



# CITY COUNCIL DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

Regular Meeting  
August 5, 2024

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers and by virtual teleconference at 5:30 P.M.

Present In Person: Burt, Kou, Lauing, Lythcott-Haims, Stone, Tanaka, Veenker

Council Member Tanaka Arrived at 5:32 P.M.

Present Remotely:

Absent:

## Special Orders of the Day

1. Interview Candidates for Vacancies on Historic Resources Board

## **NO ACTION**

## Closed Session

2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS.  
Authority: Government Code Section 54956.8.  
Property: 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto (Informally known as the Cubberley Site).  
Negotiating Party: Palo Alto Unified School District.  
City Negotiators: (Ed Shikada, Kiely Nose, Kristen O'Kane, Sunny Tong).  
Subject of Negotiations: Purchase, Exchange, and/or Lease, Price and Terms of Payment

**MOTION:** Council Member Veenker moved, seconded by Council Member Burt to go into Closed Session.

**MOTION PASSED:** 7-0

Council went into Closed Session at 6:16 P.M.

Council returned from Closed Session at 7:40 P.M.

Mayor Stone announced no reportable action.

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## Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

## Public Comment

## Council Member Questions, Comments and Announcements

## Consent Calendar

Council Member Stone, Kou, Lythcott-Haims requested to Pull Agenda Item Number 5.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Lauing moved, seconded by Council Member Veenker to approve Agenda Item Numbers 3-4, 6-7 and to pull off Consent Agenda Item 5.

**MOTION PASSED 3-4, 6-7: 7-0**

3. Approval of Minutes from June 17, 2024 and June 18, 2024 Meetings
4. Authorization to Execute an Amendment to Legal Services Contract S22183520 with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore to Increase Amount by \$150,000 for Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$320,000 and to Extend the Term; CEQA Status – Not a Project.
5. PUBLIC HEARING/QUASI-JUDICIAL. Buena Vista Mobile Home Park Redevelopment/3980 El Camino Real [24PLN-00041; 24PLN-00129] Approval of a Vesting Tentative Map to Subdivide One Existing 4.5-acre Parcel into Two Parcels and to Approve a Streamlined Housing Development Review Application for a 61-unit Apartment Building. The Project Also Includes 44 Mobile Homes, which are Regulated by the State, and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute Amended Regulatory Agreements. Environmental Assessment: Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act in Accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15332 (In-fill Development). Zoning District: RM-20.
6. Adoption of a Resolution Establishing Fiscal Year 2025 Property Tax Levy for General Obligation Bonds (Measure N Libraries); CEQA Status: Not a Project
7. SECOND READING: Adopt an Ordinance and Resolution Extending the Interim Parklet Program to the Car-Free Portion of Ramona Street through March 2025; CEQA status - categorically exempt (FIRST READING: June 18, 2024 PASSED 7-0)

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## City Manager Comments

Ed Shikada, City Manager

## Action Items

8. PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration of Objections for Weed Abatement Assessments; and Adoption of Resolution Confirming the Weed Abatement Report and Ordering Abatement Costs to be a Special Assessment on the Properties Specified in the Report; CEQA status - categorically exempt.

**MOTION:** Mayor Stone moved, seconded by Council Member Burt to adopt a resolution confirming the report and ordering abatement costs to be a special assessment on the properties specified in the report (Attachment A).

**MOTION PASSED:** 7-0

9. PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of a Resolution Implementing the North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan (NVCAP), Amending the City's Comprehensive Plan and Certifying the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, Including a Statement of Overriding Considerations; and FIRST READING: an Ordinance Adding Chapter 18.29 and Amending Chapters 18.14, 18.24, and 16.65 in the Palo Alto Municipal Code as well as Amendments to the Zoning District Map, and Rezoning of Parcels Within the NVCAP area. CEQA Status -- Supplemental Environmental Impact Report SCH #2023020691.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Lauing moved, seconded by Mayor Stone to:

1. Adopt a Resolution (Attachment A) implementing the NVCAP and approving associated environmental work, including:
  - a. Certify the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR)
  - b. Make the findings required by California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), including a Statement of Overriding Considerations
  - c. Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
  - d. Adopt the NVCAP and amend the 2030 Comprehensive Plan
2. Introduce an Ordinance (Attachment B) to:

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- a. Adopt a new Chapter 18.29 (North Ventura (NV) District Regulations) in the Palo Alto Municipal Code and make other amendments to Title 18 (Zoning) to implement the NVCAP
  - b. Amend Chapter 16.65 (Citywide Affordable Housing Requirements)
  - c. Amend the Zoning District Map and re-zone parcels within the NVCAP area
3. Direct staff to:
- A) Amend the ordinance and NVCAP to require parking in compliance with PAMC 18.52 and 18.54 for areas beyond the boundary of AB 2097.
  - B) Amend the proposed ordinance section 18.29.100 to allow a nonconforming use to be discontinued for up to two years of instead of one year as set forth in PAMC 18.70.
  - C) To the extent allowed by State Law require EV and ADA parking spaces within the NVCAP boundaries.
  - D) Apply a 15-foot setback from Park Boulevard on either side of the street.

**MOTION PASSED:** 6-1, Kou

10. Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternate for the League of California Cities Annual 2024 Conference, to be held October 16-18, 2024, in Long Beach, California

**MOTION:** Council Member Kou moved, seconded by Council Member Lythcott-Haims to designate Council member Veenker to be the voting delegate and Council Member Kou as the alternate.

**MOTION PASSED:** 7-0

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 P.M.

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ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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City Clerk

Mayor

NOTE: Action minutes are prepared in accordance with Palo Alto Municipal Code (PAMC) 2.04.160(a) and (b). Summary minutes (sense) are prepared in accordance with PAMC Section 2.04.160(c). Beginning in January 2018, in accordance with [Ordinance No. 5423](#), the City Council found action minutes and the video/audio recordings of Council proceedings to be the official records of both Council and committee proceedings. These recordings are available on the City's website.