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The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 7:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Beecham, Burch, Cordell, Freeman, Kishimoto, Kleinberg, Morton, Mossar, Ojakian

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE JAMES KLEINBERG SWORE IN CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHN BARTON, PETER DREKMEIER, YORIKO KISHIMOTO, LARRY KLEIN, AND JACK MORTON

PRESENT: Barton, Beecham, Cordell, Drekmeier, Kishimoto, Klein, Kleinberg, Morton, Mossar

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Election of Mayor and Vice Mayor

Council Member Cordell nominated Council Member Kleinberg for the office of Mayor, noting that Judy Kleinberg's history of public service was unmatched; her commitment to the City was long and sincere; her support among Palo Altans was strong; and her political savvy was unparalleled. Palo Alto needed a Mayor who worked for the good of the City.

MOTION: Council Member Cordell moved, seconded by Mossar, to elect Judy Kleinberg as Mayor.

MOTION PASSED 9-0.

Council Member Kleinberg thanked her colleagues, past and present Council Members and elected officials, the community, the staff, and her family. Her focus, as Mayor, was on public safety, libraries, and recreation services. Public safety was the government's first and foremost responsibility. Emergency and disaster resources, both public and private, needed to be focused on prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery. Her first official act was to call for a Town Hall Meeting on emergency and disaster preparedness to be held January 18, 2006, in the Council Chambers. City libraries were the core of the City's values and were in desperate need of repair and improvement. Goals included improving parks, creating new playing fields by redesigning the golf course to provide a better playing experience within a natural habitat, reclaiming acreage for new playing fields, and creating new recreation services for seniors and youth in the community. Public/private partnerships needed to be formed. She asked for support from her colleagues in order to keep Council meetings focused and efficient.

Council Member Beecham nominated Council Member Kishimoto for the office of Vice Mayor, noting she brought a range of credentials to the

Council, which supported her as Vice Mayor. The credentials ranged from business skills, to environmental advocacy, to her poised and rational approach to the issues that faced Palo Alto each year.

MOTION: Council Member Beecham moved, seconded by Klein, to elect Yoriko Kishimoto as Vice Mayor.

Council Member Klein said Council Member Kishimoto, during her four years on the Council, showed a breadth of knowledge and experience, and was a worthy representative of the City.

MOTION PASSED 9-0.

2. Resolution 8581 entitled "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Commending the Outstanding Public Service of Hillary Freeman as a Council Member"

MOTION: Council Member Mossar moved, seconded by Beecham, to adopt a Resolution entitled, "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Commending the Outstanding Public Service of Hillary Freeman as Council Member."

Vice Mayor Kishimoto said Hillary Freeman was a one-of-a-kind Council Member and she dedicated the prior four years to her work as the people's representative.

Sarah Rosendahl, representing State Senator Joe Simitian, 160 Town & Country, and Richelle Noroyan, representing Assembly Member Ira Ruskin, presented a Commendation to Hillary Freeman.

Supervisor Liz Kniss congratulated Hillary Freeman for her term on the Council and presented a Commendation to her.

Hillary Freeman thanked everyone for their support during the prior four years.

MOTION PASSED 9-0.

3. Resolution 8582 entitled "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Commending the Outstanding Public Service of Victor Ojakian as a Council Member"

MOTION: Council Member Beecham moved, seconded by Mossar, to adopt a Resolution entitled "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Commending the Outstanding Public Service of Victor Ojakian as Council Member."

Sarah Rosendahl, representing State Senator Joe Simitian, 160 Town & Country, and Richelle Noroyan, representing Assembly Member Ira Ruskin, presented a Commendation to Victor Ojakian.

Supervisor Liz Kniss presented Victor Ojakian with a Commendation and thanked him for his contributions while on the Council.

Lanie Wheeler said she had the pleasure of knowing Victor Ojakian, as a Council Colleague and as a member of the Planning Commission, and thanked him for his contributions to the community.

Council Member Morton thanked Victor Ojakian for teaching him that common sense and the heart went together.

Mayor Kleinberg thanked Hillary Freeman and Victor Ojakian their leadership with regard to child advocacy.

MOTION PASSED 9-0.

Victor Ojakian spoke about his term on the Council, which was rewarding, and paid special recognition to Liz Kniss, Joe Huber, Dick Rosenbaum, Vince Larkin, Commissioners, City staff, and his family.

4. Resolution 8583 entitled "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Commending the Outstanding Public Service of Jim Burch as Mayor and a Council Member"

MOTION: Council Member Mossar moved, seconded by Beecham, to adopt a Resolution entitled "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Commending the Outstanding Public Service of Jim Burch as Mayor and a Council Member."

Sarah Rosendahl, representing State Senator Joe Simitian, 160 Town & Country, and Richelle Noroyan, representing Assembly Member Ira Ruskin, presented a Commendation to Jim Burch.

Supervisor Liz Kniss presented Jim Burch with a Commendation and acknowledged Mr. Burch's 56 years of marriage.

Gary Fazzino congratulated the new Mayor, Vice Mayor and new Council Members and thanked Hillary Freeman, Victor Ojakian, and Jim Burch for their selfless dedication to serving the community.

Jim Burch thanked the voters of Palo Alto, who gave him the opportunity to serve as Council Member and Mayor, and acknowledged the staff for what it gave to make the City work.

MOTION PASSED 9-0.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Kay Remsen, Kirby Place, congratulated the new members of the Council.

Jim Kleinberg, Kay Remsen, Todd Summers, Band Director at Gunn High School, and members of the Marching Band presented a brief musical tribute to the new Mayor.

Bob Gaebler, 1525 Montalto Drive, Mountain View, spoke regarding NSA surveillance, Al Queda, and modern ethics impact.

Gabrielle Conway, 1390 Harker Avenue, spoke regarding the Cookbook Restaurant and Sand Hill Properties.

Karen Robinson, 1837 Clarke Avenue #15, spoke regarding the Cookbook Restaurant.

Danielle Martell spoke regarding public concerns.

Ellie Gioumousis, 992 Loma Verde, spoke regarding the new Council.

Stephanie Munoz, 101 Alma, spoke regarding general intention for conservative planning.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk

Mayor

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