



POLICY AND SERVICES COMMITTEE ACTION MINUTES

Regular Meeting
August 10, 2021
Virtual Only
7:00 PM

The Policy and Services Committee of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in virtual teleconference at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Kou, Stone, Tanaka

Absent:

Committee Member Kou requested that item 2 be taken before item 1.

MOTION: Council Member Kou moved and passed unanimously to reorder the agenda and take item 2 before item 1.

MOTION PASSED: 3-0

Oral Communications

None.

Agenda Items

2. Office of the City Auditor Presentation of the Asset Capitalization Audit Activity Report.

MOTION: Council Member Stone moved, seconded by Council Member Tanaka for the Policy and Services Committee to:

- A. Accept the Asset Capitalization Review report and corresponding recommendations for improvement; and
- B. Forward the Asset Capitalization Review report to City Council on the Consent Calendar.

MOTION PASSED: 3-0

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1. Review and Discuss Proposed Amendments to the Tree Protection Ordinance (Title 8 of Palo Alto Municipal Code) and Recommendation to Council on Potential Amendments to the Ordinance.

MOTION: Chair Kou moved, seconded by Council Member Stone for the Policy and Services Committee to recommend the City Council:

- A. Accept the redline changes to the Tree Ordinance including the ERRATA presented by the resident Ad-Hoc group (Jeff Greenfield, Winter Dellenbach, Karen Holman, and Doria Summa);
- B. Direct Staff to update redline section 8.10.055 (previously 8.10.050(e) 'Tree Replacement') to include a 36 month building moratorium consistent with the staff report recommendation to, "Consider adding additional restrictions for initiating planning or development review after an approved protected tree removal in the absence of (proposed) development";
- C. Accept the recommended Ordinance changes in the staff report to sections 8.04.050(a)(1), 8.10.010, and 8.10.040(b);
- D. Direct Staff to make associated changes required in other code sections chapters to provide clarity and eliminate conflicting or circuitous language, such as:
 - i. Delete language in 18.78.010(a) referring back to 8.10.140;
- E. Evaluate and consider the reallocation within the budget for the position of Urban Forester to Assistant Director level in the Public Works Department;
- F. Discuss and direct Staff on the role of the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) serving as a community forum for urban forestry issues, and advising City Council on matters related to the Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) and other appropriate activities of the Urban Forestry (UF) section;
- G. Policy and Services recommends that Staff forward our recommendations to the Council for consideration in September; and
- H. Direct Staff to explore possible tree planting incentives and programs for the public, as well as providing information accessible to the public regarding the nature of tree species, growth, and other parameters.

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MOTION PASSED: 2-1 Tanaka no

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 P.M.