



# POLICY AND SERVICES COMMITTEE ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting  
Tuesday, May 23, 2017

Chairperson Wolbach called the meeting to order at 6:14 P.M. in the Community Meeting Room, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California.

Present: DuBois, Kou, Wolbach (Chair)

Absent: Kniss

## Agenda Items

1. Discuss the Topic of Aircraft Noise, Review Federal Legislative Updates and Recommend That City Council Reaffirm City's Positions to Reduce Aircraft Noise and Make Other Recommendations as Needed to Advance City's Goals to Reduce Aircraft Noise Over the Skies of Palo Alto.

**MOTION:** Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Chair Filseth to recommend the City Council direct Staff to:

- A. Take into account the public comments made tonight and received in writing, and reaffirm the City's position to reduce aircraft noise over the skies of Palo Alto; and
- B. Endorse and advocate a seat on the Select Committee's proposed Ad-Hoc Committee and any new permanent entities whose actions will impact Palo Alto and communicate that interest to Representative Eshoo; and
- C. Obtain an expert opinion on aircraft noise monitoring strategy and make a recommendation to Council; and
- D. Reach out to neighboring communities such as Portola Valley, Woodside, Menlo Park, Mountain View, Los Altos, Sunnyvale and East Palo Alto to establish a regional position on this issue; and
- E. Be prepared to respond to the FAA Select Committee Report in the form of legal or professional representation; and

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- F. Emphasize as a priority a focus on minimizing noise, the equitable dispersion of noise and improving technology and flight methods to minimize the noise in general; and
- G. Recognize that on the ground noise matters, even if it is within the vicinity of an airport and establish an objective standard for noise at certain elevations and flight methods; and
- H. Ask FAA to consider emissions from aircraft

**MOTION PASSED:** 3-0 Kniss absent

The Committee took a break from 8:09 P.M. to 8:18 P.M.

- 2. Staff and Utilities Advisory Commission Recommendation That the Policy and Services Committee Make a Recommendation That Council Recommend: (1) Option 2 for the Municipal Fiber-to-the-Node Network (FTTN) for Fiber and Broadband Expansion; and (2) Expand Wi-Fi to Unserved City Facilities and Discontinue Consideration of City-Provided Wi-Fi in Commercial Areas.

**MOTION:** Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Chair Wolbach to recommend the City Council:

- A. Approve the Option 2 recommendation for the Municipal Fiber-to-the-Node Network (FTTN) with Neighborhood/Private Last Mile Provision; and
- B. Expand Wi-Fi to unserved City facilities while minimizing the investment in facilities that are being redeveloped; and
- C. Discontinue consideration of City-provided Wi-Fi in commercial areas; and
- D. Direct Staff on the following:
  - i. Define more clearly the goals of FTTN; and
  - ii. Reach out to other communities on approaches post Google and share strategy and funding models; and

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- iii. Include ROI estimates; and
- iv. Present a rollout strategy with an estimate of how many homes will be passed; and
- v. Draft a communication strategy; and

**MOTION PASSED:** 3-0 Kniss absent

~~3. Recreational and Medical Marijuana: Review and Discussion of State Law Developments and Input to Staff on Next Steps, Including Possible Ordinance Adopting Local Regulations Regarding Commercial Marijuana Activity, Outdoor Cultivation, and Marijuana Dispensaries. This Action is Exempt Under Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act.~~

**STAFF REQUESTED THIS ITEM BE MOVED TO JUNE 13, 2017.**

Future Meetings and Agendas

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 9:19 P.M.