



**MINUTES**  
**Town of Atherton**  
**City Council**  
**June 5, 2019**  
**3:00 P.M.**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Study Session**

Mayor Widmer called the Special Meeting to order at 3:25 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – *None*

**REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION** – Report out by City Attorney

**CLOSED SESSION**

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** – *(Set forth in Gov. C. sec 54954.5)*

*One (1) Case*

*City Attorney*

City Attorney Bill Conners reported that the Council met in closed session (Councilmember Lempres was absent) to discuss anticipated litigation and Council provided direction to staff.

**STUDY SESSION AGENDA** - *Convene as the City Council*

**1. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE FY 2019/20 TOWN BUDGET**

**Report:** Finance Director, Robert Barron III

**Recommendation:** Review and Discuss Operating Budget for FY 2019/20.

*Description: This item involves a presentation by staff of the various departmental budgets for fiscal year 2019/2020. Council will discuss and provide feedback on the proposed operations and CIP budget and may discuss various budget line items, revenues, expenditures, and capital projects.*

Finance Director, Robert Barron provided a PowerPoint presentation that included an overview of key items within the FY 2019/2020 budget.

City Manager, Rodericks provided the Council with a list of Donations, Agreements, and Reimbursements received by the Town during FY 2019/2020 which was prepared by Barron.

Council discussion and commentary ensued to include the following;

Mayor Widmer asked for further explanation related to the drop in return on investments. Councilmember DeGolia indicated it was also raised in previous study sessions. Councilmember Lewis indicated a preference for more modest estimates related to investment Returns.

Barron responded to Council questions and made note of the requests.

Bob Polito, Resident commented on the item, which City Manager, Rodericks responded to.

Councilmember Wiest commented on the CIP Drainage Project and made a recommendation that staff consider breaking the project into two separate projects. The first part of the project would be the Design phase and the second project would be the Build Phase instead of as it is currently proposed.

Council made a recommendation to staff to revise the CIP Drainage Project as proposed by Councilmember Wiest.

## **2. RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PREPARATION OF THE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK**

**Report:** Public Works Director, Robert Ovadia

**Recommendation:** Receive an update on the development of the Town's Green Infrastructure Plan and provide feedback.

*Description: The City Council will receive an update on the development of the Town's Green Infrastructure Plan. The City Council will have the opportunity to discuss the Green Infrastructure Plan and to provide feedback to staff on policy options and priority focus areas for green infrastructure implementation.*

Public Works Director Ovadia introduced the item and Consultant Connie Goldade from Community Design + Architecture who provided a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation provided a general overview of Green Infrastructure, regulatory requirements, the Towns options, and timelines for the Green Infrastructure Plan.

Mayor Widmer commented in detail about the Towns existing efforts within the Green Infrastructure space and offered asked clarifying questions related to how the Town stands to benefit from collaborative projects within the County.

Ovadia and Goldade provided a response to the Mayor and indicated credits may be achieved with existing Town infrastructure and resources such as the Tree Canopy.

Councilmember Wiest question why Schools were not included in the assessment. Councilmember Lewis offered commentary on Private Schools versus Public Schools

Goldade provided a response to Councilmember Wiest. Widmer and City Manager Rodericks asked clarifying questions to Goldade about regulatory requirements and needs of the plan.

Ovadia indicated that policy discussions at the Regional and local level are

Councilmembers Lewis, Wiest, and DeGolia commented on Slide #19 in the PowerPoint that reviews Green Infrastructure opportunities within the Town.

Staff discussed additional requirements that could be consider for property owners within the town that might contribute to the Towns Green Infrastructure goals.

Councilmember DeGolia requested PowerPoints be distributed electronically to Council for further examination.

Ovadia provided addition context and information related to the Towns current plans related to Slide #23 that reviews Streets including the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, Intersection Improvements, and Traffic Calming measures.

Council provided feedback to staff and Consultant to explore County-wide projects and partnerships with other Public Agencies

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Widmer adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

  
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Anthony Suber  
City Clerk