CITY COUNCIL
ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting
March 21, 2022

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

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

Absent: DuBois

Special Orders of the Day

1. Tokyo Paralympics Gold Medal Winner Palo Alto Resident Katie Holloway Bridge.

Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

None

Consent Calendar

Council Member Tanaka registered a no vote on Agenda Item Number 9.

MOTION: Council Member Cormack moved, seconded by Council Member Filseth to approve Agenda Item Numbers 2-9.

2. Approve Minutes from the March 7, 2022 City Council Meeting.

3. Approval of a Construction Contract With Casey Construction, Inc. for Sewer Lateral Installation, Repair and Replacement and Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation in a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of $2,998,266 for a Three-Year Term Through June 2025.

4. Authorize Transmittal of the 2021 Comprehensive Plan Annual Progress Report to the Office of Planning and Research and the 2021 Housing Element Annual Progress Report to the Department of Housing and Community Development.

5. Accept the Stanford University Medical Center (SUMC) Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and Find the SUMC Parties in Compliance With the Development Agreement.
6. Approval of Task Order Construction Contract C22183580 With MP Nexlevel of California, Inc. in the Amount not to exceed $8,815,809 for Trenching and Substructure Installation and Materials; Authorization for the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute Related but Unforeseen Change Orders Not-to-Exceed $881,581, for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of $9,697,390 Over Three Years.

7. Approval of Construction Contract C22184073 with O'Grady Paving Inc. in the Amount of $1,200,234, and Authorization for the City Manager or Their Designee to Negotiate and Execute Change Orders for Related Additional but Unforeseen Work that May Develop During the Project Up to a Not-to-Exceed Amount of $118,523, for the Fiscal Year 2022 Asphalt Paving, Capital Improvements Program Projects PE86070, PO-12001, PL-04010 and PO-89003.

8. Approval of Amendment Number One to Contract C19173550 with Accela, Inc. to add the Accela Mobile Office and Accela Electronic Reporting Database Modules to this Online Services Contract, and to Increase the Compensation by an Amount Not-To-Exceed $57,210 for a New Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of $848,554.

9. Direct Staff to Relinquish S. Palo Alto Bikeways Project Grant Under OBAG2 and Reapply Under OBAG3 in May, 2022 to Allow For Additional Time to Meet Project Outreach, Design, and CEQA Requirements.

MOTION SPLIT FOR PURPOSES OF VOTING

MOTION PASSED ITEMS 2-8: 6-0, DuBois absent

MOTION PASSED ITEMS 9: 5-1, Tanaka no, DuBois absent

Action Items

10. Adoption of an Interim Ordinance Establishing Objective Urban Lot Split Standards and Further Refinements to SB 9 Development Standards; Authorizing the Public Works Director to Publish Objective Standards Regarding Adjacent Improvements Related to SB 9 Projects; and Direction Regarding Listing Properties Eligible for Historic Status.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Kou moved, seconded by Council Member Filseth to:

A. Review and adopt proposed objective standards for urban lot splits. These standards will only apply to qualifying SB 9 projects within Palo Alto (Attachment A) with the flagpole to be at least 10 feet wide;
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B. Adopt Interim Ordinance Refining SB 9 Regulations and Authorizing the Public Works Director to Publish Objective Standards Regarding Adjacent Public Improvements Related to SB 9 Projects (Attachment B); and

C. Direct Staff to work with the Historic Resources Board to review the approximately 165 local, state and federal eligible properties and make recommendations for listing on the inventory in accordance with the process set forth in the PAMC and collaborate with the Historic Resources Board for community engagement.

MOTION PASSED: 6-0, DuBois absent

11. Approve the Housing Element Working Group and Planning and Transportation Commission Recommendations for the 2023-31 Housing Element Sites and Their Associated Unit Yields as Well as Potential Feedback on Housing Element Policies and Programs, or Other Housing-Related Direction to Staff.

ORIGINAL MOTION: Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Stone to approve the Planning and Transportation Commission 2023-31 Housing Element sites with their associated unit yields as reflected in Attachment A, incorporating staff recommended adjustments, and the following additional site selection strategies:

A. Faith Based Institutions Strategy: Require units to be 100% affordable units;

B. City-owned Parking Lots Strategy: Include strategy in the sites list and its 168 unit yield, providing they are 100% affordable units;

C. General Manufacturing (GM) Zone Strategy: Encourage Council to plan retail, transit, schools, bike lanes, and parks to support the new neighborhood;

D. General Manufacturing (GM) Zone Strategy: Council to consider changing portions of the GM zoned sites to a multifamily zone, eliminating general manufacturing uses;

E. Research, Office, Limited Manufacturing (ROLM) Zone Strategy: Encourage Council to plan retail, transit, schools, bike lanes and parks to support the new neighborhood;

F. Transit Center Strategy: Increase the unit yield of the Transit Center from 180 units to 270 units;
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G. Transit Center Strategy: The residential units on this site should be primarily developed as affordable units;

H. Staff to return to the Council for discussion and direction on modifications reducing commercial FAR in combination with increasing housing FAR with a focus on properties in the El Camino Real zone and the two Downtowns; and

I. Staff to return to Council for discussion engaging with Stanford Research Park on identifying additional housing sites for the coming Housing Element.

MOTION SPLIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING

MOTION: Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Stone to approve the following element of the original motion:

B. City-owned Parking Lots Strategy: Include strategy in the sites list and its 168 unit yield, providing they are 100% affordable units.

MOTION PASSED: 4-2, Tanaka, Kou no, DuBois absent

MOTION: Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Stone to approve the following element of the original motion:

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MOTION PASSED: 5-1, Kou no, DuBois absent

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 P.M.

ATTEST: __________________________  APPROVED: __________________________

City Clerk                                               Mayor

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