



# CITY OF PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting  
December 9, 2015

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 5:02 P.M.

Present: Berman, DuBois, Filseth, Holman, Scharff, Schmid arrived at 5:08 P.M., Wolbach

Absent: Burt, Kniss

## Closed Session

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
City Designated Representatives: City Manager and his Designees Pursuant to Merit System Rules and Regulations (James Keene, Molly Stump, Suzanne Mason, Dania Torres Wong, Alison Hauk)  
Employee Organizations: Palo Alto Police Officers Association (PAPOA); Palo Alto Police Managers' Association (PAPMA); Palo Alto Fire Chiefs' Association (FCA); International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), Local 1319; Service Employees International Union, (SEIU) Local 521; Management, Professional and Confidential Employees; Utilities Management and Professional Association of Palo Alto (UMPAPA)  
Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6(a).

**MOTION:** Council Member Wolbach moved, seconded by Council Member DuBois to go into Closed Session.

**MOTION PASSED:** 7-0 Burt, Kniss absent

Council went into Closed Session at 5:11 P.M.

Council returned from Closed Session at 6:04 P.M.

Mayor Holman announced no reportable action.

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## Study Session

1a. Infrastructure Plan Implementation Update.

Council Member Berman left the meeting at 7:12 P.M.

## Action Items

2. Comprehensive Plan Update: Comprehensive Plan Structure and Goals/Vision Statements for Each Element and Related Issues (Part IV: Natural Resources, Safety, and Business & Economics).

Council took a break from 7:44 P.M. to 7:50 P.M.

**MOTION:** Mayor Holman moved, seconded by Council Member Scharff to have Safety as a separate Element in the Comprehensive Plan.

**MOTION PASSED:** 6-0 Berman, Burt, Kniss absent

**MOTION:** Council Member Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member DuBois to adopt the existing Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement for the Natural Environment Element.

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion, "and Goals" after "Vision Statement" and add at the end of the Motion, "and add a Goal of Climate Change and Adaptation."

**AMENDMENT:** Council Member Wolbach moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to the Motion, "with Staff to add language to the Vision Statement based upon Council Member comments on April 27, 2015:

A. Add language on "conservation" in the Vision Statement; and

B. Add language to maintain sustainable water supply for the future; and

C. Add language on Climate change adaptation and implementation.

**AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN BY THE MAKER**

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**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to remove from the Motion, "and Goals" and "add a Goal of Climate Change and Adaptation."

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion, "to remove the last sentence of the Vision Statement, "the City will be well prepared for natural disasters and will grow and change in a way that minimizes public exposure to hazards like fire, flood, and earthquake."

**AMENDMENT:** Mayor Holman moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to the Motion, "add ecosystems to the Vision Statement."

**AMENDMENT FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND**

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion, "with Staff to add language to the Vision Statement based upon Council Member comments on April 27, 2015, add bullet point 4, 'add language to maintain sustainable water supply for the future.'"

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion, "and bullet point 5, 'add language on climate change adaptation and implementation.'"

**MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED:** 6-0 Berman, Burt, Kniss absent

Council Member Scharff left the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

**MOTION:** Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Wolbach to adopt the existing Goals and organization in the Natural Environment Element with the addition of a Goal of Climate Change and Adaptation, moving Goals on Natural Hazards (Goal N-2), and Hazardous Waste (Goal N-6), and Solid Waste (Goal N-7) to the Safety Element and updating the Goal of Noise (Goal N-8) to include airplane noise.

**AMENDMENT:** Vice Mayor Schmid moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to the Motion, "Council will have either a Policy or Program following the approval of the 2016 Urban Water Management Plan on Goal N-4."

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**AMENDMENT RESTATED:** Vice Mayor Schmid moved, seconded by Council Member DuBois to add to the Motion, "Council will send to the Comprehensive Plan Update Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) either a Policy or Program following the approval of the 2016 Urban Water Management Plan on Goal N-4 (Water Resources)."

**SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT:** Council Member Wolbach moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to the Motion, "Council encourages the CAC to consider Policies and Programs relating to Goal N-4 (Water Resources), with Council to revisit after approval of the Urban Water Management Plan."

**SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND**

**AMENDMENT PASSED:** 5-0 Berman, Burt, Kniss, Scharff absent

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion, "and add language to Goal N-1 (Open Space) that includes Protects and Conserves Palo Alto Open Space, Natural and Urban Habits and protects our Ecosystems and Natural Resources."

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion, "add reclaimed and recycled water to Goal N-4 (Water Resources)."

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to change direction regarding "Airplane Noise, Reclaimed and Recycled Water" to "direct the CAC to explore Policies and Programs relating to airplane noise, reclaimed and recycled water."

**MOTION RESTATED:** Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Wolbach to adopt existing the Goals and organization in the Natural Environment Element with the addition of a Goal of Climate Change and Adaption, moving Goals on Natural Hazards and Hazardous Waste, and Solid Waste to the Safety Element. Council will send to the CAC either a Policy or Program following the approval of the 2016 Urban Water Management Plan on Goal N-4, and add language to Goal N-1 that includes protects and conserves Palo Alto Open Space, Natural and Urban Habits and protects our Ecosystems and Natural Resources. And Direct the CAC to explore Policies and Programs relating to airplane noise, reclaimed and recycled water.

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**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion, "and Salvage."

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion, "and climate adaptation."

**MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED:** 5-0 Berman, Burt, Kniss, Scharff absent

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Schmid moved, seconded by Mayor Holman to add to Goal N-10 (Natural Hazards), a Policy N-52A, Support Regional Efforts on Improving Bay Levees.

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion, "in the Safety Element to include references to other Elements as appropriate."

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion, "the Safety Element should reflect protection and respect for civil rights, civil liberties, and privacy."

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion, "emphasize a safe and secure water supply."

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion, "safety from dangerous climate impacts, such as, but not limited to sea level rise and fire risk."

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion, "the Safety Element will include emergency preparation and coordination with citizens."

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion, "protection from outside threat or terrorism."

**AMENDMENT:** Council Member Wolbach moved, seconded by Council Member XX to replace in the Motion, "terrorism" with "small and large scale human threats."

**AMENDMENT FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND**

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**MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED:** 5-0 Berman, Burt, Kniss, Scharff absent

**MOTION:** Council Member Filseth moved, seconded by Council Member Wolbach to use the original Vision Statement for the Business Element.

**AMENDMENT:** Council Member DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Filseth to add to the Motion, "replace sentence 3 of the Vision Statement with, 'the competing needs of residents and businesses will be prioritized so that neighborhoods are protected from increased traffic, parking intrusion, noise, and pollution, while business districts are competitive and attractive.'"

**INCORPORATED INTO THE AMENDMENT WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to replace in the Amendment, "increased traffic" with "traffic impacts."

**AMENDMENT AS AMENDED PASSED:** 5-0 Berman, Burt, Kniss, Scharff absent

**MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED:** 5-0 Berman, Burt, Kniss, Scharff absent

**MOTION:** Council Member Filseth moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Schmid to adopt the current Goals and organization for the Business and Economic Element.

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion, "Modify Goal B-3 (Growth) to adopt policies that moderate the pace of jobs growth, with priority to businesses that provide needed local services and municipal revenues, contribute to economic vitality and enhance the City's physical environment:

- A. Request Staff provide the CAC comparative impacts of business types on City revenue generation, and to consider revenue sources as part of their discussion; and
- B. Cross reference Growth Management Strategies from the Land Use Element."

**AMENDMENT:** Vice Mayor Schmid moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to the Motion, "replace Policy B-9 in Goal B-3 with "the City

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recognizes that economic growth, especially greater tax revenues for the community are an important goal."

## **AMENDMENT FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND**

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion, "direct CAC and Staff to consider Policies and Programs to promote business development and employer partnerships to significantly mitigate impacts of job growth including but not limited to parking, housing, and traffic."

**AMENDMENT:** Council Member Filseth moved, seconded by Mayor Holman to replace in the Motion, "moderate" with "manage."

**AMENDMENT FAILED:** 3-2 DuBois, Schmid no, Berman, Burt, Kniss, Scharff absent

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion, "to direct Staff to replace Goal B-2 (Diversity) with 'the City's business policies, culture of innovation, balanced economic goals and diverse local and regional serving businesses combine to stimulate and support viable business opportunities.'"

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion, "commercial, retail, and professional service" after "support viable."

**MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED:** 5-0 Berman, Burt, Kniss, Scharff absent

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 P.M.