



# CITY COUNCIL DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting  
Monday, April 03, 2023

## CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers and by virtual teleconference at 5:00 P.M.

Present In Person: Burt, Kou, Lauing, Lythcott-Haims, Stone, Tanaka, Veenker  
Present Remotely: None  
Absent: None

## SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Appointment of Applicants for Board and Commission Openings on the Utilities Advisory Committee, the Planning and Transportation Commission and the Historic Resources Board

**MOTION:** Council Member Burt moved, seconded by Mayor Kou to proceed as presented to vote first for full term, then a subsequent vote for unexpired terms.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Veenker/Lythcott-Haims to vote for all positions in the first round, with the top vote getters getting the full terms, and the candidate with the next number of votes getting the unexpired terms. If there are ties, then a second round of voting will commence.

**MOTION FAILED: 3-4, Lauing, Kou, Burt, Stone no**

**ORIGINAL MOTION:** Council Member Burt moved, seconded by Mayor Kou to proceed as presented to vote first for full term, then a subsequent vote for unexpired terms.

**MOTION PASSED: 5-2, Lythcott-Haims, Tanaka no**

## Historic Resources Board

First Round of Voting for Three (3) vacancies on the Historic Resources Board ending March 31, 2026

**Samantha Joy Rodman:** Burt, Kou, Lauing, Lythcott-Haims, Stone, Tanaka, Veenker

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**Christian Pease:** Burt, Kou, Lauing, Lythcott-Haims, Stone, Tanaka, Veenker

**Alisa Eagleston-Cieslewic:** Burt, Kou, Lauing, Lythcott-Haims, Stone, Tanaka, Veenker

**Candidate Samantha Joy Rodman receiving 7 votes is appointed to a full-term expiring March 31, 2026.**

**Candidate Christian Pease receiving 7 votes is appointed to a full-term expiring March 31, 2026.**

**Candidate Alisa Eagleston-Cieslewic receiving 7 votes is appointed to a full-term expiring March 31, 2026.**

## **Planning and Transportation Commission**

First Round of Voting for Two (2) full terms ending March 31, 2027 on the Planning and Transportation Commission

**George Lu:** Lythcott-Haims

**Scott O'Neil:** Tanaka

**Allen Akin:** Kou, Burt, Stone, Lauing

**Cari Templeton:** Burt, Lythcott-Haims, Stone, Lauing, Veenker

**Arthur Keller:** Kou

**Alex Comsa:** Tanaka

**Forest Olaf Peterson:** Veenker

**Candidate Allen Akin receiving 4 votes is appointed to a full-term expiring March 31, 2027.**

**Candidate Cari Templeton receiving 5 votes is appointed to a full-term expiring March 31, 2027.**

## **Utilities Advisory Commission**

First Round of Voting for Three (3) full terms ending March 31, 2026 on the Utilities Advisory Commission

**Jason Titus:** Burt, Veenker

**Max Rayner:** Tanaka

**Robert Phillips:** Burt, Kou, Lauing,

**Benjamin Piiru:**

**Greg Hood:**

**Chris Tucher:** Tanaka

**Meagan Mauter:** Burt, Kou, Lauing, Lythcott-Haims, Veenker

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**Claude Ezran:** Kou

**Siyi Zhang:** Lythcott-Haims, Stone

**Greg Scharff:** Lauing, Stone, Tanaka

**Rachel Croft:** Stone

**Natalie Geise:** Lythcott-Haims, Veenker

**Bob Wenzlau:**

**Candidate Megan Mauter receiving 5 votes is appointed to a full-term expiring March 31, 2026.**

**No other Candidate received four votes required to be appointed to the full-term expiring March 31, 2026. A second round of voting is required.**

## **Planning and Transportation Commission**

First Round of Voting for One (1) unexpired term ending March 31, 2025 on the Planning and Transportation Commission

George Lu: Burt, Lythcott-Haims, Tanaka

Scott O'Neil:

Arthur Keller: Kou, Lauing, Stone

Alex Comsa:

Forest Olaf Peterson: Veenker

**No Candidate received four votes required to be appointed to the un-expired term expiring March 31, 2025. A second round of voting is required.**

## **Utilities Advisory Commission**

Second Round of Voting for two (2) full terms ending March 31, 2026 on the Utilities Advisory Commission

**Jason Titus:** Burt, Veenker

**Max Rayner:** Tanaka

**Robert Phillips:** Stone, Burt, Kou, Lauing

**Benjamin Piiru:**

**Greg Hood:**

**Chris Tucher:**

**Claude Ezran:**

**Siyi Zhang:** Lythcott-Haims, Tanaka

**Greg Scharff:** Stone, Kou, Lauing

**Rachel Croft:**

**Natalie Geise:** Lythcott-Haims, Veenker

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**Bob Wenzlau:**

**Candidate Robert Phillips receiving 4 votes is appointed to a full-term expiring March 31, 2026.**

**No other Candidate received four votes required to be appointed to the full-term expiring March 31, 2026. A third round of voting is required.**

## **Planning and Transportation Commission**

**Second Round of Voting for One (1) unexpired term ending March 31, 2025 on the Planning and Transportation Commission**

**George Lu:** Burt, Tanaka, Lythcott-Haims, Veenker

**Scott O'Neil:**

**Arthur Keller:** Stone, Lauing, Kou

**Alex Comsa:**

**Forest Olaf Peterson:**

**Candidate George Lu receiving 4 votes is appointed to an unexpired term ending March 31, 2025.**

## **Utilities Advisory Commission**

**Third Round of Voting for one final full-term ending March 31, 2026 on the Utilities Advisory Commission**

**Jason Titus:** Burt

**Max Rayner:**

**Robert Phillips:**

**Benjamin Piiru:**

**Greg Hood:**

**Chris Tucher:**

**Claude Ezran:** Kou

**Siyi Zhang:**

**Greg Scharff:** Stone, Tanaka, Lauing

**Rachel Croft:**

**Natalie Geise:** Lythcott-Haims, Veenker

**Bob Wenzlau:**

**No Candidate received four votes required to be appointed to the full-term expiring March 31, 2026. A fourth round of voting is required.**

**The Council directed the elimination of candidates without votes.**

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## Utilities Advisory Commission

Fourth Round of Voting for one final full-term ending March 31, 2026 on the Utilities Advisory Commission

**Jason Titus:** Burt

**Claude Ezran:**

**Greg Scharff:** Kou, Lauing, Stone, Tanaka,

**Natalie Geise:** Veenker, Lythcott Haims

**Candidate Greg Scharff receiving 4 votes is appointed to a full-term expiring March 31, 2026.**

## Utilities Advisory Commission

First Round of Voting for One (1) unexpired term ending March 31, 2025 on the Utilities Advisory Commission

**Jason Titus:** Lythcott-Haims, Burt

**Max Rayner:** Tanaka

**Robert Phillips:**

**Benjamin Piiru:**

**Greg Hood:**

**Chris Tucher:**

**Meagan Mauter:**

**Claude Ezran:** Kou

**Siyi Zhang:**

**Greg Scharff:**

**Rachel Croft:** Lauing, Stone

**Natalie Geise:** Veenker

**Bob Wenzlau:**

**No Candidate received four votes required to be appointed to the un-expired term expiring March 31, 2025. A second round of voting is required.**

## Utilities Advisory Commission

Second Round of Voting for One (1) unexpired term ending March 31, 2025 on the Utilities Advisory Commission

**Jason Titus:**

**Max Rayner:** Tanaka

**Claude Ezran:** Kou

**Rachel Croft:** Veenker, Stone, Lythcott-Haims, Lauing, Burt

**Natalie Geise:**

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**Candidate Rachael Croft receiving 5 votes is appointed to an unexpired term ending March 31, 2025.**

2. Introduction of Representatives from the North County TRUST (Trusted Response Urgent Support Team) alternative mental health response program

AGENDA CHANGES, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

**MOTION:** Mayor Kou moved, seconded by Council Member Burt to approve Consent Agenda Item Numbers 3-10.

**MOTION PASSED ITEMS 3-9: 7-0**

**MOTION PASSED ITEM 10: 6-1, Tanaka no**

3. Approval of Minutes from March 20, 2023 Meeting

4. The Utilities Advisory Commission and Staff Recommend Council Adoption of Amended Utilities Rules and Regulations, to Incorporate AMI Changes and Other Updates; CEQA review – exempt (CEQA Guidelines section 15273) **Adopted Resolution 10096**

5. Approval of the Utilities Department's 2023 Legislative Guidelines

6. 2850 West Bayshore [22PLN-00364]: Approval of Final Map for a single-lot subdivision for condominium purposes for 48 attached townhome condominiums. Environmental Assessment: Exempt per CEQA Guidelines Section 15332. Zoning District: ROLM (Research, Office, and Manufacturing).

7. Approval of Fourth Amendment to Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program Memorandum of Agreement

8. Adopt a **Resolution 10097** Expressing Concern for Public Safety and Urging State and Federal Action on Firearms in Sensitive Places.

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9. Acceptance of \$2,000,000 from the Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2022, Awarded by the Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for Assistance Related to North County TRUST (Trusted Response Urgent Support Team), an Alternative Response Pilot Program; Approval of a Contract with Momentum for Health for Assistance Related to North County TRUST with a Total Contract Amount Not to Exceed \$1,931,706; and Approval of the Related Budget Amendment in the General Fund. CEQA status – not a project. Public Comments

10. Approve Amendment of Seven On-call Consulting Contracts to Increase the Not to Exceed to \$3 Million Through June 2024 to Provide Expertise for Long Range Planning Projects, Application Processing, Historic and Environmental Review in the Department of Planning & Development Services, With all Work Subject to Assigned Task Order and Availability of Funds; Environmental Assessment: Exempt in Accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

## CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

## ACTION ITEMS

11. Approval of the following: 1) Contract with Flock Safety (S23187316) for Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Implementation for a three-year term in an amount not to exceed \$174,400; 2) ALPR Surveillance Use Policy; and 3) Budget amendment in the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services fund;

**MOTION:** Council Member Tanaka moved, seconded by Mayor Kou to:

- A. Approve a 3 years contract with flock Safety to implement fixed ALPR technology, in an amount not to exceed \$174,400
- B. Approve the use of Fixed ALPR technology to deter and investigate criminal activity
- C. Approve the fixed ALPR Surveillance use policy
- D. Amend the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Appropriation for the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) by
  - a. Increasing SLESF Contract Services expense appropriation by \$61,900, and
  - b. Decreasing the ending fund balance by \$61,900.
- E. Staff to return to Council one year after implementation for review and determination for continuation
- F. Refer to Policy and Services discussion if the program should also be reviewed by City Auditor, IPA or other party
- G. Limit the access to sworn officers, dispatchers and comparable positions

**MOTION PASSED: 7-0**

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12. Parks and Recreation Commission Recommend Adoption of a Park Dedication Ordinance to Dedicate the 10-acre Measure E site as Parkland. CEQA status – not a project. Public Comments

**MOTION:** Council Member Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Lythcott-Haims to City Council to

- A. Direct staff to return with analysis on scope and timeframe to evaluate other environmental technology and facilities on a portion of the Measure E site and/or other lands.
- B. Direct staff to return to Council with a proposal to evaluate a minimum buffer size to support a wildlife corridor connecting Renzel Marsh to the Baylands Harbor marsh through the Measure E site.

**MOTION PASSED 6-1, Kou no**

13. Update, Discussion, and Potential Direction regarding State and Federal Legislation

**ACTION: None taken**

COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.