CITY OF PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL
ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting
January 20, 2015

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 6:06 P.M.

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

Absent:

Study Session

1. Palo Alto Bicycle Boulevard Program Summary.

Special Orders of the Day

2. Recognition of Mitchell Park Library and Community Center Grand Opening Volunteers.

Consent Calendar

MOTION: Council Member Kniss moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Schmid to approve Agenda Item Numbers 3-7 including City Manager comments relating to the section of the contract on Agenda Item Number 5 pertaining to the Sailing Station Parking Lot.

3. Resolution 9486 entitled “Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto to Authorize the City Manager or his Designee to Purchase Greenhouse Gas Allowances to Satisfy the City's Cap-and-Trade Compliance Obligations for the Gas Utility in an Amount Not to Exceed $4,000,000 per Year and for the Electric Utility in an Amount Not to Exceed $250,000 per Year.”
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4. Approval of Utilizing CALNET3 State Contract for Telecommunications in the Amount of $400,000 Annually for a 3.5 Year Term from January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018.


6. Approval of a Contract Amendment to Sierra Infosys Inc. (C10135998) in the Amount of $120,000 for the Support and Maintenance of SAP Industry-Specific Solution for Human Resources Modules, Business Mapping and Reporting.

7. Park Improvement Ordinance 5298 entitled “Park Improvement Ordinance of the Council for the City of Palo Alto for Bowden Park (First Reading: December 15, 2014, PASSED: 9-0).”

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

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MOTION: Council Member Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Kniss to approve the Maybell Avenue Bicycle Boulevard Project and the Churchill Avenue Enhanced Bikeway Concept Plan Lines and Implementation Plans and to move forward with near-term improvements to Churchill Avenue, near-term improvements to Maybell Avenue and additional near-term improvements to facilitate access to the bike trail from Churchill Avenue as bicyclists cross Alma Street.

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add consideration for sharrows going in both directions on Maybell Avenue from El Camino Real to Donald Drive.

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion “giving special attention to options on El Camino Way”.
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AMENDMENT: Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member XX to remove sharrows on Maybell Avenue.

AMENDMENT FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND

MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED: 9-0

9. Adoption of Procedure to Vote Before Holding Closed Sessions.

MOTION: Council Member Kniss moved, seconded by Council Member Scharff to amend Council Procedures to require that Council vote before going into Closed Sessions.

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

10. Policy and Services Recommendation to Adopt an Ordinance Increasing Council Salary from $600/Month to $1,000/Month, Effective January 1, 2017.

MOTION: Council Member Kniss moved, seconded by Council Member Burt to adopt the attached Ordinance increasing Council salaries, effective January 1, 2017, from $600/month to $1,000/month.

AMENDMENT: Council Member Wolbach moved, seconded by Council Member XX to change the implementation date to January 1, 2019.

AMENDMENT FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND

MOTION PASSED: 6-3 DuBois, Filseth, Scharff no

Council Member Questions, Comments and Announcements

Council Member DuBois reported on his attendance with Council Member Filseth at the League of California Cities’ New Mayors and Council Member Academy last week.
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Council Member Kniss reported that she now sits on the Employee Relations Committee of the California League of Cities. She also mentioned the large number of Spare the Air Days that the region has been experiencing.

Council Member Burt reported on his attendance at the Human Relations Commission’s Senior Summit. He was impressed by the turn out and quality of the event.

Mayor Holman also attended the Senior Summit and concurred with Council Member Burt’s impression of the event. She also attended the Day of Service honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. sponsored by Youth Community Services and the City of Palo Alto Recreation Department.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 P.M.