



City of Palo Alto

City Council Staff Report

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Report Type: Special Orders of the Day Meeting Date: 5/4/2015

Summary Title: Resolutions for John Melton and Asher Waldfogel

Title: Adoption of Resolutions Expressing Appreciation to John Melton and Asher Waldfogel Upon Completion of Their Terms as Utilities Advisory Commissioners

From: City Manager

Lead Department: Utilities

Attachments:

- Attachment A: John Melton Resolution (PDF)
- Attachment B: Asher Waldfogel Resolution (DOC)

ATTACHMENT A

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PALO ALTO EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO
JOHN MELTON, UTILITIES ADVISORY COMMISSIONER**

WHEREAS, John Melton, a Stanford University Business School graduate and longtime Palo Alto resident served on the Utilities Advisory Commission from March 2004 through April 2015, serving two terms as Commission Chair; and

WHEREAS, John Melton provided dedicated service to the residents and businesses of this community through review of utilities budgets, rates and policies and practices, through employing his extensive knowledge of financial analysis, budget development, utilities operating and capital project expenditures, business strategies and through his knowledge of utilities industry matters; and

WHEREAS, John Melton additionally served on other infrastructure related Palo Alto Commissions, including the Infrastructure Blue Ribbon Commission, the Library Bond Oversight Committee and the Storm Drain Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, John Melton capably assisted in the development of the 10-year Energy Efficiency Plan, the Renewable Portfolio Standard, the Utilities Strategic Plan, the Long-term Electric Acquisition Plan, the Gas Utility Long-term Plan, the 2010 Urban Water Management Plan, the Local Solar Plan, the Carbon Neutral Plan for the Electric Supply Portfolio and with utilities rates for electric, fiber optics, natural gas, water and wastewater collection; and

WHEREAS, John Melton, as a participant on the Utilities Advisory Commission's Ad Hoc Budget Subcommittee, provided substantial review of proposed capital projects and operating budgets for the Utilities Department; and

WHEREAS, John Melton made several trips to Sacramento and Washington D.C. as an advocate of the Utilities Department's policies for the City of Palo Alto; and

WHEREAS, John Melton, in addition to his contributions to the Utilities Department's programs and policies over an eleven year period, displayed a sense of humor and maintained a professional demeanor at all times (even when the Stanford Women's Basketball team lost); and

WHEREAS, John Melton's consideration of concerns raised by the public and his willingness to listen to different points of view often resulted in joint recommendations made by Staff and the Commission that were adopted by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Palo Alto recognizes the meritorious service of John Melton by commending his outstanding service and recording its appreciation, as well as the appreciation of the citizens of this community for the services and contributions rendered as a Utilities Advisory Commissioner.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: May 4, 2015

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

City Manager

ATTACHMENT B

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PALO ALTO EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO
ASHER WALDFOGEL, UTILITIES ADVISORY COMMISSIONER**

WHEREAS, Asher Waldfogel served as a Commissioner, Vice Chair and Chair on the Utilities Advisory Commission from August 2008 through April 2015; and

WHEREAS, Asher Waldfogel employed his extensive knowledge of financial analysis and business strategy through his review of Utilities Department budgets and rates, rate structure design, capital projects and many other utilities policies and practices, and provided dedicated service to the residents and businesses of this community; and

WHEREAS, Asher Waldfogel also served on the Library Citizen’s Technology Advisory Group and as the Utilities Advisory Commission’s Liaison to the Technology and Connected City Committee for the City of Palo Alto; and

WHEREAS, Asher Waldfogel provided guidance and insights as the Utilities Department engaged in the development of their 10-year Energy Efficiency goals, the Renewable Portfolio Standard, the Utilities Strategic Plan, the Long-term Electric Acquisition Plan, the Gas Utility Long-term Plan, the 2010 Urban Water Management Plan, the Local Solar Plan, the Carbon Neutral Plan, the Utilities Legislative Policy Guidelines and Utilities rates for their electric, fiber optic, natural gas, water and wastewater collection utilities; and

WHEREAS, Asher Waldfogel made recommendations to the City Council on matters such as governance, and led the effort for the Utilities Advisory Commission to adopt bylaws; and

WHEREAS, Asher Waldfogel paid particular attention to policies that dealt with utilities rates and rate design, he asked penetrating questions regarding fairness for all ratepayers, advocated for effective communication of rate changes and he recommended changes to policies that underlined rate design, including advocating discussion in advance of the completion of the Cost of Service Analyses; and

WHEREAS, Asher Waldfogel displayed particular attention and passion for the build-out and development of the fiber utility; and

WHEREAS, Asher Waldfogel engaged the community, Council Members and academics in an effort to help shape recommendations for Utilities for the City of Palo Alto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Palo Alto recognizes the meritorious service of Asher Waldfogel by commending his outstanding public service and recording its appreciation, as well as the appreciation of the citizens of this community for the services and contributions rendered.

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