



CITY COUNCIL RETREAT ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting
January 30, 2021

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in virtual teleconference at 9:01 A.M.

Participating Remotely: Burt, Cormack, DuBois, Filseth, Kou, Stone, Tanaka

Absent:

Council Introductions – “Why We Serve”

Governing in a Disruptive Environment.

1. Consideration and Selection of 2021 Council Priorities.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Stone to select the following as the 2021 Council Priorities:

- A. Economic Recovery
- B. Housing for Social and Economic Balance
- C. Social Justice
- D. Climate Change- Protection and Adaptation

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Council Member Cormack moved, seconded by Council Member Tanaka to establish “COVID-19 and Economic Recovery” as the 2021 Council Priority.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION FAILED: 2-5 Cormack, Tanaka yes

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

2. Discussion and Possible Revision to Council Procedures and Protocols Handbook and 2021 Standing Committee Topics.

MOTION: Mayor DuBois moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Burt to allow Council Members to submit to Staff their comments by the end of February 2021 regarding the Council Procedures and Protocols, for review and discussion by the Policy and Services Committee.

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MOTION PASSED: 7-0

MOTION: Council Member Kou moved, seconded by Council Member Stone to schedule the Policy and Services Committee discussion of the feasibility of a CAHOOTS-type program for March 2021.

MOTION PASSED:7-0

MOTION: Mayor DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Kou to amend the Committee topics as follows:

- A. Finance Committee:
 - i. Move Item 7 (Fiscal Sustainability Workplan) on the referred topics list to the Policy and Services Committee
- B. Policy and Services Committee, to add the following topics:
 - i. Town Hall planning
 - ii. State Bill Advocacy
 - iii. Review use of Stanford Medical Center funds

AMENDMENT: Council Member Cormack moved, seconded by Council Member Filseth to move Part B. iii. to a new Part. A. ii.

AMENDMENT PASSED: 7-0

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion a new Part A. iii. "Item 3 on the referred topics be amended to state 'affordable housing funding'"

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to change the Motion Part B. ii. to state "State Legislative and Administrative Advocacy"

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion a new Part B. iii. "Discuss a report on Tiers 1-3 of the Safe Parking Program."

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add to the Motion a new Part B. iv. "Review and discussion of proposed amendments to the Tree Protection Ordinance."

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AMENDMENT: Council Member Kou, seconded by Council Member XX to add to the Policy and Services Committee topics to discuss expanding the policy for the groundwater protection program.

MOTION FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND

MOTION AS AMENDED: Mayor DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Kou to amend the Committee topics as follows:

- A. Finance Committee:
 - i. Move Item 7 (Fiscal Sustainability Workplan) on the referred topics list to the Policy and Services Committee
 - ii. Review use of Stanford Medical Center funds
 - iii. Item 3 on the referred topics be amended to state "affordable housing funding"

- B. Policy and Services Committee, to add the following topics:
 - i. Town Hall planning
 - ii. State Legislative and Administrative Advocacy
 - iii. Discuss a report on Tiers 1-3 of the Safe Parking Program
 - iv. Review and discussion of proposed amendments to the Tree Protection Ordinance

MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED: 7-0

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Beth Minor

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City Clerk

APPROVED:

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J DuBois

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Mayor

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