CITY COUNCIL
DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting
August 8, 2022

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers and by virtual teleconference at 5:14 P.M.

Present In Person: Burt, Cormack, DuBois, Filseth, Kou, Stone, Tanaka

Present Virtually: None

Absent: None

Special Orders of the Day

1. Appreciation for State Senator Josh Becker for Securing $2 million for Newell Bridge Replacement Project

2. Select Applicants to Interview for the Human Relations Commission

   MOTION: Council Member Cormack moved, seconded by Council Member Kou to interview all applicants for the HRC position.

   MOTION PASSED/FAILED: 7-0.

AA1. Sibling City Update from Mayor John Hamilton, Bloomington, Indiana

Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

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Consent Calendar

MOTION: Council Member Cormack moved, seconded by Mayor Burt to approve Agenda Item Numbers 3-4.

3. Adoption Of Resolution 10061 Establishing FY 2023 Property Tax Levy for General Obligation Bonds (Measure N Libraries)

4. Approval of the Rail Committee Charter and Workplan for 2022-23

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

City Manager Comments

Action Items

5. Approval of Appointment and Employment Agreement with Andrew Binder as Chief of Police

   MOTION: Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Council Member DuBois to approve appointment of Andrew Biner as Chief of Police and his employment agreement as presented.

   MOTION PASSED 6-1 Tanaka no

6. Adoption of an Ordinance Approving the Police Department’s Military Equipment Use Policy Under AB 481—Continued to a future meeting

AA2. Adoption of Resolutions: (1) Placing a Business Tax on the November 2022 Ballot; (2) Placing a Measure Affirming the Natural Gas Utility Transfer on the November 2022 Ballot; and (3) Establishing Advisory Spending Guidelines for Business Tax Proceeds (6:45 PM – 8:15 PM)

MOTION SPLIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING
MOTION: Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Filseth to:

1. Adopt the resolutions, to submit a measure to the voters at the general municipal election on November 8, 2022 (Attachment B) and adopt resolution establishing advisory spending guidelines regarding use of business tax proceeds if passed by voters (Attachment C)

MOTION Passes: 5-2, Cormack, Tanaka no

MOTION: Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Filseth to:

2. Continue this discussion to August 10 with the following direction:

   A. Bring final documents for the measure to affirm the natural gas utility transfer.

MOTION Passes: 6-1 DuBois No

MOTION: Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Filseth to:

2. Continue this discussion to August 10 with the following direction:

   B. Authorize the ad hoc to continue to discussions with the business coalition to reach agreement on alternative tax structure.

MOTION Passes: 4-3 Stone, Vice mayor Kou, DuBois no

AA3. PUBLIC HEARING / QUASI-JUDICIAL. 1033 Amarillo Ave [22PLN-00016]: Request for a Preliminary Parcel Map With Exceptions to Subdivide a 20,787 Square Foot R-1 Property Into Two (2) Lots, Where Lot 1 Will be 10,668.50 Square Feet and Lot 2 Will be 10,118.77 Square Feet. Exception is for Minimum lot Width and Maximum lot Size. Zoning District R-1 Single Family Residential.

MOTION: Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Mayor Burt to approve the Record of Land Use Action based on findings and subject to conditions of approval. Prior to approval of a parcel map, the applicant shall receive approval for any planning entitlement as required by the
municipal code that includes a new single-family home, ADU and JADU on each subdivided lot.

**MOTION PASSED:** 5-2, Kou, Stone no

7. Discuss and Provide Comments on the City’s Draft Comment letter to the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) and Authorize the Mayor to Send a Comment Letter to the CHSRA on the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the California High Speed Rail segment between San Francisco and San Jose, Which Traverses Palo Alto.

**MOTION:** Council Member Cormack moved, seconded by Council Member DuBois to:

1) Authorize the Mayor to sign the City’s comment letter, incorporating Council’s requested revisions (if any), and to submit the letter to the CHSRA prior to its consideration for approval of the proposed project and certification of the Final EIR/EIS.

**MOTION PASSED:** 7-0

8. Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternate for the League of California Cities Annual 2022 Conference, to be held September 7-9 in Long Beach, CA

**ACTION:** continued to August 15, 2022

Council Member Questions, Comments and Announcements

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 P.M.
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