



POLICY AND SERVICES COMMITTEE ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting
Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Chairperson DuBois called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M. in the Community Meeting Room, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California.

Present: DuBois (Chair), Kniss, Scharff

Absent: Berman

Oral Communications

None.

Agenda Items

2. Directions to Staff Concerning Further Requirements and Restrictions Related to Basement Construction and Dewatering.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Chair DuBois to recommend the City Council direct Staff to:

1. Modify the Pilot Construction Dewatering Program (per the list below) approved by Council (on February 1, 2016), to apply to new applications after adoption (to the extent possible, for the 2017 construction season); and
2. Draft an ordinance codifying and enhancing the Construction Dewatering Program, with a goal of bringing the ordinance to Council in 2017, in order to be in place for projects not having either their Conditions of Approval or Building Permits by July 1, 2017, for the 2018 construction season; and
3. Explore the implementation and incentives for using advanced construction techniques such as cut-off walls.

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AMENDMENT: Chair DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to the Motion "Have Staff evaluate and bring options to Council regarding additional incentives such as the mandatory cone test, allowing a longer construction season if you use a cutoff wall and the idea of a required draw down test."

AMENDMENT FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND

AMENDMENT: Chair Dubois moved, seconded by Council Member XX to add to the Motion "Ask Staff to evaluate the idea of a temporary moratorium with the exception for those that participate in the pilot program."

AMENDMENT FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND

MOTION RESTATED: Vice Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Chair DuBois to recommend the City Council direct staff to:

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MOTION PASSED: 2-1 DuBois no, Berman absent

The Committee took a break from 8:37 P.M. to 8:44 P.M.

1. Discussion and Recommendations for Data Collection and Privacy Policy Guidelines.

MOTION: Chair DuBois moved, seconded by Council Member Kniss to recommend Staff return to the Policy and Services Committee with a

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potential Ordinance that would establish department policies and practices in order to reinforce the protection of individual privacy.

MOTION PASSED: 3-0 Berman absent

3. Discussion and Recommendations for the 2017 City Council Priority Setting Process and Retreat Planning.

NO ACTION TAKEN

Future Meetings and Agendas

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 P.M.