



City of East Palo Alto

Mission Statement

The City of East Palo Alto provides responsive, respectful, and efficient public services to enhance the quality of life and safety for our multi-cultural community.

ACTION MINUTES

By: *Minette Warren*

REGULAR JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

TUESDAY, February 15, 2011

Closed Session: 6:00 p.m. Open Meeting - 7:30p.m.

2415 University Ave- First Floor - City Council Chamber

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COMMUNITY FORUM AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: Members of the audience may address the Council on any agenda item or on any item of interest to the public within the Council's purview, before or during the Council's consideration of the item. If you wish to address the Council, please fill out a Speaker Sheet and give it to the City Clerk. When your name is called, step to the podium and state your name and address for the record. Speakers are limited to two minutes each, and presentations are limited to 10 minutes. The Mayor has the discretion to lengthen or shorten the allotted times.

6:00 P.M.

Regular Joint Closed Session

Regular Joint Closed Session Call to Order

Roll Call

Present: Woods, Abrica, Evans, Romero (Martinez-Excused Absence)

1. Approval of the Closed Session Agenda (Government Code § 54957.7(a))

Motion: Action/Second: Abrica/Woods Vote: 4-0

2. Joint Closed Session Community Forum

3. Adjournment into Closed Session

**4. Personnel Matters
City Attorney Contract**

5. Potential / Pending Litigation

- a. Peninsula Care Givers Collective (*Vincent C. Ewing, City Attorney*)
- b. DKB Homes (*Carlos Martinez, RDA Division Manager, Karen Tiedemann, RDA Agency Counsel*)
- c. Harrassment Claim (*Stephanie Osaze, Interim Assistant City Manager*)

Adjournment

7:30 P.M. REGULAR JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Joint Call to Order

Roll Call

Present: Woods, Abrica, Evans, Romero (Martinez-Excused Absence)

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion/Second: Woods/Abrica Vote: 4-0

7. Employee Recognition (*Stephanie Osaze, Interim Assistant City Manager*)

- a. **New Employee – Alfreda Bracksher (Police Records Clerk, Police Department)**

- b. **Over 20 Years of Public Service Employee Awards**

	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
1	Emmanuel Jaluague	20
2	Kasum Lal	20
3	John Norden	20
4	Salani Wendt	20
5	John Chalmers	21
6	Stephanie Washington	21
7	Roderick Norris	22
8	Paul Norris	24
9	Alofi Teo	24
10	Meda Okelo	25
11	Renaldo Rhodes	26
12	Russell Averhart	27

- 13. **4102-Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept, appropriate and create budget for a \$244,649 grant from the Bay Trail program for Cooley Landing** *(Lily Lee, Cooley Landing Project Manager, Office of the City Manager)*
- 14. **Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to award a contract to The Davey Tree Expert, to provide tree trimming and tree removal services in the public right of way, city parks, and on the ground of city owned properties** *(Jay Farr, Maintenance Division Manager, Public Works Department)* **(Continued to 03-01-11 Council Meeting)**
- 15. **Proclamation: Black History Month** *(Meda Okelo, Community Services Director, Community Services Department)*

Item 15 - MOTION/SECOND: Wodos/Abrica VOTE: 4-0
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Recommendation: That Council Approve All Items on the Consent Calendar

The Consent Calendar; and, Items 16-19 may be addressed during Community Forum only, unless otherwise approved by Council

16. Written Communications:

- a. **Correspondence from US Army Corp or Engineers** *(Brent Butler, Planning Division Manager, Planning Division)*
- b. **San Francisco Public Utilities (SFPU) Update on Mitigation Surrounding the Bay Tunnel and Reliability Project** – *SFPUC Staff and Brent Butler, Planning Manager Planning Division*
- c. **Letter regarding City’s Involvement in “Streets Alive”** *(Meda Okelo, Community Services Director, Community Services Department)*

17. Special Presentations (Each presentation is limited to 10 minutes) (Government Code § 54954.3(b)):

- a. Peninsula Stroke Association Information *(Rezvan Moghaddam, Executive Director, Peninsula Stroke Association)*

Oral Reports

18. Reports Out of Closed Session *(Vincent C. Ewing, City Attorney)*

19. Staff Reports

- a. Proposed Measure “C” Consultant Timelines *(Dr. Peter Ellis, Community Crime Prevention Association CCPA)*

20. City Council/Redevelopment Agency Reports

21. Community Forum

Public Hearings

- 22. **Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration determination and Zone Change to create Cooley Landing Park** (*Brad Tarr, Senior Planner, Planning Division and Lily Lee, Cooley Landing Project Manager, Office of the City Manager*)

Recommendation:

Open the Public Hearing **Motion/Second: Abrica/Woods Vote: 4-0**
 Take Testimony
 Close the Public Hearing, and: **Motion/Second: Abrica/Woods Vote: 4-0**
 Adopt a resolution to certify the Mitigated Negative Declaration determination and approve a zone change for the Cooley Landing Park project

4103-Negative Declaration - **Motion/Second: Abrica/Woods Vote: 4-0**
4104-Zone Change - **Motion/Second: Woods/Abrica Vote: 4-0**

- 23. **Adopt the Amendments to the draft 2010 Housing Element** (*Brent Butler, Planning Division Manager*).

Recommendation:

Open the Public Hearing **MOTION/SECOND: Abrica/Woods VOTE: 4-0**
 Take Testimony
 Close the Public Hearing, and: **MOTION/SECOND: Abrica/Woods VOTE: 4-0**

Adopt the Amendments to the City's Housing Element (**Amendment to come back as a Public Hearing at the 3/1/2011 Regualr CC RDA Meeting**) with suggested "Threshold" Change to 750 feet

Policy and Action City Council/RDA Resolutions/Ordinance-First Readings, Informational Reports/ Approval Actions

RDA

Item 24 was discussed before items 22 and 23 upon Approval of Meeting Agenda

- 24. **Ravenswood Business District/4 Corners Transit Oriented Specific Plan Community Preferred Alternative Adoption.** (*Sean Charpentier, Carlos Martinez, RDA Staff*)

Recommendation: Staff is recommending that the City Council approves a resolution adopting the Community Preferred Alternative (12/13/10) as the basis for the RBD/4 Corners Specific Plan.

(Staff Report given, Council discussed, Item to be Continued to the March 1, 2011 Meeting for Adoption)

25. **Affirming FY 2011-12 Federal grants and appropriations priorities** (Carlos Martinez, Manager, RDA Division)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that Council:

- 1) Review and deliberate on the merits of the attached list of projects or programs, including council member's federal requests and appropriations priorities,
- 2) Rank the list, defining its five or six top priorities, add or delete priorities from the list as council may deem appropriate; and,
- 3) By motion, direct staff to submit a) applications to our federal congressional offices, or b) grant applications to the appropriate department, according to the final list of priority projects or programs affirmed by Council.

Staff presented item, Council accepted report and directed staff

City

26. **Second Reading – Proposed Amendments to City Ordinance 15-83: Purchasing System** (Stephanie Osaze, Interim Assistant City Manager and Brenda Olwin, Interim Finance Director – City Manager's Office, Neelam Naidu, Deputy City Attorney)

Recommendation: That the City Council:

- 1) Approve the Second Reading of the Proposed Amendments to the City Ordinance 15-83 and;
- 2) **4106** - Adopt a Resolution Finding and Determining the Need for Amendments to the Purchasing System (Chapter 2.84); and,
- 3) **Ord. 340-** Adopt an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.84, Purchasing, of Title 2, Administration and Personnel, of the City of East Palo Alto Municipal Code.

27. **Receive, Accept and File the Mid-Year Review of City's General Fund Operating Budget, including Address of the State of City Finances.** (Brenda Olwin, Interim Finance Director, Finance Department)

Recommendation: That the City Council Receive, Accept and File the Mid-Year Review and the address of the state of City Finances

Staff presented item, Council accepted report and directed staff

Let the Record Note that prior to 12:00a.m, Council did take a poll to continue meeting past the 12:00a.m. hour. By unanimous agreement they announced their intent to continue meeting to the public.

28. **ADJOURNMENT: 1: 15a.m.**