



DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

City Council
Special Meeting
August 23, 2021
5:00 PM

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: None

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Alta Housing Presentation

NO ACTION TAKEN

CLOSED SESSION

2. CONFERENCE WITH CITY ATTORNEY-POTENTIAL LITIGATION
Subject: Houman Boussina (Personnel Dispute)
Authority: Potential Exposure to Litigation Under Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) One Case, as Defendant.

MOTION: Council Member Cormack moved, seconded by Council Member Filseth to go into Closed Session.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

Council went into Closed Session at 5:16 P.M.

Council returned from Closed Session at 6:31 P.M.

Mayor DuBois announced no reportable action.

STUDY SESSION

- ~~3. 3150 El Camino Real [21PLN-00169]: Request for Prescreening of Applicant's Proposal to Re-zone the Subject Properties from CS (Service Commercial) to Planned Home Zoning (PHZ) and to Redevelop the Site with an Approximately 134,515 Square Foot Mixed use Project. The Project Would Include 129 Residential Rental Units and Approximately 2,800 sf of Retail~~

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~~Space Which Would Replace Existing Restaurant and Office Space.
Environmental Assessment: Not a Project.~~

Item was removed from consideration prior to the meeting at the request of the applicant.

AGENDA CHANGES, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

None.

MINUTES APPROVAL

4. Approval of Action Minutes from August 9, 2021.

MOTION: Council Member Cormack moved, seconded by Mayor DuBois to approve the Action Minutes for the August 9, 2021 City Council Meeting as presented.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Council Member Cormack moved, seconded by Mayor DuBois to approve the Consent Calendar.

5. Approval of a Lease Amendment Between Palo Alto Players and the City of Palo Alto for the Premises at the Lucie Stern Community Center Located at 1305 Middlefield Road for an Approximate 36-month Term, at a starting Base Rent of \$1,410.00 per Month and Increasing 3 Percent Annually.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

ACTION ITEMS

6. Detailed Review of Alternatives Being Considered for Meadow Drive and Charleston Road Train Crossings, and Direction to City Staff for Conducting Additional Studies for Consideration of Final/Preferred Alternative(s).

MOTION: Mayor DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Tanaka to direct Staff to:

- A. Eliminate the Viaduct option;

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- B. Eliminate the Hybrid option;
- C. Establish a policy to engage with Caltrain on 4-tracks by City Council, Staff, and LPMG representatives;
- D. Refine Underpass alternatives to address current shortcomings, including the size of the roundabout, the bike/ped connections, and right-of-way impacts;
- E. Conduct a preliminary geotechnical study; and
- F. Continue work on the bike plan in parallel with consideration of construction time and interaction with grade crossing plans.

AMENDMENT: Council Member Kou moved, seconded by Council Member Tanaka to add onto the Motion as Part G:

- G. Direct Staff to obtain the cost for a second cost opinion of the Trench option, in particular to a company with experience of trenches, underground or subterranean methods in parallel to the geotechnical studies.

AMENDMENT PASSED: 6-1, Cormack no

AMENDMENT TWO: Council Member Filseth moved, seconded by Council Member Cormack to eliminate Part B of the Motion.

AMENDMENT PASSED: 6-1, Tanaka no

FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED: Mayor DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Tanaka to direct Staff to:

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- C. Refine Underpass alternatives to address current shortcomings, including the size of the roundabout, the bike/ped connections, and right-of-way impacts;
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- E. Continue work on the bike plan in parallel with consideration of construction time and interaction with grade crossing plans; and

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F. Obtain the cost for a second cost opinion of the Trench option, in particular to a company with experience of trenches, underground or subterranean methods in parallel to the geotechnical studies.

MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED: 6-1, Cormack no

CLOSED SESSION

7. 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

City Negotiators: Ed Shikada, Kiely Nose, Clare Gibson, Phil Crosby

Subject of Negotiations: Lease Price and Terms of Payment.

MOTION: Council Member Filseth moved, seconded by Council Member Kou to go into Closed Session.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

Council went into Closed Session at 9:48 P.M.

Council returned from Closed Session at 11:36 P.M.

Mayor DuBois announced no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 P.M. in honor of the birthdays of former Council Member Emily Renzel, former Council Member Enid Pearson, and Annette Hanko for their leadership in environmental preservation.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk

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.