



CITY OF PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Special Meeting
September 23, 2013

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 6:04 P.M.

Present: Berman, Burt, Holman, Klein, Kniss, Price, Scharff, Schmid, Shepherd arrived at 5:10

Absent:

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
City Designated Representatives: City Manager and his designees pursuant to Merit System Rules and Regulations (James Keene, Pamela Antil, Lalo Perez, Joe Saccio, Kathy Shen, Breena Rowe, Rebecca Burnside)
Employee Organization: Service Employees International Union, (SEIU) Local 521; Hourly Unit
Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6(a)

The Council adjourned from closed session at 6:55 P.M. and Mayor Scharff announced no reportable action.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

2. Presentation by Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeff Rosen.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

3. Approval for the City Manager to Purchase a Police Records Management System (RMS), and Field-based Reporting Applications in Partnership With the Cities of Mountain View and Los Altos for Palo Alto's Participation in the Tri-Cities CAD and RMS "Virtual

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Consolidation" Project and Related Budget Amendment Ordinance in the Amount of \$100,000 in Contingency Funding from the Information Technology Internal Service Fund.

4. Approval of Crescent Park - No Overnight Parking (2AM-5AM) Trial Program Resident Permit Application and Program Expansion.
5. Council Appointed Officers Committee Recommendation of Appointment of Acting City Auditor.
6. Reauthorization to Engage in a Non-Binding "Smart Cities Alliance Agreement" with the City of Heidelberg, Germany, and Direction on Exploring Future "Smart City" Alliance.

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

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7. Colleague's Memo From Vice Mayor Shepherd, Council Members Berman, Holman, and Price Regarding the Building Code and Stalled Construction.

MOTION: Council Member Price moved, seconded by Mayor Scharff to direct Staff to: 1) draft an Ordinance that amends the Municipal Code regarding completion of residential construction projects in a timely manner, to include the imposition of time limits for building permits and daily penalties for projects that exceed the life of a building permit, 2) return to the Policy and Services Committee with a brief update and analysis of delays in commercial construction projects in Palo Alto, if similar issues have arisen, along with potential solutions, and 3) this draft shall be reviewed by Council's Policy and Services Committee for final recommendation to Council.

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND THE SECONDER to also return with draft Ordinance revisions to address improved fencing of stalled construction sites.

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

8. Colleague's Memo from Mayor Scharff, Vice Mayor Shepherd, and Council Member Price Regarding Electric Vehicles.

MOTION: Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Shepherd to direct Staff to: 1) review the Electric Vehicle (EV) permit process, and

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procedures for station installations to streamline the process and insure that it is customer friendly, 2) adopt code changes requiring that all new construction of single family housing install the necessary circuitry for EV chargers to come back to the Policy and Services Committee, 3) consider ways to encourage and support EV use in the City of Palo Alto and the Bay Area including the following concepts and return to the Policy and Services Committee with recommendations to ensure that Palo Alto is one of the most EV friendly Cities in America, 4) additional suggested recommendations might include: a) ensuring that all new hotels are required to install EV charging stations and to the extent feasible that all existing hotels are required to install EV charging stations, b) that Staff review the permitting fee structure for EV charging equipment to reduce costs, or develop cost incentives for the permits in such a way that it is streamlined and efficient, and 5) announce at the EV celebration to be hosted at Palo Alto City Hall on September 25, 2013, that Palo Alto will be a leader in the nation in the installation of EV stations by mandating that all new housing units be required to install the necessary rough in circuitry.

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH CONSENT OF MAKER AND SECONDER to: 1) direct Staff to return to P&S and subsequently to Council with alternatives on a pilot residential curbside EV charging program, and 2) direct Staff to return to P&S and subsequently Council with a draft program to bring about greater implementation of EV charging stations at commercial facilities, potentially including Utilities Department or City incentives.

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH CONSENT OF MAKER AND SECONDER to change the latter half of 2 to "greater implementation of EV charging stations and/or EV charging banks of stations." And to add after "including Utilities Department or City incentives" "to ask staff to consider revising fee structure based on the number of stations at number of potential EV station banks."

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH CONSENT OF MAKER AND SECONDER to change number 5) in the original motion to read "announce at the EV celebration to be hosted at Palo Alto City Hall on September 25, 2013, that Palo Alto will be a leader in the nation in the installation of EV stations by mandating that all new single family housing units be required to install the necessary rough in circuitry." And to change 2) to read "direct Staff to return to P&S and subsequently Council with a draft program to bring about greater implementation of EV charging stations at commercial, multi-family and mixed use facilities, potentially including Utilities Department or City incentives."

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

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9. Approval of Response to Grand Jury Report on Law Enforcement Public Complaint Procedures.

MOTION: Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Shepherd to approve the Staff recommended response, Attachment A of the Staff Report, to the 2012-2013 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Report entitled, "Law Enforcement Public Complaint Procedures" ("Grand Jury Report").

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.