



CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting
March 22, 2021

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in virtual teleconference at 5:01 P.M.

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

Absent:

Special Orders of the Day

1. Appointment of a Candidate to an Unfinished Term on the Planning and Transportation Commission.

First Round of voting for one position on the Planning and Transportation Commission with a term ending December 15, 2021.

Voting For:

Bobi Adle

Doug Burns

Bryna Chang

Burt, DuBois, Kou, Stone

Rebecca Eisenberg

Kathy Jordan

Filseth, Tanaka

Kevin Ma

Jessica Resmini

Cormack

Beth Minor, City Clerk, announced that Bryna Chang with 4 votes was appointed to the unfinished term on the Planning and Transportation Commission.

Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

None.

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Minutes Approval

2. Approval of Action Minutes for the March 08, 2021 City Council Meeting.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Kou to approve the Action Minutes for the March 08, 2021 City Council Meeting.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

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3. 855 El Camino Real (20PLN-00252): Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 18.16 of Title 18 of the Municipal Code to Allow Some Ground Floor Medical Office use With a Commensurate Increase in the Overall Office use Allowed at the Site Subject to Limitations. Environmental Assessment: Exempt From the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in Accordance With Guideline Section 15301 (Existing Facilities). Zoning District: CC (Community Commercial).

MOTION: Council Member Tanaka moved, seconded by Council Member Cormack to:

- A. Adopt an Ordinance to permit limited medical office use on the ground floor at Town and Country Village; and
- B. Find the Ordinance exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (existing facilities).

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to allow up to ten percent of retail like medical services, direct Staff to return to Council at the second reading of this Ordinance with a definition for this new retail category, and this would be for leases commencing within the next two years.

MOTION AS AMENDED: Council Member Tanaka moved, seconded by Council Member Cormack to:

- A. Adopt an Ordinance to permit limited medical office use on the ground floor at Town and Country Village with the following changes:
 - i. Allow up to ten percent of retail like medical services, direct Staff to return to Council at the second reading of this Ordinance with

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a definition for this new retail category, and this would be for leases commencing within the next two years; and

- B. Find the Ordinance exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (existing facilities).

MOTION AS AMENDED FAILED: 3-4 DuBois, Filseth, Kou, Stone no

MOTION: Vice Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Cormack to direct the Planning and Transportation Commission to review the proposed Ordinance for inclusion of a retail health definition and a two-year limit to execute a lease.

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to direct Staff to bring the Ordinance back to Council for consideration before the Council's summer break.

MOTION AS AMENDED: Vice Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Cormack to:

- A. Direct the Planning and Transportation Commission to review the proposed Ordinance for inclusion of a retail health definition and a two-year limit to execute a lease; and
- B. Direct Staff to bring the Ordinance back to Council for consideration before the Council's summer break.

MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED: 4-3 DuBois, Filseth, Kou no

Council took a break at 7:20 P.M. and returned at 7:31 P.M.

- 4. Approval of the Revised Community and Economic Recovery Workplan and a Budget Amendment in the General Fund.

MOTION: Mayor DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Cormack to:

- A. Approve of the City of Palo Alto's Community and Economic Recovery (CER) workplan (Parts A-I and K), including the revised recommended prioritized projects contained within the four CER elements: Managing through the pandemic, Community wellness and wellbeing, Focused business support, and City priority initiatives; and
- B. Approve an amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Budget Appropriation Ordinance in the General Fund by:

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- i. Decreasing the COVID-19 Recovery: Contact Tracing expense appropriation by \$50,000; and
 - ii. Increasing the COVID-19 Recovery: Business and Communication Support expense appropriation by \$50,000; and
- C. Approve the CER workplan, Part J: Exploration of potential ballot measure.

MOTION SPLIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING

MOTION PARTS A and B PASSED: 7-0

MOTION PART C PASSED: 6-1 Tanaka no

5. Review of and Potential Direction Regarding Planned Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Projects.

Council took a break at 9:18 P.M. and returned at 9:25 P.M.

MOTION: Council Member Filseth moved, seconded by Council Member Tanaka to direct Staff to find an additional \$2.5 million in savings in the Fiscal Year 2021 capital project contracts planned to be approved by the end of June 2021.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

6. Adoption of a Park Improvement Ordinance for Renovations at Ramos Park (Continued From March 8, 2021).

MOTION: Council Member Cormack moved, seconded by Mayor DuBois to adopt the Park Improvement Ordinance for renovation of the playground and park amenities and installation of a restroom at Ramos Park, with the removal of Section D. 5.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

7. Colleagues' Memo: Discussion and Adoption of Resolution 9947 Entitled, "Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Denouncing, Condemning and Combating Racism, Xenophobia, and Intolerance Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the City of Palo Alto."

MOTION: Council Member Kou moved, seconded by Council Member Tanaka to adopt the Resolution Denouncing, Condemning and Combating Racism, Xenophobia, and Intolerance Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the City of Palo Alto.

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MOTION PASSED: 7-0

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 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

NOTE: Action minutes are prepared in accordance with Palo Alto Municipal Code (PAMC) 2.04.160(a) and (b). Summary minutes (sense) are prepared in accordance with PAMC Section 2.04.160(c). Beginning in January 2018, in accordance with [Ordinance No. 5423](#), the City Council found action minutes and the video/audio recordings of Council proceedings to be the official records of both Council and committee proceedings. These recordings are available on the City's website.