



Minutes
Town of Atherton
City Council
December 6, 2018
5:00 P.M.
Holbrook-Palmer Park
Main House
150 Watkins Road
Atherton, California
Special Meeting

Mayor Wiest called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Lewis, DeGolia, Lempres, Vice Mayor Widmer, Mayor Wiest

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA

COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

a) Message from Outgoing Mayor – *Mayor*

Mayor Wiest thanked volunteers, staff and fellow councilmembers for a fantastic year. He noted that the town is still working hard on the civic center project and while doing so has addressed resident concerns regarding poles for Caltrain electrification, preserving heritage tree with the civic center layout, civic center value engineering, water retention facility, and fire services review. Additionally, negotiating refuse agreement, heritage tree ordinance, general plan, website redesign, a town wide traffic study and ongoing drainage issues.

Further, the Town held its first ever “active shooter exercise” at Menlo School. Mayor Wiest publicly thanked George Rodericks for an exceptional job managing day-to-day operations; Marty Hanneman for project managing the civic center project; and Stephanie Davis and Sally Bentz for their work related to the Heritage Tree Ordinance.

b) Selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor – *Administered by the City Clerk*

MOTION by Wiest, second by Widmer to nominate Bill Widmer for Mayor. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION by Wiest, second by Lempres to nominate Rick DeGolia for Vice Mayor. The motion passed 5-0.

c) Oath of Office -New Mayor and Vice Mayor – *Administered by the City Clerk*

Mayor Widmer and Vice Mayor DeGolia were administered the oath of office.

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d) Message from Incoming Mayor – *Mayor*

Mayor Widmer thanked former Mayor Wiest for a fantastic year.

Over the past few years we've been blessed to maintain a collaborative and respectful council along with great mayors who led great meetings and maintained a productive environment as we address many important issues. I look forward to continuing in the same manner.

Mayor Widmer thanked George Rodericks for his responsiveness in our community. He also thanked the City Attorney's office. Lastly he thanked the hard working community volunteers.

Mayor Widmer said that the plan is to address the challenges with the upcoming civic center project with high priority with a balanced long range view while maintaining fiscal responsibility, and what is best for the community. Widmer was hopeful in finding a suitable location for the drainage facility; and in establishing a collaborative relationship with the new elected director of the Menlo Park Fire District. Lastly, he wishes to continue in discussion with neighboring jurisdictions regarding development and traffic issues.

He thanked staff and all residents for their work in this town.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Lempres, second by Wiest to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Widmer adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa N. DellaSanta
City Clerk