



# CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting  
May 18, 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 arrived at 7:00 P.M.

Absent:

## Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

None

## Study Session

1. 955 Alma St [21PLN-00013]: Request for Prescreening of a Proposal to Rezone the Subject Site From RT-35 to Planned Community/Planned Home Zoning (PHZ) and Redevelop the Site With a new 4-Story Mixed-use Development That Includes 36 Residential Studios, 6,348 Square Feet of Office Space, and a Below Grade Parking Facility. Environmental Assessment: Not a Project; any Subsequent Formal Application Would be Subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Review. Zoning District: RT-35 (Residential Transition District) South of Forest Avenue (SOFA) II Coordinated Area Plan (CAP).

## **NO ACTION TAKEN**

2. 2239 Wellesley (21PLN-00045): Request by Cato Investments, LLC for Prescreening of Their Proposal to Rezone the Properties at 2239 and 2241 Wellesley from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to Planned Community/Planned Home Zoning (PHZ) and to Redevelop the Site With a 24-Unit Multi-family Development. Environmental Assessment: Not a Project; any Subsequent Formal Application Would be Subject to California Environmental Review Act (CEQA) Review.

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Council took a break at 7:26 P.M. and returned at 7:37 P.M.

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## Consent Calendar

**MOTION:** Mayor DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Cormack to approve Agenda Item Number 3.

3. Adoption of Ordinances Responding to State Housing Bills Regarding Density Bonus and Affordable Housing. Environmental Assessment: Exempt Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

**MOTION PASSED:** 7-0

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4. PUBLIC HEARING / QUASI-JUDICIAL: 181 Addison Avenue [20PLN-00300] Request for Review of a Preliminary Parcel Map With Exception and Variance to Subdivide one Existing lot Into two Parcels With Less Than the Minimum 60 Foot Frontage. Environmental Assessment: Consistent With Previously Adopted Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the City's Comprehensive Plan. Zoning District: R-2 (Two Family Residential) Within the South of Forest Avenue (SOFA) II Coordinated Area Plan (CAP).

Public Hearing opened at 7:46 P.M.

Public Hearing closed at 7:49 P.M.

**MOTION:** Council Member Kou moved, seconded by Council Member Stone to adopt a Record of Land Use (RLUA) approving the request for a Preliminary Parcel Map with Exception and Variance based on findings and subject to conditions of approval.

**MOTION PASSED:** 7-0

5. Direction to Staff Regarding 2023-31 Regional Housing Needs Allocation Appeal.

**MOTION:** Mayor DuBois moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Burt to direct Staff to prepare and file an appeal of the City's Regional Housing Needs Allocation, based on Staff's identified technical errors and elements from the January 21, 2021 letter sent to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board Members.

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** "...with the letter read, approved, and signed by the Mayor".

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**MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED:** 5-2 Cormack, Tanaka no

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

ATTEST:

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*Beth Minor*

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APPROVED:

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*J DuBois*

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City Clerk

Mayor

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