



CITY OF
**PALO
ALTO**

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Special Meeting

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Council Chambers & Hybrid

5:00 PM

Pursuant to [AB 361](#) Palo Alto City Council meetings will be held as “hybrid” meetings with the option to attend by teleconference/video conference or in person. To maximize public safety while still maintaining transparency and public access, members of the public can choose to participate from home or attend in person. Information on how the public may observe and participate in the meeting is located at the end of the agenda. Masks are strongly encouraged if attending in person. The meeting will be broadcast on Cable TV Channel 26, live on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/c/cityofpaloalto>, and streamed to Midpen Media Center <https://midpenmedia.org>. Commissioner names, biographies, and archived agendas and minutes are available at <http://bit.ly/PaloAltoPTC>.

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Meeting ID: 916 4155 9499 Phone: 1(669)900-6833

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments will be accepted both in person and via Zoom for up to three minutes or an amount of time determined by the Chair. All requests to speak will be taken until 5 minutes after the staff’s presentation. Written public comments can be submitted in advance to Planning.Commission@CityofPaloAlto.org and will be provided to the Commission and available for inspection on the City’s website. Please clearly indicate which agenda item you are referencing in your subject line.

Spokespersons that are representing a group of five or more people who are identified as present at the meeting at the time of the spokesperson's presentation will be allowed up to fifteen (15) minutes at the discretion of the Chair, provided that the non-speaking members agree not to speak individually. The Chair may limit Public Comments to thirty (30) minutes for all combined speakers. The Chair may reduce the allowed time to speak for Study Sessions and Action Items to two (2) minutes or less to accommodate a larger number of speakers.

PowerPoints, videos, or other media to be presented during public comment are accepted only by email to Planning.Commission@CityofPaloAlto.org at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Once received, the Clerk will have them shared at public comment for the specified item. To uphold strong cybersecurity management practices, USB’s or other physical electronic storage devices are not accepted.

TIME ESTIMATES

Listed times are estimates only and are subject to change at any time, including while the meeting is in progress. The Commission reserves the right to use more or less time on any item, to change the order of items and/or to continue items to another meeting. Particular items may be heard before or after the time estimated on the agenda. This may occur in order to best manage the time at a meeting or to adapt to the participation of the public.

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may speak to any item NOT on the agenda. Three (3) minutes per speaker.

AGENDA CHANGES, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

The Chair or Commission majority may modify the agenda order to improve meeting management.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

1. Director's Report, Meeting Schedule and Assignments

STUDY SESSION

Public Comment is Permitted. Three (3) minutes per speaker.

2. LEGISLATIVE STUDY SESSION: Recommendation to City Council Regarding Proposed Amendments to Palo Alto Municipal Code (PAMC) Title 18 (Zoning) Chapter 18.42 (Standards for Special Uses) Section 18.42.160 (Safe Parking) to Permanently Establish the Congregation-Based Safe Parking Program by Allowing Overnight Safe Parking as an Ancillary Use to a Church's and Religious Institution's Use in All Zoning Districts Where Churches and Religious Institutions are Allowed Uses, and Establishing Regulations Related to Safe Parking, Including a Maximum Number of Vehicles Per Night on Each Site. **5:10 PM – 6:40 PM**

JOINT SESSION WITH HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (HRC)

ACTION ITEMS

Public Comment is Permitted. Applicants/Appellant Teams: Fifteen (15) minutes, plus three (3) minutes rebuttal. All others: Five(5) minutes per speaker.

3. LEGISLATIVE ACTION: Recommendation to City Council Regarding Proposed Amendments to Palo Alto Municipal Code (PAMC) Title 18 (Zoning) Chapter 18.42 (Standards for Special Uses) Section 18.42.160 (Safe Parking) to Permanently Establish the Congregation-Based Safe Parking Program by Allowing Overnight Safe Parking as an Ancillary Use to a Church's and Religious Institution's Use in All Zoning Districts Where Churches and Religious Institutions are Allowed Uses, and Establishing Regulations Related to Safe Parking, Including a Maximum Number of Vehicles Per Night on Each Site. **6:40 PM – 7:40 PM**

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Public Comment is Permitted. Three (3) minutes per speaker.

4. Study Session: Retail Study Introduction and Check-In **7:40 PM – 8:40 PM**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Public Comment is Permitted. Three (3) minutes per speaker.

5. Approval of Planning & Transportation Commission Draft Verbatim & Summary Minutes of September 13, 2023

COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS OR FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

Members of the public may not speak to the item(s).

ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Members of the Public may provide public comments to teleconference meetings via email, teleconference, or by phone.

1. **Written public comments** may be submitted by email to planning.commission@cityofpaloalto.org.
2. **Spoken public comments using a computer** will be accepted through the teleconference meeting. To address the Commission, click on the link below to access a Zoom-based meeting. Please read the following instructions carefully.
 - You may download the Zoom client or connect to the meeting in- browser. If using your browser, make sure you are using a current, up-to-date browser: Chrome 30, Firefox 27, Microsoft Edge 12, Safari 7. Certain functionality may be disabled in older browsers including Internet Explorer.
 - You may be asked to enter an email address and name. We request that you identify yourself by name as this will be visible online and will be used to notify you that it is your turn to speak.
 - When you wish to speak on an Agenda Item, click on “raise hand.” The Clerk will activate and unmute speakers in turn. Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called to speak.
 - When called, please limit your remarks to the time limit allotted. A timer will be shown on the computer to help keep track of your comments.
3. **Spoken public comments using a smart phone** will be accepted through the teleconference meeting. To address the Commission, download the Zoom application onto your phone from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and enter the Meeting ID below. Please follow the instructions above.
4. **Spoken public comments using a phone** use the telephone number listed below. When you wish to speak on an agenda item hit *9 on your phone so we know that you wish to speak. You will be asked to provide your first and last name before addressing the Commission. You will be advised how long you have to speak. When called please limit your remarks to the agenda item and time limit allotted.

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