



CITY OF PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting
February 3, 2018

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the El Palo Alto Room, Mitchell Park Community Center at 9:11 A.M.

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

Absent: DuBois

1. Mayor's Welcome, Overview of the Day, Retreat Orientation.
2. Oral Communications.
3. FY 2017 Performance Report, the National Citizen Survey™, Palo Alto Community Survey, and Citizen Centric Report.

NO ACTION TAKEN

4. Policy and Services Committee Recommendation (Transportation, Housing, Finance, Grade Separation) and Selection of 2018 Council Priorities.
5. Discussion and Definition of Priorities With Greater Specificity – e.g. Sub-bullets, Outcomes, Milestones, Key Performance Indicators.

At this time, Agenda Items 4 and 5 were heard together.

The City Council took a break from 11:49 A.M. to 12:10 P.M.

MOTION: Council Member Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Fine to approve the following as 2018 Council Priorities:

- A. Transportation
- B. Housing
- C. Finance
 - i. Create an Infrastructure Funding Plan.
- D. Grade Separation
 - i. Choose a preferred alternative by the end of the year.

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AMENDMENT: Council Member Wolbach moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to the Motion under the Finance priority “long term employee costs” and “supply, affordability and renter protections” under the Housing priority.

AMENDMENT FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion under the Housing priority, “Adopt policies to increase the rate of market rate and affordable housing production according to the goals set forth in the Comprehensive Plan.”

AMENDMENT: Council Member Wolbach moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to the Motion under the Transportation priority, “Improve mobility for Palo Alto residents by decreasing single occupancy vehicle trips to Palo Alto.”

AMENDMENT FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Council Member Holman moved, seconded by Council Member XX to approve the following as 2018 Council Priorities:

- A. Transportation
- B. Housing
- C. Finance/Infrastructure Plan
- D. Grade Separation/Preferred Alternative

SUBSTITUE MOTION FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND

AMENDMENT: Council Member Tanaka moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to the Motion under the Finance priority, “Account for the true cost of employees.”

AMENDMENT FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND

AMENDMENT: Council Member Tanaka moved, seconded by Council Member Kou to add to the Motion under the Grade Separation priority sub-bullet i., “....and eliminate eminent domain.”

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN BY THE MAKER

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion under the Transportation

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priority “mobility, circulation, traffic mitigations and reduction of in-bound SOV trips.”

MOTION AS AMENDED RESTATED: Council Member Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Fine to approve the following as 2018 Council Priorities:

- A. Transportation
 - i. Mobility, circulation, traffic mitigations and reduction of in-bound SOV trips.
- B. Housing
 - i. Adopt policies to increase the rate of market rate and affordable housing production according to the goals set forth in the Comprehensive Plan.
- C. Finance
 - i. Create an infrastructure funding plan.
- D. Grade Separation
 - i. Choose a preferred alternative by the end of the year.

MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED: 7-0 Tanaka not present, DuBois absent

6. Wrap-up and Next Steps.

Council Member Fine spoke about the importance of holding efficient meetings and prompt decision making in the coming year.

Mayor Kniss agreed and thanked everyone for attending the retreat. She also thanked Staff for their work in setting up the day's event.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 P.M.