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CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 04, 2026
Council Chambers & Hybrid
5:30 PM
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 - 5:35 PM)

1. Proclamation of May 2026 as Affordable Housing Month. CEQA Status: Not a project.

CLOSED SESSION (5:35 - 7:05 PM)

2. CONFERENCE WITH CITY ATTORNEY-POTENTIAL LITIGATION
Subject: Potential litigation regarding 156 North California Avenue,
as set forth in letter(s) from Holland & Knight LLP dated September 3, 2025
Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
Number of potential cases: 1, as Defendant
3. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Authority: Government Code Section 54956.8.
Property: 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto (Informally known as the Cubberley Site)
Negotiating Party: Palo Alto Unified School District City Negotiators:
(Ed Shikada, Kiely Nose, Kristen O'Kane, Lauren Lai)
Subject of Negotiations: Purchase, Exchange, and/or Lease, Price and Terms of Payment

AGENDA CHANGES, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT (7:05 - 7:35 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 (7:35 - 7:45 PM)

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

STUDY SESSION (7:45 - 8:45 PM)

4. City Manager Transmittal of the Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets

CONSENT CALENDAR (8:45 - 8:50 PM)

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

5. Approval of Minutes from April 13, April 15, and April 20, 2026 Meeting
6. Adopt a Resolution Making Required Findings in Support of the City's Application for FY 2026/27 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Funds in the Amount of \$326,590 for the South Palo Alto Bikeways Demonstration Project and Authorize Staff to Submit the Application; CEQA status - not a project.
7. Approval of Contract Amendment Number 1 to Contract Number S23187797 with Stephen Galloway Studio, LLC to Extend the Contract Term Through April 1, 2029, for Concept Design Development, Fabrication and Delivery to the Site and Placement of Artwork; CEQA Status – categorically exempt.
8. Approve Supplement No. 2 to Master Funding Agreement with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the City to receive an Amount Not to Exceed \$1 Million for the Palo Alto Transit Center Quarry Road Connection; CEQA status - statutorily exempt.
9. Approval of Professional Services Contract Number C26196239 with Triple HS, INC (dba H. T. Harvey & Associates), in an Amount Not to Exceed of \$399,239 Over a 5-year Term for Annual Wetland Mitigation Monitoring, Reporting, and Improvements, and Approval of a Budget Amendment in the Capital Improvement Fund; CEQA Status - This project is part of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program approved on February 3, 2014 as part of the Golf Course Reconfiguration EIR.
10. Approval of Contract Amendment No. 3 to Contract Number C21179340 with Baker Tilly US, LLP to Extend Term to June 30, 2028 with no increase to the not to exceed amount based on CAO Committee Recommendation; CEQA Status – Not a Project.
11. Approval of Second Amendment to the Lease Between the City of Palo Alto and Community Skating, Inc. for the Tennis Facility at 3005 Middlefield Road, Extending the Term to January 1, 2040; CEQA Status – Categorically Exempt
12. SECOND READING: Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Amending Chapter 9.73 (City Policy Against Arbitrary Discrimination) of Title 9 (Public Peace, Morals and Safety) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code to Add Sections 9.73.050 (Local CEDAW Principles) and 9.73.060 (Private Right of Action) and Amend Associated Sections (FIRST READING: March 23, 2026, PASSED: 7-0)
13. SECOND READING: Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Creating New PAMC Chapter 9.05 (Entertainment Zones) and Establishing an Entertainment Zone on a Portion of California Avenue (FIRST READING: April 20, 2026; PASSED: 7-0)

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

BREAK (15 MINUTES)

ACTION ITEMS (Item 14: 9:05 - 10:20 PM, Item 15: 10:20 - 10:45 PM)

Include: Report of Committees/Commissions, Ordinances and Resolutions, Public Hearings, Report of Officials, Unfinished Business and Council Matters.

- 14. Receive Update and Provide Direction to Staff on the Implementation of Senate Bill 79 (SB 79) and Work Related to the Downtown Housing Plan. CEQA Status: Exempt Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15262.
- 15. PUBLIC HEARING: Report on City Vacancies and Recruitment Efforts, Pursuant to Assembly Bill 2561; CEQA Status – Not a Project.

ADJOURNMENT

INFORMATION REPORTS

Information reports are provided for informational purposes only to the Council and the public but are not listed for action or discussion during this meeting’s agenda.

- A. Q4 CY 2025 Sales Tax Digest (October - December 2025)
- B. Electric Grid Modernization FY 2026 Update; CEQA Status – Not a Project
- C. Update on Flock Automated License Plate Recognition Technology

OTHER INFORMATION

[Standing Committee Meetings this week](#)

Finance Committee May 5, 2026
Finance Committee May 6, 2026

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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.
 - 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. Or download the Zoom application onto your smart phone from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and enter in the Meeting ID below.
 - 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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