliminary review; and
- B. Direct Staff to prepare revisions to the Public Facility (PF) zoning Ordinance to specifically accommodate public parking garages.

AMENDMENT TO THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Council Member Tanaka moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to the Motion, "direct Staff to explore automated parking options."

AMENDMENT TO THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND

SUBSTITUTE MOTION FAILED: 3-6 Kniss, Tanaka, Wolbach yes

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Council Member Holman moved, seconded by Council Member Kou to:

- A. Continue this item to April 11, 2017 when the City Council looks at the Transportation Management Association (TMA) and downtown parking garage; and
- B. Direct Staff to return with answers to the following questions (which will be applicable to both garages):
 - i. Option of perimeter/edge small space retail or personal service along the street frontage/s; and

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- ii. Variance requests sought and described for Public Facility (PF) zoning for proposed garages; and
- iii. Quantified benefit of rooftop solar installation; and
- iv. Cost comparison to recent or currently proposed parking garages in other communities; and
- v. Images to reflect Option 3B as are provided for other options; and
- vi. Return to Council at an early stage of design completion for preliminary review/pre-screening; and
- vii. Status of ground water analysis.

AMENDMENT TO THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member XX to remove Part B.i. from the Substitute Motion.

AMENDMENT TO THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND

SUBSTITUTE MOTION FAILED: 2-7 Holman, Kou yes

AMENDMENT: Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Holman to replace in the Motion Part B, "revisions to the Public Facility (PF) zoning Ordinance" with "variances needed."

AMENDMENT FAILED: 2-7 DuBois, Holman yes

AMENDMENT: Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to the Motion, "direct Staff to evaluate a value engineered version of Option 3A."

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN BY THE MAKER

AMENDMENT: Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Holman to add to the Motion, "direct Staff to cease evaluation of solar panels on the garage at this time."

AMENDMENT FAILED: 3-6 DuBois, Filseth, Holman yes

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

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MOTION: Vice Mayor Kniss moved, seconded by Council Member Wolbach to direct Staff to consider not only the classic type of garage but also mechanical parking options.

MOTION WITHDRAWN BY THE MAKER

Inter-Governmental Legislative Affairs

None.

Council Member Questions, Comments and Announcements

Council Member DuBois reported his attendance at the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain) Local Policy Maker Group meeting. At the meeting, the topic of Union Pacific Corporation's plan to outsource freight to third parties was discussed. Representatives from several cities along the Caltrain Corridor supported writing a letter to Union Pacific Corporation and Caltrain requesting support for grade flexibility along the Corridor. He requested Palo Alto participate with this letter.

Mayor Scharff requested clarification regarding the details of the proposed letter.

Council Member DuBois reported the Caltrain Board has authority over the third party operator and can require flexibility regarding existing grade and potential grade separation options.

Mayor Scharff suggested this topic be taken up by the City Council Rail Committee.

Council Member Wolbach reported his attendance at the League of California Cities Public Safety Committee meeting in Ontario, California last Wednesday. He reported that State Senator Jerry Hill has sponsored a bill addressing surveillance technology used by law enforcement.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 P.M.