



CITY COUNCIL DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

Regular Meeting
March 11, 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

Present Remotely:

Absent:

Closed Session

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS City Designated Representatives: City Manager and his Designees Pursuant to Merit System Rules and Regulations (Ed Shikada, Kiely Nose, Sandra Blanch, Nick Raisch, Tori Anthony, Molly Stump, and Jennifer Fine) Employee Organization: Service Employees International Union, (SEIU) Local 521, Utilities Management and Professional Association of Palo Alto (UMPAPA), Palo Alto Peace Officers' Association (PAPOA), Palo Alto Police Management Association (PMA), International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) local 1319, Palo Alto Fire Chiefs' Association (FCA); Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6 (a)
2. CONFERENCE WITH CITY ATTORNEY- EXISTING LITIGATION Subject: Eric Figueroa, et al. v. City of Palo Alto Santa Clara County Superior Court Case No. 21-CV-383740 (One Case, as Defendant) Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
3. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS Authority: Government Code Section 54956.8 Property: 445 Bryant Street, Assessor's Parcel Number 120-15-107 Negotiating Parties: La Comida de California, Unlimited Mojo, Inc. Operating as an Iron24 Franchise, Silicon Valley Bike Exchange, Stealthmode LLC City Negotiators: Ed Shikada, Kiely Nose, Kristen O'Kane, Sunny Tong Subject of Potential Negotiations: Lease Price and Terms of Payment

Council Member Kou disclosed her husband serves uncompensated on the La Comida de California board.

MOTION: Council Member Veenker moved, seconded by Council Member Lythcott-Haims to go into Closed Session.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

Council went into Closed Session at 5:45 P.M.

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Council returned from Closed Session at 8:50 P.M.

Mayor Stone announced no reportable action was taken.

Consent Calendar

Council Member Veenker recused on Agenda Item Number 6.

Council Member Kou registered a no vote on Agenda Item Number 5.

Council Member Tanaka registered a no vote on Agenda Item Number 9 and 11.

MOTION: Vice Lauing moved, seconded by Council Member Burt to approve Agenda Item Numbers 4-6, 8-11 (Agenda Number 7 Removed from Agenda).

MOTION PASSED ITEMS 4, 8, 10: 7-0

MOTION PASSED ITEM 5: 6-1, Kou no

MOTION PASSED ITEM 6: 6-0-1, Veenker recused

MOTION PASSED ITEMS 9, 11: 6-1, Tanaka no

4. Approval of Minutes from February 26, 2024 Meeting
5. Authorize Transmittal of the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Annual Progress Report to the Office of Planning and Research and the 2023 Housing Element Annual Progress Report to the Department of Housing and Community Development.
6. Stanford University Medical Center (SUMC) Annual Report to Council for Fiscal Year 2022-2023
7. ~~Approval of Amended Palo Alto CLEAN Program Rules and Requirements, Handbook, and Power Purchase Agreement; CEQA Status: Not a Project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(a) and (b) Item Removed~~
8. Approval of Construction Contract C24190072 with O'Grady Paving, Inc. in the Amount of \$5,432,037 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 \$543,204 for the Fiscal Year 2024 Asphalt Paving Project, Capital Improvement Program Projects PE-86070, PO-89003, CB-17001, PE-20001, PE-09003, and SD-06101; CEQA status – exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) and 15301(d)

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9. Approval of Professional Services Contract Number C24190133 With Anne Rosenthal Fine Art Conservation Services in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$118,624 for preservation of frescoes by artist Victor Arnautoff created in 1932 at the Roth Building (the former Palo Alto Medical Clinic) at 300 Homer Avenue for a period of 18 months; CEQA status - categorically exempt.
10. Adopt a Revised Interim Ordinance to Extend the Interim Parklet Program to July 31, 2024 (from March 31, 2024) and Phase-in Enforcement of the Ongoing Parklet Program through November 1, 2024; and Extend Parking Lot Eating/Drinking Uses to December 31, 2024; CEQA Status- Categorically Exempt (Sections 15301 and 15304(e))
11. Adopt an Ordinance Increasing Council Member Salary From \$1,000/Month to \$1,600/Month, Effective January 1, 2025, as authorized by State law

City Manager Comments

Ed Shikada, City Manager

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12. Approval of the 2024 City Council Priority Objectives and Finance Committee and Policy & Services Committee Workplans (Item Continued from March 4, 2024 City Council Meeting)

MOTION: Council Member Lythcott-Haims moved, seconded by Council Member Burt to approve the 2024 Proposed City Council Priorities and Objectives: Economic Development & Transition (ED&T) section and additionally:

1. Direct staff to work with and report to the Retail Ad Hoc Committee to explore a permanent ordinance allowing parking lot eating/drinking uses for businesses that do not face public streets; and,
2. Direct staff to take action to improve the cleanliness of the University Ave. downtown area.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

Agenda Item Number 12 to be continued to the March 18, 2024 City Council Meeting.

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13. Policy and Services Recommendation to the City Council for the creation of a Citizens Advisory Committee on a Potential Charter Amendment on Council Member Compensations

Agenda Item Number 13 not heard and to be continued to a City Council meeting date uncertain.

14. Discussion of Interview Process for City Auditor Selection; CEQA - Not a project

MOTION: Council Member Lythcott-Haims moved, seconded by Council Member Veenker to refer the Council Appointed Officers Committee to screen applicants and bring no fewer than two forward for Council selection.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 P.M.

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ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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.