



POLICY & SERVICES COMMITTEE ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting
August 25, 2025

The Policy & Services Committee of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in Council Chambers and by virtual teleconference at 6:00 P.M.

Present In-Person: Veenker (Chair), Lu, Stone

Absent:

Call to Order

Public Comments

Agenda Items

1. Discussion and recommendation to Council on prioritization of potential approaches to address oversized vehicle (including recreational vehicle) impacts, particularly relating to individuals living in vehicles

MOTION SPLIT FOR PURPOSES OF VOTING

MOTION: Councilmember Stone moved, seconded by Councilmember Lu, to recommend the City Council:

Phase 2:

Begin exploration of the “limiting OSV parking to certain streets” approach, including determining a process and criteria for designating streets where OSV parking might be permitted, with appropriate community engagement

- Identify non-residential and non-residential adjacent streets where OSV parking would be permitted, and to the extent possible, evenly distribute those streets across the city
- Tie the number of OSV permitted parking to the Point in Time count

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- Explore the possibility of a permitting program for OSV
- Evenly disburse permissible OSV parking spots across the identified streets to avoid overconcentration and clearly mark on those streets where OSV parking is permitted

MOTION PASSED: 2-1, Veenker no

MOTION: Councilmember Stone moved, seconded by Councilmember Lu, to recommend the City Council:

Phase 1: Upon Council approval, staff would:

1. Develop an ordinance to prohibit parking of detached/inoperable vehicles on public streets,
2. Develop an ordinance to prohibit the renting of public parking spaces (“vanlording”),
3. Refine the scope and begin implementation of additional street cleanups and sweeping,
4. Return to Council for approvals of ordinances and contract amendments (e.g., street sweeping) as soon as possible, estimated to require up to four (4) months, and
5. Implementation and enforcement of these actions would follow.
6. Work with LifeMoves to consider options, such as a buyback or parking program, to accept RV residents quickly at the Homekey site or other housing options
7. Return to Council for direction for expanded safe parking on privately-owned and congregation-based parking lots, excepting any safe parking site that requires undedicating parkland

Phase 2: Concurrent of Phase 1 implementation, staff would initiate work on:

1. Design a small-scale enhanced services pilot (e.g., mobile pump outs, additional outreach workers/hours, garbage pickup, etc.),

Phase 3: Following the completion of related components in Phase 2, Council would:

1. Approve pilot and any related contracts and agreements for small-scale enhanced services pilot,
2. Approve a preferred option for expanded safe parking on privately-owned and congregation-based parking lots,

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3. Identify streets where OSV parking will be allowed and develop necessary ordinances and program design for “limiting OSV parking to certain streets” approach, and
4. Implementation of these actions would follow.

Phase 4: Following the completion of related components in Phase 3, staff would:

1. Evaluate the enhanced services pilot,
2. Pursue implementation of expanded safe parking, and
3. Obtain related Council approvals for “limiting OSV parking to certain streets” and begin enforcing new approach.

MOTION PASSED: 3-0

Future Meetings and Agendas

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.