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CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 06, 2026
Council Chambers & Hybrid
5:30 PM
Amended Agenda

Amended agenda items appear below in RED (Time Estimates Updated)

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

General Public Comment for items not on the agenda will be accepted in person for up to three minutes or an amount of time determined by the Chair. General public comment will be heard for 30 minutes. Additional public comments, if any, will be heard at the end of the agenda. Public comments for agenda items will be accepted both in person and via Zoom for up to three minutes or an amount of time determined by the Chair. Requests to speak will be taken until 5 minutes after the staff's presentation or as determined by the Chair. Written public comments can be submitted in advance to city.council@PaloAlto.gov and will be provided to the Council and available for inspection on the City's website. Please clearly indicate which agenda item you are referencing in your subject line. Multiple individuals who wish to speak on the same item may designate a spokesperson. Spokespersons must be representing five or more verified individuals who are present either in person or via zoom. Spokespeople will be allowed up to 10 minutes, at the discretion of the presiding officer. Speaking time may be reduced if the presiding officer reduces the speaking time for individual speakers.

PowerPoints, videos, or other media to be presented during public comment are accepted only by email to city.clerk@PaloAlto.gov 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. Signs and symbolic materials less than 2 feet by 3 feet are permitted provided that: (1) sticks, posts, poles or similar/other type of handle objects are strictly prohibited; (2) the items do not create a facility, fire, or safety hazard; and (3) persons with such items remain seated when displaying them and must not raise the items above shoulder level, obstruct the view or passage of other attendees, or otherwise disturb the business of the meeting.

TIME ESTIMATES

Listed times are estimates only and are subject to change at any time, including while the meeting is in progress. The Council 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

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY (5:30 - 5:55 PM)

1. Interview Candidate for Vacancies on the Planning & Transportation Commission; CEQA Status - Not a Project

AGENDA CHANGES, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT (5:55 - 6:25 PM)

Members of the public may speak in-person ONLY to any item NOT on the agenda. 1-3 minutes depending on number of speakers. Public Comment is limited to 30 minutes. Additional public comments, if any, will be heard at the end of the agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS (6:25 - 6:35 PM)

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

STUDY SESSION (Item 2: 6:35 - 7:35 PM, Item 3: 7:35 - 8:35 PM)

2. Discussion of Nonprofit Partnership Workplan Phase I Purpose and Improvements for FY 2027. CEQA Status – Not a project.
3. San Antonio Road Area Plan Update and Council Feedback on Draft Land Use and Transportation Concepts and Alternatives. CEQA Status: Exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15262.

CONSENT CALENDAR (8:35 - 8:40 PM)

Items will be voted in one motion unless removed from the calendar by three Council Members.

4. Approval of Minutes from March 16 and March 23, 2026 Meeting
5. Approval of Construction Contract No. C26196846 with FieldTurf USA, Inc. in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$878,919 for El Camino Park Turf Replacement PG-24000, Including Authorization to Execute Change Orders; and Amend the FY 2026 Budget Appropriation in the Capital Improvement Fund; CEQA status – categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction). *Supplemental Report added*

6. Approval of General Services Contract No. C26194173 with Duke's Root Control for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$279,098 and a Three-Year Term and for Root Foaming Treatment Services; and Finding of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guideline 15301, Maintenance of Existing Facilities
7. Approval of a Final Map for the Properties Located at 4335 and 4345 El Camino Real to Allow for a Condominium Subdivision to Create Eight Units on a 17,406-Square-Foot Parcel and to Create 21 Units on a 41,370-Square-Foot Parcel and the Naming of Three Private Streets Associated With the Development (25PLN-00160). CEQA Status: Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15332 (In-fill Development). Zoning District: CS (Service Commercial).
8. Approval of Contract Amendment Number 2 to Contract Number C21177635B with Ingram Library Services in the amount of \$664,000 for Print Materials and Services for a new not-to-exceed (NTE) of \$1,119,000 and to extend the contract term to June 30, 2028, Contract Amendment Number 2 to Contract Number C21177635C with Midwest Tape in the amount of \$360,000 for Media and Digital Materials and Services for a new NTE of \$1,113,000 and to extend the contract term to June 30, 2028, and Contract Amendment Number 1 to Contract Number C25190507 with OverDrive in the amount of \$200,000 for Digital Materials and Services for a new NTE of \$400,000 and to extend the contract term to June 30, 2028; CEQA Status – Not a Project.
9. Approval of Amendment Number 2 to Contract Number S20178516 with Hohbach-Lewin Inc. to Increase Compensation by \$10,000, Revising the Amount Not-to-Exceed to \$70,000 and Extend the Contract Term Through March 30, 2029, for On-Call Structural Engineering Services for Public Art Installations; CEQA Status – exempt under regulation 15061(b)(3).
10. QUASI-JUDICIAL. 530 Barron Avenue [25PLN-00021]: Appeal of Director's Decision to Deny an Individual Review Application to Allow Partial Deconstruction of an Existing 924-Square-Foot Single-Story Residence and to Allow the Construction of a New 2,528-Square-Foot Two Story Single-Family Residence with Attached One-Car Garage, 303-Square-Foot Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit and 497-Square-Foot of Existing House Converted to Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit. CEQA Status: Exempt from the Provisions of CEQA in Accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15303. Zoning District: R-1 (Single-Family Residential).
11. SECOND READING: Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Amending ~~Title 18 (Zoning) Chapter 18.70 (Nonconforming Uses and Noncomplying Facilities)~~ of the Palo Alto Municipal Code to ~~Amend Requirements Relating to Accessory Dwelling Units and~~

~~Junior Accessory Dwelling Units Allow De Minimis Exceptions~~ (FIRST READING: March 9, 2026; PASSED: 7-0) *Title Updated, Supplemental Report added*

12. SECOND READING: Ordinance of the Council of Authorizing Work in the Baylands Related to the Adjacent Development at 2100-2400 Geng Road (24-PLN-00356) (FIRST READING: March 16, 2026; PASSED 7-0)
13. SECOND READING: Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Amending Chapter 18.40 (General Standards and Exceptions) of Title 18 (Zoning) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code to Adopt Bird Friendly Design Standards (FIRST READING: March 16, 2026; PASSED: 5-2, Lu, Lythcott-Haims no)

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS (8:40 - 8:50 PM)

BREAK (15 MINUTES)

ACTION ITEMS (Item AA1: 9:05 - 9:35 PM; Item 14: 9:35 - 10:20 PM; Item 15: 10:20 - 10:50 PM)
Include: Report of Committees/Commissions, Ordinances and Resolutions, Public Hearings, Report of Officials, Unfinished Business and Council Matters.

- AA1. *Approval of Selection of and Employment Agreement with James Reifschneider as the Chief of Police at an Annual Salary of \$363,584; CEQA Status – Not a Project New Item Added*
14. Approval of FY 2026-2027 Human Relations Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Public Art Commission, and Stormwater Management Oversight Committee Work Plans; CEQA Status - not a project
15. Adoption of Recommendations by the Policy & Services Committee Implementing Changes to Meeting Procedures Related to Teleconferencing, Remote Public Participation, Translation and Interpretation Assistance, and Expanded Public Outreach; CEQA Status – Not a Project.
16. ~~Approval of City Council Values (as Recommended by Policy & Services Committee), 2026 Objectives, Ad Hoc Purpose Statements, and Committee Workplans (Continued from 3/9/2026—On March 9, 2026, the Council Received Presentations and Public Testimony; the Item Will be Continued to April 6 for further Council Deliberation and Action—No Public Testimony Will be Heard on April 6.) Item Removed Off Agenda~~

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AMENDED AGENDA ITEMS

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1. **Written public comments** may be submitted by email to city.council@PaloAlto.gov.
2. **For in person public comments** please complete a speaker request card located on the table at the entrance to the Council Chambers and deliver it to the Clerk prior to discussion of the item.
3. **Spoken public comments for agendized items using a computer or smart phone** will be accepted through the teleconference meeting. To address the Council, click on the link below to access a Zoom-based meeting. Please read the following instructions carefully.
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 - 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.
4. **Spoken public comments for agendized items 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 Council. 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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