



CITY COUNCIL DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting
Monday, March 06, 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 PM.

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

Present Remotely: None

Absent: None

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Adopt Resolution Honoring Roland Rivera for 21 years of service to the City of Palo Alto

ACTION: Council Adopted Resolution Honoring Roland Rivera.

2. Select Applicants for Interviews for Board and Commission Openings on the Historic Resources Board, Human Relations Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning and Transportation Commission, Utilities Advisory Commission.

MOTION: Council Member Tanaka moved, seconded by Council Member Lythcott-Haims to use the established list of candidates and allow Council Members to submit to the City Clerk by Wednesday the candidates they wish to interview, and have it placed on the next agenda as an action item for discussion, according to the following votes per Council Member per opening, and agendize at the next opportunity an ordinance to increase the size of the HRC from 5 to 7 members:

HRB – 3 openings, all

HRC – 2 openings, all

PRC – 4 openings, 6 votes each

PTC – 3 openings, 5 votes each

UAC – 4 openings, 6 votes each

APPROVED: 7-0

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CLOSED SESSION

3. 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, 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)

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

APPROVED: 7-0

The Council Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:04 PM.

The Council reconvened the meeting at 7:52 PM.

STUDY SESSION

4. Comprehensive Status Update and Long-Range Planning Discussion on the Palo Alto Airport

ACTION: No action taken.

AGENDA CHANGES, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Tanaka registered a No vote on Items 5, 7.

MOTION: Mayor Kou moved, seconded by Council Member Stone to approve the Consent Calendar Items 5-9.

MOTION SPLIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING

PASSED ITEMS 6, 8, 9: 7-0

PASSED ITEMS 5 & 7: 6-1, Tanaka No

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5. Approval of Contract Number C23186274 With Monterey Mechanical Co. in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$1,500,000 to Provide On-Call Emergency and Critical Construction Services at the Regional Water Quality Control Plant - Wastewater Treatment Fund Capital Improvement Program Project WQ-19002; CEQA status—exempt under CEQA Guidelines sections 15301(b)
6. Approval of Construction Contract with L.D. Strobel Co., Inc. (C23186775) in the amount of \$414,486 and Authorization for Change Orders up to a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$41,449 for the Purchase and Installation of Radio Antennas for the Public Safety Building Capital Improvement Program Project (PE-15001); CEQA: Environmental Impact Report for the PSB and the New California Avenue Area Parking Garage (Resolution No. 9772).
7. Approval of a Purchase Order with Badger Meter, Inc. in the Amount of \$3,000,000 for FY 2023 to Purchase Additional Badger Water Meters and Registers for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project; CEQA Status – Exempt (existing facility)
8. Adopt a Park Improvement Ordinance to Allow Construction in Greer Park to Replace a Private Sewer Connection from the 2850 W. Bayshore Housing Development; CEQA status – Class 32 infill exempt Supplemental Report
9. Adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16.52 (Flood Hazard Regulations) to Correct an Error in Ordinance 5566. Environmental Assessment: Not a Project.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

The Council adjourned for a break from 9:55 – 10:00 PM.

ACTION ITEMS

10. Adopt Emergency (4/5ths vote required) and Standard Ordinances Prohibiting Possession of Firearms in Sensitive Places Recognized by the Supreme Court; Potential Direction to Staff to Develop an Ordinance Further Expanding the List of Sensitive Places; CEQA Status – Exempt Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

MOTION: Council Member Veenker moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Stone to:

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1. Adopt an emergency ordinance prohibiting the carrying of firearms in sensitive places recognized by the Supreme Court.
2. Adopt a standard ordinance prohibiting the carrying of firearms in sensitive places recognized by the Supreme Court, with the inclusion of other governmental properties, with their authorization.
3. Direct staff to return with a draft resolution stating that the City of Palo Alto is deeply concerned for the safety of its residents given the epidemic of gun violence in our county, state, and country, and but for recent Supreme Court and other court decisions that substantially reduce the City's ability to ban firearms more broadly, the City of Palo Alto would prohibit firearms in a broader range of places, and the City calls on state and federal officials to do all they can to address this issue and broaden the list of sensitive places where firearms may be prohibited.
4. Direct the City's legislative activity team to support SB 2.
5. Direct the City Attorney to monitor the evolution of caselaw and evaluate legal risks and options, and to make recommendations to Council from time to time regarding additional sensitive places where firearms can be prohibited.
6. Adopt a determination that this project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

PASSED: 7-0

COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 PM.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk

Mayor

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