



# DRAFT SUMMARY MINUTES

City Council  
Special Meeting  
September 13, 2021  
Virtual Only

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, Filseth, Kou, Stone, Tanaka

Absent: None

## Study Session

1. City Council Discussion with the Independent Police Auditor.

### **NO ACTION TAKEN**

## Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

Mayor DuBois announced Agenda Item 6 has been removed from the agenda and will be heard at a later date.

## Oral Communications

Aram James

## Consent Calendar

No comments from the Council or the Public

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Cormack to approve Agenda Item Numbers 2-4 and AA1.

**MOTION PASSED:** 7-0

2. Approval of Minutes from August 30, 2021 City Council Meeting.

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3. Adoption of **Resolution 9985** Approving the City of Palo Alto's 2021 Electric Utility Physical Security Plan.
4. Policy & Services Recommend Approval of the Office of the City Auditor's Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Task Orders.
- AA1. SECOND READING: Adoption of **Ordinance 5530** Amending Title 9, Public Peace, Morals and Safety, of the Municipal Code to Add Chapter 9.07 Requiring Safe Storage of Firearms in Palo Alto Residences to Prevent Improper Firearm Access; Adoption of a Resolution Amending the Administrative Penalty Schedule to Add Conforming Penalty (FIRST READING: August 30, 2021 PASSED: 6-0, DuBois absent)

The City Council took a break at 6:15 PM and reconvened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

## City Manager Comments

## Action Items

5. TEFRA HEARING: Regarding Conduit Financing for the Silicon Valley International School Project Located at 151 Laura Lane, Palo Alto, and Approving the Issuance of a Tax Exempt Loan by the California Municipal Finance Authority for the Purpose of Financing and Refinancing the Acquisition, Construction, Improvement, Equipping and Maintenance of Educational, Support and Administrative Facilities Owned and Operated Within the City by Silicon Valley International School.

Public Hearing opened at 6:36 P.M.

Public Hearing closed at 6:39 P.M.

**MOTION:** Council Member Cormack moved, seconded by Mayor DuBois to adopt **Resolution 9986** approving the issuance of the bonds by the California Municipal Finance Authority (CMFA) for the benefit of Silicon Valley International School.

**MOTION PASSED:** 7-0

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- ~~6. Request for City Council Interpretation of Palo Alto Municipal Code Section 18.70.070(b)(2)(E) and Related Direction to Staff Regarding Nonconforming Uses at the 340 Portage/3200 Park Site. Environmental Analysis: Not a Project, as Defined in Public Resources Code 21065.~~
7. Discuss and Provide Direction on a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an Economic Development Strategy Consultant and an Internal Staffing Plan to Support Economic Development Issues.

**MOTION** Council Member Filseth moved, seconded by Mayor DuBois to direct Staff to complete actions necessary for:

- A. An internal staffing plan to support a connection to the business community; and
- B. Issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFPs) for an economic development strategy consultant based on the identified scope for services, with a primary focus on retail.

**AMENDMENT:** Council Member Kou moved, seconded by Council Member Stone to add to Part A of the Motion, "Proceed with the recruitment of an Economic Development Coordinator/Manager for a permanent position and contract with a recruitment firm with an expedited timeline"

**AMENDMENT PASSED:** 5-2, Filseth, Tanaka no

**MOTION AS AMENDED:** Council Member Filseth moved, seconded by Mayor DuBois to direct Staff to complete actions necessary for:

- A. Proceeding with the recruitment of an Economic Development Coordinator/Manager for a permanent position and contract with a recruitment firm with an expedited timeline to support a connection to the business community; and
- B. Issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFPs) for an economic development strategy consultant based on the identified scope for services, with a primary focus on retail and hotel occupancy.

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

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The City Council recessed at 5:58 PM and reconvened the meeting at 9:07 PM.

8. Staff recommend Council: (a) Adopt **Resolution 9987** Authorizing the City Manager to Close University Avenue and California Avenue and Some Intersecting Streets Until a Date the Council Determines and Provide Direction Regarding Associated Fees or Charges; (b) Provide Direction Regarding the Duration of the Temporary Parklet Program and Development of Associated Fees or Charges; (c) Receive Updates regarding the Permanent Parklet Program the Downtown and California Avenue Streetscape Designs.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Mayor DuBois to:

- A. Direct the City Manager to reopen University Avenue on October 15, 2021;
- B. Adopt a Resolution to continue with a partial closure on Ramona, extending until June 2022;
- C. Modify the parklet rules to accommodate additional parklets adjacent to restaurants where they are not interfering with retailers that oppose, and extend the Parklet Program until June 2022;
- D. Direct Staff to return with a set of marketing measures to promote downtown vibrancy; and
- E. Direct Staff to proceed with a Streetscape RFP including stakeholder input and that the consultants' recommendations would build off the learning experiences in the re-opening of the coming months.

**AMENDMENT:** Council Member Filseth moved, seconded by Council Member Cormack to remove Part D of the Motion.

**AMENDMENT PASSED:** 5-2, Burt, Stone no

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- B. Adopt a Resolution to continue with a partial closure on Ramona, extending through June 2022;
- C. Modify the parklet rules to accommodate parklets adjacent to restaurants where they are not interfering with neighboring consumer businesses that oppose, and extend the Parklet Program until June 2022; and
- D. Direct Staff to proceed with a Streetscape RFP including stakeholder input and sales tax data analysis (to the extent that it can be utilized) that the consultant's recommendations would build off the learning experiences in the re-opening of the coming months.

**MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED:** 7-0

**AMENDMENT:** Council Member Cormack moved, seconded by Council Member Stone to modify Part A to restate the reopening date to November 8, 2021.

**AMENDMENT FAILED:** 3-4, Burt, DuBois, Kou, Tanaka no

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

- A. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the closure of California Avenue through June 2022; and
- B. Direct Staff to return to the City Council for further discussion regarding additional elements on the California Ave street closure; and
- C. Direct Staff to return to the City Council for discussion on a permanent street closure for California Ave.

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**MOTION PASSED:** 5-2, Filseth, Kou No

## Council Member Questions, Comments and Announcements

### Closed Session

#### ~~AA2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS~~

~~City Designated Representatives: City Manager and his Designees Pursuant to Merit System Rules and Regulations (Ed Shikada, Kiely Nose, Rumi Portillo, Sandra Blanch, Nicholas Raisch, Molly Stump, and Terence Howzell) Employee Organization: Service Employees International Union, (SEIU) Local 521, Utilities Management and Professional Association of Palo Alto (UMPAPA) Palo Alto Peace Officer's Association (PAPOA), Palo Alto Police Management Association (PMA), International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) local 1319, Palo Alto Fire Chiefs Association (FCA), ; Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6 (a).~~

**MOTION:** Council Member Filseth moved, seconded by Council Member Cormack to move Item AA2 to a later date uncertain.

**MOTION PASSED:** 7-0

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 AM

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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City Clerk

Mayor

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