



MINUTES
Town of Atherton
CITY COUNCIL
July 11, 2013
5:30 P.M.
City Council Chambers
91 Ashfield Ave
Atherton, California
Special Meeting

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Lewis, Wiest, Dobbie, Widmer

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charles Ramorino, Atherton resident, expressed his support for candidate John Ruggeiro.

Jean Schaaf, Atherton resident, echoed the support for candidate John Ruggeiro.

Jim Massey, Atherton resident, was pleased to have seven candidates and urged Council to select one.

AGENDA

- 1. INTERVIEWS OF CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES**
Report: City Clerk Theresa DellaSanta

Mayor Lewis outlined the voting procedures with Council.

Applicants were called by random selection and the order was as followed:

Greg Conlon, Rick DeGolia, John Ruggeiro, JoAnn Byrne Sockolov, Diane Sandhu (absent), Michael Lempres, and Michael Stogner.

After a five minute introduction by each candidate, Council asked follow up questions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Massey provided a brief recap of the candidates.

Valerie Gardner, Atherton resident, stressed to Council the need for a consensus.

Council took a moment to deliberate and Vice Mayor Wiest expressed his desire to allow the electorate the opportunity to choose a candidate.

Mayor Lewis thanked all the candidates and explained the voting process.

Round one (1)

Vice Mayor Wiest – Abstain

Council Member Widmer - John Rugeiro
Council Member Dobbie - John Rugeiro
Mayor Lewis - Rick DeGolia

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Stogner stressed the need to appoint a Council Member.

Bob Polito urged Council to appoint a candidate. He added that an election would be a waste.

Charles Ramorino urged the Council to exercise their authority to appoint.

Jean Schaaf repeated the need for appointment.

Council Member Widmer asked the two remaining candidates, John Rugeiro and Rick DeGolia, if they would run for reelection in 2014. Mr. Rugeiro was 96% certain he would not run and Mr. DeGolia would wait until that time to decide.

Round two (2)

Vice Mayor Wiest – Rick DeGolia
Council Member Widmer - John Rugeiro
Council Member Dobbie - John Rugeiro
Mayor Lewis - Rick DeGolia

Mayor Lewis calls for third round of voting.

Round three (3)

Vice Mayor Wiest – Rick DeGolia
Council Member Widmer - John Rugeiro
Council Member Dobbie - John Rugeiro
Mayor Lewis - Rick DeGolia

Mayor Lewis states that a consensus could not be made and therefore no action would be taken.

2. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 13-XX CALLING THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION, REQUEST CONSOLIDATION WITH THE NOVEMBER 5, 2013 ELECTION, AND CONTRACT WITH THE CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICE FOR ELECTION SERVICES

Report: City Clerk Theresa DellaSanta

City Clerk, Theresa DellaSanta, reported on the resolution.

Mayor Lewis asked for questions and comments from the Council.

Mayor Lewis asked for any public comment

MOTION by Dobbie, second by Wiest to approve a resolution calling the special municipal election, consolidating it with the November 5, 2013 election, and authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement contracting with the Chief Elections Office for election services.

Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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