



Minutes
Town of Atherton
CITY COUNCIL
January 16, 2019
CLOSED SESSION
6:00 P.M.

Administrative Conference Room
91 Ashfield Rd
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers
94 Ashfield Road

Mayor Widmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

7:00 REGULAR SESSION

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **ROLL CALL** **Widmer, DeGolia, Lewis, Wiest, Lempres**
3. **PRESENTATIONS**
 - **Cal Water Presentation – Jeff McCusker**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None
5. **REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION** - Report out by City Attorney

CLOSED SESSION

- A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)**

City Manager

City Attorney Jennifer Larson reported that the Council met in closed session to discuss the City Manager's performance. The Council rewarded a \$10,000 bonus for the City Manager.

- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)**

One (1) Case

City Attorney reported Council discussed pending litigation and gave directions to staff.

6. **CITY MANAGER'S WRITTEN REPORT AND VARIOUS DEPARTMENT ORAL REPORTS ON NOTED ITEM**

City Manager Rodericks reported that there are three oral reports to be presented by the Police Chief McCulley and Interwest Project Engineer Hanneman for the Civic Center Project and Water Capture Project.

Police Chief McCulley reported that there were 22 residential burglaries in 2018. He stated that there have been an unusual amount of burglaries that have been occurring and that there are concerns that the community members have been expressing. McCulley reported that the department has increased patrol, vacation house checks, and utilized news alerts to keep residents updated.

Council Member Lempres questioned if there are other increases in crimes. McCulley reported that there was a slight increase in vehicle break-ins but no other increases and no random violent crimes.

Vice Mayor DeGolia questioned what methods the Police Department is doing to raise awareness in the community. McCulley reported that he is keeping residents informed through the Athertonian newsletter, social media, and newflash notifications.

Council Member Lempres questioned whether there was a retention issue of officers. McCulley said no and that he would be conducting an exit interview for an officer who recently resigned and that there are two new officers joining the department in the coming months.

Hanneman reported an update on the Water Capture Project and the new design for Cartan Field. There will be a new plan to collaborate the Water Capture Project with the Cartan Field project in order to see what the outcome would look like.

Interwest Project Engineer Hanneman reported an update on the Civic Center project that there was outreach done to general contractors for the project and that there were a total of 13 contractors interested.

Council Member Lempres recused himself at 8:15 p.m. due to the proximity of his home being too close to the civic center project.

Council Member Lewis and Vice Mayor DeGolia expressed concerns about the possibility of the library being built first before the civic center. Rodericks assured a decision has not been made and that the option is only available because it would save time and money if it came down to it.

Council Member Lempres returned to the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Widmer asked if there are any public comments pertaining to the City Manager Report.

No Public Comments were made and Mayor Widmer closed discussion.

7. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ROUNDTABLE REPORT

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 8-10)

No items were pulled or discussed.

MOTION by Wiest, second by Lempres to approve the consent calendar. The Motion passed unanimously.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Report: City Clerk Theresa DellaSanta

Recommendation: Approve minutes for: December 19, 2018

9. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS FOR NOVEMBER 2018 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 1,518,076

Report: Finance Director Robert Barron III

Recommendation: Approve Bills and Claims for November in the total amount of \$ 1,518,076

10. COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Report: City Manager George Rodericks

Recommendation: Receive and File the Mayor's City Council Committee Assignments

Description: *This item involves a receive and file of the Mayors selections for Council Member appointments to town committees and other regional boards and committees*

PUBLIC HEARING – None

REGULAR AGENDA – (Items 11-13)

11. CONSIDER REJECTION OF ALL BIDS FOR JANITORIAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES

Report: Public Works Director Robert Ovadia

Recommendation: Consider rejection of all bids received for the RFB for Janitorial Maintenance Services

Discussion: *This item involves discussion the bids received for the Janitorial Maintenance Services contract. The contract would provide for custodial services associated with various Town facilities including the Town Center, Library and park restrooms. Council may award a services contract or reject all bids. Ultimately, staff is recommending that the Council reject all bids*

DeGolia asked for clarification on the direction needed. Public Works Director Ovadia replied that they are requesting for Council reject all bids and approve a month-to-month service alternative.

Motion by DeGolia, second by Lewis to reject all bids for janitorial maintenance services and authorized the City Manager to review a month-to-month service alternative. Motion passed unanimously.

12. APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY DESIGN + ARCHITECTURE FOR GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN PREPARATION

Report: Public Works Director Robert Ovadia

Recommendation: Authorize the City Attorney to prepare and City Manager to execute an agreement with Community Design + Architecture (CD+A) of Oakland California Staff for the preparation of a Green Infrastructure Plan, in the total amount of \$100,000, including contingency

Discussion: *This item involves the selection of a consultant to prepare a Green Infrastructure Plan for the Town in compliance with Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit issued by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Ultimately, staff is recommending that the Council authorize the preparation and execution of a professional services agreement with Community Design + Architecture with a not-to-exceed amount of \$100,000*

Lewis stated that the fees were reduced. Robert O. confirmed that staff was able to negotiate the fees down by approximately 10%.

Lempres questioned if the \$10,000 will be saved or if there is a chance that it would be spent on the contingency.

DeGolia questioned if item can be approved without the additional contingencies. City Manager Rodericks confirmed it can be done but informed DeGolia it may delay the process.

Motion by Wiest, second by Lewis to approve item and authorize the City Attorney to prepare and City Manager to execute an agreement with Community Design + Architecture (CD+A) of Oakland California Staff for the preparation of a Green Infrastructure Plan, in the total amount of \$100,000, including contingency.

13. REVIEW, DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION ON RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS AND POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT OPTIONS FOR THE ATHERTON CIVIC CENTER

Report: Public Works Director Robert Ovadia

Recommendation: Discuss and provide direction regarding renewable energy systems and the pursuit of power purchase agreements for the Civic Center

Discussion: *This items involves a discussion about the benefits and types of Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs), tax credit incentives associated with various systems, and direction from council on soliciting proposals for the development and evaluation of an RFP for assistance in negotiation of the PPA*

DeGolia questioned if this would be publicly bid. Public Works Director Ovadia informed them that it would be publicly bid in order to assist in finding the PPA provider.

Lempres recuses at 8:50 p.m. as the conversation pertains to the Civic Center Project. Lempres returns at 8:54 p.m.

The Council discussed issues related to timing of a Power Purchase Agreement, tax incentives, inclusion of a microgrid in the project, and solicitation of proposals.

Council directed staff to move forward with a Request for Proposal to solicit a Power Purchase Agreement provider.

14. **COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS** - None

15. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** - None

DeGolia requested updates on the Civic Center project regarding the conversations with bidders, location of the staff, and new time updates.

16. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

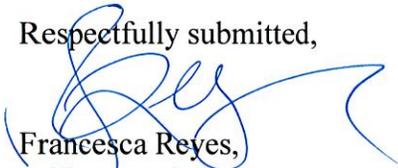
Greg Conlon, Atherton resident, had a question about the future Rail Committee Meeting. City Manager replied that the meeting will be February 5 and will be discussing policies. Greg mentioned that there was an article in the Almanac stating the Mayor of Menlo Park wants to meet with the Rail Committee and discuss intersection separations. He stated that some members of the Council of Menlo Park were planning for a trench and suggested that we confirm a meeting with the Mayor of Menlo Park.

Patty Luegers, Atherton resident, questioned if there has been any community feedback regarding the gas power blowers if they are interested in having that. Lewis asked what her comments are regarding the gas power blowers. She stated that the gas power blower motors are extremely polluting.

17. **ADJOURN**

Mayor Widmer adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Francesca Reyes,
Office Specialist