



# CITY COUNCIL DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting  
April 22, 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, Lythcott-Haims, Stone, Tanaka, Veenker

Present Remotely:

Absent: Lauing

## Special Orders of the Day

1. Recognizing Youth Living in Palo Alto or Enrolled at PAUSD Who Have Received The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) As Certified by Youth Community Service (YCS) This Academic Year Between July 1, 2023 – Feb 15, 2024.

## **NO ACTION**

## Closed Session

2. 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 Post, 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)

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

**MOTION PASSED:** 6-0-1, Lauing absent

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Council went into Closed Session at 5:50 P.M.

Council returned from Closed Session at 6:45 P.M.

Mayor Stone announced no reportable action.

## Study Session

3. Race and Equity Update: Assessment Report from Ivy Planning Group on City Workplace Culture and 2024-2025 (Calendar Years) Equity Action Plan

## **NO ACTION**

## Consent Calendar

Council Member Tanaka registered a no vote on Agenda Item Number 6.

Council Member Kou registered a no vote on Agenda Item Number 10.

Council Member Burt registered a no vote on Agenda Item Number 10.

Council Member Kou and Council Member Burt requested to Pull Agenda Item Number 10.

**MOTION:** Council Member Lythcott-Haims moved, seconded by Mayor Stone to approve Agenda Item Numbers 4-10.

**MOTION PASSED ITEMS 4-5, 7-9:** 6-0-1, Lauing absent

**MOTION PASSED ITEM 6:** 5-1-1, Tanaka no, Lauing absent

**MOTION PASSED ITEM 10:** 4-2-1, Kou no, Burt no, Lauing absent

4. Approval of Minutes from April 1, 2024, and April 8, 2024 Meetings
5. CONSENT: 261 Hamilton Ave: Upgrade Historic Inventory from Category 3 to Category 1
6. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Their Designee to Execute an Amendment to the Power Purchase Agreement with Ameresco Half Moon Bay LLC for the Purchase of up to 60,000 Megawatt-Hours per Year of Biogas Energy Over a Term of up to 20 Years for a Total Not to Exceed Amount of \$147.2 Million; CEQA Status: Not a Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(a)
7. Approval of Construction Contract Number C24190641A with Valhalla Builders, Inc. in the Amount of \$460,900 and Authorization for the City Manager or Their Designee to Negotiate and Execute Change Orders for Related Additional but Unforeseen Work that

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may Develop During the Project up to a Not-to- Exceed Amount of \$46,090 for the Performing Arts Venues Seat Replacement Project at Lucie Stern Community Theatre, Capital Improvement Program Project AC-18000; CEQA Status – Exempt Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301

8. Approval of Professional Services Contract No. C24190042 With BKF Engineers in a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount for \$283,250 for Land Surveying Services for One Year; CEQA – Not a Project.
9. Approval of a Five-Year Technical Assistance Agreement with the United States Geological Survey in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$924,745 for Scientific Monitoring Services at the Regional Water Quality Control Plant Outfall and Horizontal Levee Pilot Project Site (WQ-22001); CEQA Status- Categorically Exempt Section 15306
10. QUASI-JUDICIAL. 739 Sutter Avenue [22PLN-00201 and 24PLN-00005]: Appeal of the Director's Decision to Approve a Streamlined Housing Development Review Application to Allow Deconstruction of An Existing 8 Unit Residential Rental Development and Construction of 12 Three-Bedroom Condominium Units. The Project Also Includes a Request for Approval of a Vesting Tentative Map for a Condominium Subdivision. Zoning District: RM-20. Environmental Assessment: Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act per CEQA Guidelines Section 15332. For more information contact the Project Planner at [HYPERLINK "mailto:Claire.Raybould@Cityofpaloalto.org"](mailto:Claire.Raybould@Cityofpaloalto.org) \h Claire.Raybould@Cityofpaloalto.org.

## Action Items

11. Review and provide input on Concept Plans for Quarry Road Transit Connection to the Palo Alto Transit Center and Adoption of a Resolution of Intention to Undedicate a portion of El Camino Park; CEQA status - statutorily exempt per Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(12).

**MOTION:** Council Member Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Lythcott-Haims to adopt a Resolution of Intention to Undedicate a portion of El Camino Park that is necessary for the new transit connection (Attachment E).

**MOTION PASSED:** 5-1-1, Kou no, Lauing absent

12. Addition of 16 properties to the City's Historic Resources Inventory based on Owner interest. CEQA Status: Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21065, the Historic Designation of Properties is not a Project Subject to Environmental Review.

**MOTION:** Council Member Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Veenker to:

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1. Adopt the attached record of land use action (Attachment A) to add 16 properties meeting specified criteria to the City's Historic Resources Inventory, based on expressed owner interest; and,
2. Direct staff to continue outreach to eligible property owners among the properties discussed in this report and to place future additions to the Historic Resources Inventory with expressed owner interest on the Consent Calendar; and,
3. Direct staff to study the possibility of a process for removing the properties as shown as potentially eligible in the parcel reports and return to Council with evaluations on any alternatives.

**MOTION PASSED:** 6-0-1, Lauing absent

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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City Clerk

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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.