



# CITY COUNCIL DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

Regular Meeting  
September 18, 2023

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:

## Special Orders of the Day

1. Appointment of Candidates for the Architectural Review Board

### **First round of voting for Architectural Review Board one (1) partial term ending 3/31/2024:**

Alex Lew - Burt, Kou

John Kunz - Tanaka

**Mausam Adcock - Lauing, Stone, Veenker, Lythcott-Haims**

Naveen Govind -

Sam Zucker -

Stephen Sun -

**Candidate Mausam Adcock receiving 4 votes is appointed to a partial term expiring March 31, 2024.**

## Consent Calendar

2. Approval of Minutes from September 5, 2023 Meeting
3. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Lease Agreement Between the City of Palo Alto and the County of Santa Clara (Contract No. 1557819) at 2000 Geng Road for Safe Parking to Extend the Term for Three Years; Prioritize Local Populations; and Clarify City's Landscaping Duties; CEQA Status – categorically exempt.
4. Approval of Construction Contract C24187742 with OBS Engineering Inc., in the Amount Not-to-Exceed \$383,400 for Cameron Park Improvements, Capital Improvement Project

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PG-14002; Authorization of Contract Contingency in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$38,340 for Related, Additional but Unforeseen Work Which May Develop During the Project; and Approval of a Budget Amendment in the Capital Improvement Fund; CEQA status - Categorically exempt per regulation 15301 (existing facilities).

5. Approve the Appointment of Caio A. Arellano to the Position of Chief Assistant City Attorney; CEQA Status- not a project.

Council Member Tanaka registered a no vote on Agenda Item Number 3.

**MOTION:** Mayor Kou moved, seconded by Council Member Veenker to approve Agenda Item Numbers 2-5.

**MOTION PASSED ITEMS 2, 4-5: 7-0**

**MOTION PASSED ITEM 3: 6-1, Tanaka no**

## Action Items

6. PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of Resolution to Establish a New Priority Development Area (PDA) in South Palo Alto and Support for the Nomination of one Parcel as a Priority Site. Environmental Assessment: Not a 'Project' and Exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Review.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Stone moved, seconded by Council Member Lythcott-Haims to:

1. Adopt a Resolution (Attachment A) designating a new Priority Development Area in South Palo Alto, named the Bayshore Alma San Antonio (BASA) Priority Development Area; and,
2. Support the nomination of one property as a Priority Site located at 3200 Park Blvd., as reflected in Attachment B; and,
3. Direct staff to include San Antonio Corridor neighborhood outreach upon the initiation of the Concept Plan.

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

7. LEGISLATIVE: Adopt an Ordinance Amending Planned Community 2343 zoning for 2901-2905 Middlefield Road and Adopt an Ordinance Establishing a new Planned Community Zoning Designation to Enable the Development of a new Single-Story, Single-Family Residence on 702 Ellsworth Place.

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**MOTION:** Council Member Burt moved, seconded by Mayor Kou to continue this Item to a date uncertain, with the main motion discussed tonight on the table, and with direction to staff to attempt to resolve the package delivery issue.

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

8. Public Hearing: Adoption of a Resolution Approving Capped-Price Winter Natural Gas Purchases for Winter 2023-24 and Amending the FY 2024 Gas Fund Budget to Fund These Purchases; Amending the Gas Utility Long-term Plan Objectives, Strategies and Implementation Plan; and Amending Rate Schedules G-1 (Residential Gas Service), G-2 (Residential Master-Metered and Commercial Gas Service), G-3 (Large Commercial Gas Service), and G-10 (Compressed Natural Gas Service); CEQA status: not a project under Public Resources Code 15378(b)(5) and exempt under Public Resources Code 15273(a)

**MOTION:** Council Member Burt moved, seconded by Council Member Lythcott-Haims to adopt a resolution (Attachment A):

1. Implementing capped-price winter natural gas purchases for winter 2023-24 with a maximum commodity rate impact of 15 cents per therm;
2. Amending the FY 2024 Budget Appropriation in the Gas Fund (requires 2/3 approval) by:
  - a. Increasing the Gas Operating Budget for Commodity Purchases by \$2,000,000; and
  - b. Increasing the Gas Operating Retail revenue estimate by \$2,000,000
3. Amending the Gas Utility Long-term Plan (GULP) Objectives, Strategies and Implementation Plan (Attachment B) to implement the capped-price winter gas purchases intended to manage potential winter 2023 gas price spikes; and
4. Amending Rate Schedules G-1 (Residential Gas Service), G-2 (Residential Master-Metered and Commercial Gas Service), G-3 (Large Commercial Gas Service), and G-10 (Compressed Natural Gas Service) (Attachment C), effective November 1, 2023.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 P.M.

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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.