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SPECIAL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Conference Room at 6:02 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Beecham, Burch, Freeman, Kishimoto, Lytle, Morton, Mossar, Ojakian

ABSENT: Kleinberg

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

PRESENT: Brett, Cooper (arrived at 6:30 p.m.), Deem, Frankel, Kirkeby (arrived at 6:30 p.m.), Langevin

ABSENT: Morkowitz

1. Joint Meeting with Public Art Commission (PAC)

**No action required.**

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Beecham, Burch, Freeman, Kishimoto, Lytle, Morton, Mossar, Ojakian

ABSENT: Kleinberg

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Ruth K., Stanford Florists, 620 Emerson Street, spoke regarding awning.

Ed Power, 2254 Dartmouth Street, spoke regarding good government.

Winter Dellenbach, 859 LaPara, spoke regarding the election.

Tricia Dolkas, 412 Everett Avenue, spoke regarding traffic calming Downtown.

Bunny Good, P.O. Box 824, Menlo Park, spoke regarding clean rooms.

Norman Carroll, spoke regarding the election.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** Council Member Morton moved, to approve the minutes of September 15 and 22, 2003, as originally written.

**MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND**

**MOTION:** Council Member Lytle, seconded Freeman, to approve the minutes of September 15, 2003, as corrected, and September 22, 2003, as submitted.

Bunny Good, P.O. Box 824, Menlo Park, spoke regarding the September 15, 2003, minutes and asked that Menlo Park be added to her address to avoid confusion.

Council Member Lytle requested that Menlo Park be added to the P.O. Box for Bunny Good in the September 15, 2003, Council minutes.

**MOTION PASSED** 8-0, Kleinberg absent.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Ellen Wyman, Friends of the Library, spoke regarding Item No. 2. She said she was in full support of the new Library Department and the Library Director should be part of the Executive team. She asked Council to support the recommendation.

**MOTION:** Council Member Freeman moved, seconded by Lytle, to remove Item No. 1 to become Item No. 7 after the Closed Session.

**MOTION:** Council Member Morton moved, seconded by Burch, to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2-4.

LEGISLATIVE

2. Approval of an Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code to Create a New Library Department and to Create a New Department Head Position

Ordinance 1st Reading entitled "Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Amending Chapter 2.08 of Title 2 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code to Revise Sections 2.08.020 [Approval Of City Manager's Appointments], 2.08.210 [Department Of Community Services] and Add Section 2.08.230 Creating a New Department of Libraries"

3. Approval of a Resolution Ratifying the Existing Natural Gas Service Agreement and Authorizing the City Manager to Amend Exhibits to the Agreement and to Execute Successor Agreements with Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Resolution 8356 entitled "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Ratifying the Execution of the Natural Gas Services Agreement with Pacific Gas and Electric Company"

ADMINISTRATIVE

4. Cooperative Agreement Between the City of Palo Alto and the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) Regarding the Management of the Post Arastradero Property

**MOTION PASSED** 8-0 for Item Nos. 2-4, Kleinberg absent.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. Public Hearing: The City Council will hold a preliminary review of a redevelopment project concept for the 12-acre former Sun Microsystems site located at 901 San Antonio Road, as requested by Randy Popp of The Steinberg Group. The developers, Bridge Urban Infill Land Development (BUILD), a for-profit subsidiary of Bridge Housing Corporation, and Campus for Jewish Life (CJL), a non-profit organization, have proposed a mixed use development with affordable/attainable housing units, a community center and senior housing. (Continued from August 4, 2003) (Item to be continued at the request of the applicant)

**Item continued at the request of staff to a date uncertain.**

## CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. to a Closed Session.

6. Conference with City Attorney -- Existing Litigation  
Subject: Hanna, et al. v. City of Palo Alto, et al.; SCC #CV782487  
Authority: Government Code 54956.9(a)

The City Council met in Closed Session to discuss matters involving labor negotiations as described in Agenda Item Nos. 11.

**Mayor Mossar noted there was no reportable action.**

The meeting reconvened at 7:52 p.m. to the regular City Council meeting.

7. (Old Item No. 1) Approval of an Ordinance adopting the South of Forest Area Coordinated Area Plan, Phase 2 Implementing Council Direction of October 20, 2003

Ordinance 1st Reading entitled "Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Adopting the South of Forest Area Coordinated Area Plan, Phase 2 and Amending Section 18.08.040 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code (The Zoning Map) to Change the Classification of Certain Properties Generally Bounded by Forest Avenue, Ramona Street, Addison Avenue, and Alma Street to South of Forest Area, Phase 2 Districts " (Public testimony was closed on October 20, 2003)

Council Member Morton did not participate due to a conflict of interest because he had clients within the SOFA Plan area.

Mayor Mossar did not participate due to a conflict of interest because she owned property near the SOFA area.

Vice Mayor Beecham asked Council Member Freeman if she wanted to consult staff on questions she had submitted earlier.

Council Member Freeman stated she had the item removed because she needed to have some questions answered to assist her in making decisions.

Chief Planning Officer Lisa Grote noted a revision to the Report from the City Attorney that was put at places, revising the words in Subsection E, from ~~approval~~ to application and from ~~granted~~ to filed, making it consistent with Ordinance 4730. In answer to Council Member Freeman's questions, she said the definition of open space did not include a minimum dimension on how large a balcony needed to be. Smaller balconies were included as an option, such as French balconies, since the SOFA district had several sites that were small and difficult to accommodate a traditional-sized balcony. To allow for open space, a minimum depth of two to three feet could be included on balconies. The current definition made reference to solar access and wind protection to make the open space a useable and pleasant place. A loggia could be considered but the open side could not have operable windows. The explanation for a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) exemption could include square footage for a loggia but not to exceed 80 square feet. She suggested one of indicators of the appropriate size of the common useable open space should be the volume or number of units instead of number of people served.

**MOTION:** Council Member Freeman, seconded by Burch, to adopt and amend the Ordinance for the South of Forest Area Coordinated Area Plan, Phase 2 Implementing Council Direction of October 20, 2003, with changes that the French balconies will have a minimum dimension of two feet, open spaces should not be enclosed by windows, a Floor Area Ration (FAR) exemption for the loggia should be equal to the square footage of the loggia, not to exceed 80 square feet, and to include wording to use the number of units as an indicator of the appropriate size of the common open space.

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**MOTION PASSED** 5-1, Ojakian "no," Mossar "not participating," Kleinberg absent.

COUNCIL COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Lytle noted her observations about the November 4, 2003, election that there was a high percentage of voters that participated and it was a positive democratic process.

Council Member Freeman noted the Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) would be having a community meeting about racial diversity in schools.

Council Member Burch noted the successful grand opening of the Media Center.

Council Member Lytle and Burch both requested that the meeting be adjourned in honor of Mark Pittenger, Palo Alto Firefighter

**FINAL ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. in memory of Palo Alto Firefighter Mark Pittenger who passed away on November 2, 2003. He spent 26 years as a Palo Alto/Menlo Park firefighter and paramedic, having that rare ability to balance family and work; equally dedicated to both.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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City Clerk

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Mayor

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