



CITY COUNCIL DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting
February 27, 2023

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: Kou, Lauing, Lythcott-Haims, Stone, Tanaka, Veenker

Present Remotely: Burt

Absent: None

Special Orders of the Day

1. Proclamations to Community Leaders in Honor of Black History Month

Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

Public Comment

Consent Calendar

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

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

2. Approval of Minutes from the February 13, 2023 City Council Meeting
3. Adoption of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Fire Chiefs Association; CEQA Status - Not a project
4. Approval of Construction Contract with O'Grady Paving, Inc. (#C23186898) in the Amount of \$2,509,460 and Authorization for the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute Change Orders up to a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$250,946 for the Fiscal Year 2023 Street Resurfacing Project, Capital Improvement Program Projects Street

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Maintenance PE-86070 and Storm Drainage System Replacement and Rehabilitation SD-06101; CEQA status—exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15301(c)

5. Appointments of 2023 Emergency Standby Council

MOTION PASSED ITEM 3: 6-1, Tanaka no

MOTION PASSES ITEMS 2, 4, 5: 7-0

City Manager Comments

Action Items

6. PUBLIC HEARING: Objections to Weed Abatement and Adoption of a Resolution Ordering Weed Nuisance Abated; CEQA status – exempt (Class 8, 14 CCR section 15308) (6:00 – 6:20 PM)

MOTION: Council Member Lythcott-Haims moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Stone to approve the final list of affected properties for weed abatement in 2023 following the public hearing, and direct weed abatement activities to commence at those properties in accordance with Resolution 10087.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

7. Parks and Recreation Commission Recommendation to Adopt an Ordinance Amending PAMC Section 22.04.220 to Regulate Electric Bicycles and Electric Coasting Devices in Parks and Open Spaces

ORIGINAL MOTION: Council Member Lauing moved, seconded by Mayor Kou to:

- A. Adopted **Ordinance 5575** to adopt an amendment to PAMC 22.04.220 to regulate electric bicycles and electric coasting devices 1 in City parks and open spaces
- B. Support the updated parks and open space regulation R1-18 and R1-37 to regulate electric bicycles and electric coasting devices
- C. Refer to staff for consideration for all bikes in Baylands and Arastradero Preserves:
 1. Reduction of speed limit
 2. Whether and where to restrict bicycle and horse access

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3. Add bike racks at trail heads to the open space where lacking
- D. Evaluation of a streamlined accessibility waiver for seniors to be able to obtain a permit to utilize Class-1 electric bikes on unpaved roads that are at least 15 feet wide and routinely used by motorized service vehicles in the Baylands and Arastradero Preserve

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Council Member Lythcott-Haims moved, seconded by Council Member Tanaka to:

- A. Adopt an amendment to PAMC 22.04.220 to regulate electric bicycles and electric coasting devices 1 in City parks and open spaces
- B. Direct staff to update the Parks and recreation parks and open space regulations to allow electric bikes on trails 12 feet or wider at the Baylands And Arastradero Preserve with a speed limit of 10 MPH

MOTION FAILED: 3-4 Kou, Lauing, Stone, Veenker no

ORIGINAL MOTION SPLIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING

MOTION: Council Member Lauing moved, seconded by Mayor Kou to:

- A. Adopt an amendment to PAMC 22.04.220 to regulate electric bicycles and electric coasting devices 1 in City parks and open spaces
- B. Support the updated parks and open space regulation R1-18 and R1-37 to regulate electric bicycles and electric coasting devices
- C. Refer to staff for consideration for all bikes in Baylands and Arastradero Preserves:
 2. Whether and where to restrict bicycle and horse access in the Baylands and Arastradero Open Space Preserve

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

MOTION: Council Member Lauing moved, seconded by Mayor Kou to:

- C. Refer to staff for consideration for all bikes in Baylands and Arastradero Preserves:
 1. Reduction of speed limit

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3. Add bike racks at trail heads to the open space where lacking

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

MOTION: Council Member Lauing moved, seconded by Mayor Kou to:

D. Evaluation of a streamlined accessibility waiver for seniors to be able to obtain a permit to utilize Class-1 electric bikes on unpaved roads that are at least 15 feet wide and routinely used by motorized service vehicles in the Baylands and Arastradero Preserve

MOTION FAILED: 3-4 Veenker, Lauing, Stone, Kou no

The Council took a break from 9:26 to until 9:35 pm and re-ordered the remaining agenda items hearing item 9, then item 8.

9. Rescheduled Item from February 6, 2023: Professional Services Agreement with Townsend Public Affairs Contract

MOTION: Mayor Kou moved, seconded by Council Member Burt to:

1. Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Townsend Public Affairs to perform state and fed leg advocacy services and grant support and compliance services in an amount not to exceed \$186,000 for State and Federal Legislative Advocacy Services and Grant Consulting for a period of one (1) year period with options to renew for four periods of one year each
2. Establish an ad hoc committee directed toward legislative matters
3. Develop a scope of services and contract structure for the City's grant plan and to address the City's legislative workplan
 - a) Explore incentives in year two for achievement of specific milestones if the contract is renewed

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

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8. Discussion and Possible Revision to 2023 Standing Committee Topics (Continued from February 13, 2023 agenda)

MOTION: Council Member Lauing moved, seconded by Council Member Veenker to continue Item 8.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

Council Member Questions, Comments and Announcements

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 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.