



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

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011

Special Joint City Council/RDA Closed Session

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

Medical Marijuana Dispensary Study Session II

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TIME: 8:00 p.m.

EPA Government Center

2415 University Ave - First Floor - City Council Chamber

The public may view the Staff Reports listed herein at the City's Website, www.ci.east-palo-alto.ca.us, under the corresponding agenda located on City Council Agenda/Minutes Page.

5:30 p.m.

SPECIAL JOINT CLOSED SESSION

Special Joint Closed Session Call to Order

Roll Call

PRESENT: ABRICA, WOODS, EVANS, MARTINEZ, ROMERO

1. **Approval of the Special Closed Session Agenda (Government Code § 54954.5)**

ACTION: MOTION/SECOND: ABRICA/WOODS	VOTE: 5-0
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2. **Joint Special Closed Session Community Forum**

3. **Adjournment into Closed Session**

4. **Public Employment (Government Code § 54954.5(e))**
 - a. City Attorney Position
 - b. Interim City Attorney Position
5. **Potential / Pending Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(a))**
DKB Homes (Karen Tiedemann, RDA Counsel)
6. **Property Negotiation (Government Code § 54956.8 Conference with Real Property Negotiator)**
Ravenswood Health Clinic lease extension (Carlos Martinez, RDA Division Manager)

6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION #1–

7. Call to Order

Roll Call

PRESENT: ABRICA, EVANS, WOODS, MARTINEZ, ROMERO

8. **Medical Marijuana Dispensaries** *(City Attorney's Office, Planning Division, Police Department, Panel of Proponents/Opponents)*

Input from Law Enforcement, Proponents, Opponents, and Community Members

- Summary of Study Session #1
- Review the Law Enforcement Analysis
- Panel of Proponents/Opponents for Medical Marijuana Dispensaries
- Interactive dialogue with the community members
- Close Study Session #2
- Provide Direction to Staff:
 1. Further Study;
 2. Regulate; or
 3. Ban

Chief Ronald Davis gave the law enforcement perspective; San Mateo County Deputy District Attorney (ADA) Mary Allhiser gave the prosecutorial perspective as a District Attorney with 25 years experience as such and emphasized she was not representing the District Attorney but offering information on the abuses that can and does occur within the County as she has experience it on a prosecutorial level.

Public Comment was given on this section.

Council deliberated on this section.

A panel of three (3) proponents and two (2) opponents on Marijuana dispensaries and allowance of same in the City of East Palo Alto voiced their opinions on the pros and cons of dispensaries and the use of Medical Marijuana.

There was an announcement that there would be a hearing on an applicant appeal of the proposed dispensary in the city would be held on April 26, 2011.

9. ADJOURNMENT

8:00 P.M. SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Joint Call to Order

Roll Call

PRESENT: ABRICA, EVANS, WOODS, MARTINEZ, ROMERO

10. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: MOTION/SECOND: ABRICA/WOODS VOTE: 5-0

CONSENT CALENDAR - City Council/Redevelopment Agency Ordinances, Resolutions/ Informational Reports/Approval Actions and Motions

None

Oral Reports

11. Staff Reports Out of Closed Session (*Valerie Armento, Interim City Attorney*)

City Attorney reported out: Council provided direction to staff, No Reportable Action

12. City Council/Redevelopment Agency Reports

- a. Measure C Committee Appointments

13. Community Forum

PUBLIC HEARINGS

14. Interim Bicycle Transportation Plan

- 1) Receive report from Staff,
- 2) Open the public hearing by motion,

ACTION: MOTION/SECOND: ABRICA/MARTINEZ VOTE: 5-0

- 3) Receive public testimony,
- 4) Close Public Hearing; and

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Public Works and Transportation Advisory Board and Adopt a Resolution establishing the Bicycle Transportation Plan and find the Bike Plan exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15282, 15301, 15302, 15306, 15311, 15314 and 15322; and Adopt authorize a 10% match to undertake the projects approved by the Bicycle Transportation Account for Grant funding.

ACTION: MOTION/SECOND: WOODS/ABRICA VOTE: 5-0

[Policy and Action RDA Resolutions/Ordinance-First Readings, Informational Reports/ Approval Actions](#)

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15. **City Attorney Recruitment Process** (*M L Gordon, City Manager, Stephanie Osaze, Interim Assistant City Manager/HR Director*)

RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss and provide direction to staff regarding the City Attorney Recruitment Process

Council deliberated and provided direction to staff

16. **Interim City Attorney Process** (*M L Gordon, City Manager, Stephanie Osaze, Interim Assistant City Manager/HR Director*)

RECOMMENDATION:

- a. Adopt a Resolution ratifying and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a temporary Professional Services contract with Valarie Armento to provide Interim City Attorney Services until Council meets to discuss the process for the City Attorney Recruitment and the need and process for an Interim City Attorney; and

ACTION: MOTION/SECOND: ABRICA/WOODS VOTE: 5-0

- b. Discuss and Provide Direction to Staff regarding a process and need for an Interim City Attorney.

ACTION: Council deliberated and provided direction to staff

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

