



# ACTION MINUTES

**City Council  
Special Meeting  
August 16, 2021  
5:00 PM**

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in virtual teleconference at 5:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Filseth

## Special Orders of the Day

1. Presentation from Valley Water Regarding Drought Conditions.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

## Study Session

2. 280 & 300 Lambert Avenue (21PLN-00133): Request for Prescreening of a Proposal by Lambert Fields, LLC to Rezone the Properties at 280 and 300 Lambert Avenue from Service Commercial (CS) to Planned Home Zone (PHZ), Merge Parcels Into One Parcel, and Develop the Site with a 49-Unit Residential Development. Environmental Assessment: Not a Project. Zoning District: CS (Service Commercial).

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

## Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

Item 6 Closed Session was continued to August 23, 2021 City Council special meeting.

## Oral Communications

None.

## Minutes Approval

3. Approval of Action Minutes for the August 9, 2021 City Council Meeting.

**ACTION:** Continued to August 23, 2021 City Council special meeting.

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The City Council Adjourned for a break at 6:33 pm.  
The City Council reconvened the meeting at 6:42 PM.

## City Manager Comments

## Action Items

4. Finance Committee Recommends the City Council Decline to Adopt the Energy Storage System Targets; and Receive the 2020 Energy Storage Report.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Stone to:

- A. Direct Staff to return to the Sustainability and Climate Action Plan (S/CAP) Ad Hoc Committee with a further plan for accelerating the exploration of expanded energy storage systems and to identify the resources for Staff to implement; and
- B. Decline to adopt energy storage system targets under California Assembly Bill (AB) 2514 at this time.

**MOTION PASSED:** 6-0, Filseth absent

5. Approve the Workplan for Development of a Revenue-Generating Local Ballot Measure for the November 2022 General Election; Review and Potential Guidance to Staff on Affordable Housing Funding as Referred by the City Council.

**MOTION:** Council Member Burt moved, seconded by Mayor Dubois to approve the workplan for the pursuit of a revenue-generating local ballot measure for the November 2022 General Election with the following focus:

- A. The pursuit of a business tax and the preference of square footage as the basis for such a tax;
- B. The pursuit of a utility use-based tax, and explore the option to incorporate revenue on climate adaptability;
- C. Proceed with the refinement of estimates and evaluation of potential tax measures—including stakeholder outreach, polling and further feasibility analysis—and bring forward the budget actions necessary;
- D. Review and accept additional information regarding affordable housing funding mechanisms, and refer to the Policy and Services Committee on the housing land trust, Jobs Housing Linkage Policy, and particularly with the CalCHA; and

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- E. For the Finance Committee to discuss and recommend to the City Council the initial polling to inform whether one or more taxes may be feasible on the 2022 ballot, the support for different uses of revenue, the scale of the tax, the uses and needs informing the scale of tax, and the form of tax, as indicated in the staff report.

**MOTION PASSED:** 5-1, Tanaka no, Filseth absent

## Closed Session

6. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
Authority: Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 300 Homer Avenue, Assessor's Parcel Number 120-17-093  
Negotiating Party: Palo Alto History Museum

**ACTION:** Item was continued to August 23, 2021 City Council special meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 P.M.

ATTEST:

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*Lesley Milton*  
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City Clerk

APPROVED:

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*J. D. ...*  
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Mayor

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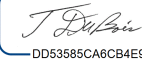
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