



MINUTES
Town of Atherton
August 1, 2017
9:00 A.M.
Council Chambers
94 Ashfield Road
Atherton, California
Special Meeting

ROLL CALL Lempres, Wiest, Lewis, Widmer, DeGolia

PUBLIC COMMENTS - (Limited to items on the agenda)

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. REVIEW THE RESPONSE FROM LAS LOMITAS SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING THE PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR THE WATER CAPTURE FACILITY PROJECT AND PROVIDE STAFF WITH DIRECTION TO CONTINUE OR INVESTIGATE ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

Report: City Engineer Marty Hanneman

Recommendation: Review the response from the Las Lomitas School District (District) for the proposed Las Lomitas storm water capture facility or begin discussions with Caltrans to amend the Cooperative Implementation Agreement (CIA) to relocate the water capture facility project to an alternate location, i.e., Holbrook-Palmer Park

Council Member Lewis questioned the water flow at the park channel compared to the flow at Los Lomitas.

Council Member Widmer questioned if the building funds requested would cover the cost of the entire project, excluding the maintenance fees. Engineer Hanneman confirmed that the cost would not exceed the amount requested.

Council Member DeGolia discussed the importance of this project for flood control in Atherton but was concerned about the disruption at Los Lomitas if the basin was to be installed there. DeGolia supported the street light at the intersection of Alameda de las Pulgas and Walsh.

Council Member Widmer suggested if a street light was to be placed at Alameda de las Pulgas and Walsh, Los Lomitas should cover ¼ of that cost.

Vice Mayor Wiest commented that the capture facility project is good for everyone but expressed concern that Atherton would absorb many of the issues if the project is done at Las Lomitas.

Mayor Lempres suggested moving the capture facility to Holbrook-Palmer Park and Vice Mayor Wiest, Council Member Widmer, and Council Member DeGolia expressed their support.

Widmer stated that the move to the park would save in upfront costs and suggested that vendors renting the fields at HPP could potentially share the cost of the basins if the fields were utilized.

Council Member Lewis expressed concern regarding impacts on the trees at the park and having two capture chambers; would there be enough overflow to fill them.

Mayor Lempres and Council Member Lewis also expressed gratitude for Los Lomitas looking into a water capture facility at their location, but felt that having a water capture facility at the park would give the Town more control.

Council Members DeGolia and Lewis questioned if this capture facility could potentially replenish the wells at the park and Engineer Hanneman confirmed they could.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE BALLOT ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE SUBMITTED TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS AT THE NOVEMBER 7, 2017 ELECTION AND DIRECT STAFF WITH RESPECT TO REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS

Report: City Manager George Rodericks

Recommendation: Approve language submitted by Ad Hoc Subcommittee members Lempres and Lewis for the Argument in Favor of Measure to be submitted to qualified electors at the November 7, 2017 election. Sign the Ballot Argument Submission Form provided by the City Clerk; and direct staff with respect to rebuttal arguments

The City Council performed final wordsmithing to the ballot measure (the final version can be accessed through the City Clerk's office).

Council Member Lewis highlighted minor updates that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee prepared.

MOTION by DeGolia, second by Lempres to approved language submitted by Ad Hoc Subcommittee members Lempres and Lewis including modifications made by Council for the Argument in Favor of Measure to be submitted to qualified electors at the November 7, 2017 election. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Mayor Lempres directed the same ad-hoc subcommittee author the rebuttal argument if necessary. The Council concurred.

A meeting to review possible rebuttal arguments was tentatively set for August 28, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

3. REVIEW AND, IF APPROPRIATE, APPROVE THE 5TH AMENDMENT TO THE CITY MANAGER'S AGREEMENT

Report: City Attorney Bill Conners

Recommendation: Review and, if appropriate, approve the 5th Amendment to the City Manager's Agreement

City Attorney Conners explained a new law, SB1436, requiring an oral reading of new compensation for City Managers at a Council Meeting. Conners read aloud the changes to the City Manager agreement.

Council Member DeGolia commented on the committee's excellent performance in working on the amendment and expressed his understanding of the deferred compensation section which is equal to the 2.75% extended to Atherton employees.

MOTION by Lewis, second by DeGolia to approve the 5th Amendment to the City Manager's Agreement. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

ADJOURN

Mayor Lempres adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.



Respectfully submitted,
Judi Herren
Acting City Clerk