



City of East Palo Alto MINUTES

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING - 7:30 P.M.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017
EPA Government Center
2415 University Ave, First Floor - City Council Chamber
East Palo Alto, CA 94303**

**MAYOR:
LARRY J. MOODY**

**VICE MAYOR:
RUBEN ABRICA**

**COUNCILMEMBERS:
LISA GAUTHIER, CARLOS ROMERO, DONNA RUTHERFORD**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Moody called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

PRESENT: Moody, Abrica, Gauthier, Romero, Rutherford

ABSENT: None.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Gauthier and seconded by Councilmember Romero, the City Council **unanimously voted 5-0** to approve the Agenda.

AYES: Gauthier, Romero, Moody, Abrica, Rutherford

NOES: None.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

There was no public comment.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Gauthier and seconded by Councilmember Rutherford, the City Council **voted 5-0** to approve the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Gauthier, Rutherford, Moody, Abrica, Romero
NOES: None.

- A. Authorize the Mayor to send a letter in support of SB1 and AB1 to the State Senate Environmental Quality Committee and the Assembly Transportation Committee**
(Carlos Martínez, City Manager)

The City Council approved Motion Order #17-007.

B. Adopt a resolution:

- 1) Authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the construction contract with Breneman Inc. in an amount of \$20,223.77 for a new total amount of \$220,904.72 for a new arch swing at Jack Farrell Park; and**
- 2) Authorizing the City Manger to execute change orders in an amount not-to-exceed the appropriated construction contingency of \$20,000.**

(Sean Charpentier, Assistant City Manager, Kamal Fallaha, Public Works Director, and Tiffany Deng, Assistant Engineer)

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 4825.

- C. By motion, approve the minutes of the City Council special and regular meetings of January 17, 2017, January 21, 2017, and February 4, 2017**
(Terrie Gillen, Deputy City Clerk)

The City Council approved Motion Order #17-008.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS *(Government Code §54954.3(b))*

- A. Positive Coaches Alliance** presented by **Brian Watson**, Executive Director, **Sean Carscadden**, Partnership Manager, and **Anthony Johnson**, President of Ravenswood Elementary

The Mayor introduced Positive Coaches Alliance (PCA) and reflected on the history of PCA's involvement with the City of East Palo Alto for youth development. Mr. Watson provided the City Council information about PCA's programs and strategies to work with youth, parents, coaches, and other community partners.

B. San Mateo County Grand Jury presented by Judge Leland Davis, Judge Raymond Swope, Foreperson Jason Wacha, and Foreperson Pro Tem Kati Martin

Foreperson Wacha introduced the judges and Ms. Martin, then he explained the purpose and role of the Grand Jury. Together with the City Council, Mr. Wacha, Judge Davis, and Judge Swope conversed on how to recruit more diverse jurors.

6. ORAL REPORTS

A. Report Out of Special Meeting Closed Session

There was no report out, because there was no Closed Session.

B. Staff Reports

- **Assistant City Manager Charpentier** provided the City Council the San Francisquito Creek rain updates. Members of the City Council thanked the staff.
- **Chief Pardini** reported that his officers were on duty to assist with the monitoring of the creek, that some of his officers participated in a basketball competition with the community, and that there was a positive article about the Police Department's partnership with the community.

C. City Council Reports

- **Councilmember Rutherford** mentioned her attendance at the San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control Board meeting and at the Santa Clara Water District meeting.
- **Councilmember Gauthier** commented on the rain, yet needed water was being released.
- **Vice Mayor Abrica** announced that Comite Latino were hosting monthly meetings regarding immigration.
- **Mayor Moody** reported that he attended Eastside Prep School's Speaker Series in recognition of Black History month; announced an event on February 25th regarding a panel discussion on youth development strategies for today's youth; mentioned that Pastor Paul Bains (Project WeHOPE) would be honored in Palo Alto for his services to the community; and recognized Nora Sobolov (Job Train) for her to speak about the Economic Opportunity Awards.

7. **COMMUNITY FORUM**

There were three speakers. Some of the topics mentioned were about the Senior Center, Inc., violation of the Brown Act, and cell towers.

8. **INFORMATIONAL REPORT – None.**

9. **PUBLIC HEARING – None.**

10. **POLICY AND ACTION REPORTS**

A. Implementation of First Source Hiring Policy at University Square (2100 University Ave.)

(Sean Charpentier, Assistant City Manager)

Recommendation

Adopt a resolution approving an alternative Good Faith Effort definition for compliance with the First Source Hiring Policy for 2100 University Ave., DBA University Square.

Assistant City Manager Charpentier reported on why the City Council should approve the recommendation, included in his report was the City’s First Source Hiring Policy and Amazon’s employee recruitment policy. John Sobrato (Developer), and Brian Winter (Attorney at Amazon) advocated for the support of the recommendation.

There were four (4) speakers from the public.

The City Council and Staff discussed matching jobs with the residents, the Re-entry program, impacts of new residents, the City’s First Source Hiring versus Amazon’s alternative “Good Faith Effort,” the question of whether Sobrato or Amazon are doing the hiring, and a timeline of why this agenda item needed to be discussed at this moment.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Mayor Abrica and seconded by Councilmember Gauthier, four (4) of the City Council members **voted in support** to approve the recommendation. One (1) Councilmember abstained.

AYES: Abrica, Gauthier, Moody, Romero

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Rutherford

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 4826.

B. Fiscal Year 2016-17 General Fund Budget Amendments

(Brenda Olwin, Finance Director)

Recommendation

Adopt a resolution approving the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 Adopted General Fund Budget.

Finance Director Olwin shared with the City Council the City's revenues and expenditures, including garbage fees, capital maintenance studies, General Fund Reserves, volatile revenues, and CalPERS.

In addition to what was mentioned above, the City Council and Ms. Olwin had an in depth conversation regarding the City Attorney's legal fees, CIP Budget, internal reserves, earmarking funds, possible Study Session on how reserve funds shall be placed, and job sharing.

There were no speakers from the public.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Rutherford and seconded by Vice Mayor Abrica, the City Council **voted 5-0** to adopt the resolution.

AYES: Abrica, Rutherford, Moody, Gauthier, Romero

NOES: None.

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 4827.

C. Appointing City Council Member to Boards and Committees

(Carlos Martínez, City Manager)

Recommendation

By motion, approve the assignment of Council members to various Boards and Committees.

Mayor Moody expressed that he was trying to share and balance the work load of City Council committee assignments and asked the City Council to comment on his proposed assignments' list. Thereafter, the City Council discussed their current committees and whether or not they would like to continue or remove themselves from it, and whether or not they could participate in the new proposed assignments.

The following changes were made to the proposed City Council assignments:

Vice Mayor Abrica was removed from the San Mateo County Library JPA, and Councilmember Rutherford would remain in the San Mateo County Library JPA.

Councilmember Gauthier removed herself from the Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) Committee, because both the PCE and C/CAG met at the same time. Councilmember Romero was delegated to ABAG and he would be the alternate at the PCE.

The Rent Stabilization Ordinance Committee was removed.

The Immigration Ad Hoc Committee was added to the list, so both Vice Mayor Abrica and Councilmember Romero would be serving on that.

There were no speakers from the public.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Gauthier and seconded by Mayor Moody, the City Council **voted 5-0** to approve the recommendation with the above changes discussed at the meeting.

AYES: Gauthier, Moody, Abrica, Romero, Rutherford
NOES: None.

The City Council approved Motion Order #17-009.

Before adjournment, Mayor Moody announced that the Water Strategy Update Study Session scheduled for March 1, 2017, had been scheduled for another date not yet determined.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 11:24 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared, and Respectfully Submitted By:



Terrie Gillen, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

Minutes were approved at the regular City Council meeting on March 7, 2017.