



MINUTES
Town of Atherton
City Council
April 22, 2020
SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor DeGolia called the meeting to order 4:00 p.m.

4:00 PM SPECIAL SESSION – *Convene as the City Council*

1. **ROLL CALL** - Wiest, Widmer, Lempres, Vice Mayor Lewis, Mayor DeGolia

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Resident Belinda Bivaggioli submitted comments requesting that Council consider options to allow gardening.

Resident Edith Bergstrom submitted comments requesting Council consider options to allow gardening.

Resident Ike and Jeanette Goodman submitted comments requesting Council consider options to allow gardening

3. **ATHERTON COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATES**

City Manager Rodericks introduced the item and noted minor updates to the Health Order including the requirement of face coverings has been communicated to residents.

Council discussed the rules related to face coverings.

Mayor DeGolia commented on attendance and success of the Virtual Town Hall held on April 17th.

MOTION by Wiest, Second by Lewis to certify the continuing emergency and ratify rules and regulations enacted by the Director of Emergency Services in response to COVID-19.

AYES: Widmer, Wiest, Lempres, Lewis, DeGolia

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

4. **ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT WITH THE ATHERTON POLICE OFFICERS**

ASSOCIATION (APOA) TEMPORARILY LIFTING THE VACATION CAP AS OUTLINED IN RESOLUTION 19-10 APOA MOU SECTION 15, VACATION, IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

City Manager Rodericks introduced the item briefly and noted the limit on vacations or non-emergency time off for the Police Department. Rodericks noted that there will be no financial impact as a result of this agreement.

Council discussed the item in detail to gain clarity on the need and how the policy will be managed.

MOTION by Lewis, Second by Widmer to adopt the Resolution and authorize the City Manager to execute a side letter agreement with the APOA temporarily lifting the vacation cap outlined in Resolution 19-10 APOA MOU, expiring with the Shelter-in-Place order on May 3, 2020.

AYES: Widmer, Wiest, Lempres, Lewis, DeGolia

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

5. DISCUSSION OF LANDSCAPE AND GARDENING ACTIVITY; AND REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CORRESPONDENCE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO REGARDING THE CONTINUATION OF LANDSCAPING AND GARDENING ACTIVITY

City Manager Rodericks presented the item and outlined a background for Council consideration. He shared the draft letter that was prepared in advance of the meeting.

Resident Cherry Lorenzini commented on the item noting ADA rules that may be impacted.

Council held a discussion related to the content in the letter and potential suggestive protocols if activities are allowed to resume.

City Attorney Ebrahimi added she learned on the County conference calls for City Attorneys that some relief of these prohibitions may be in the works.

Council provided staff direction to prepare and send a letter to San Mateo County leadership advocating for relief of prohibitions on gardening and landscaping activities.

6. CITY COUNCIL RESTART SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Councilmember Lempres noted there was nothing to report at this time. This item was an information only item.

7. TOWN CENTER ACTIVITY REPORT

City Manager Rodericks introduced the item and provided a brief update on the Town Center Activity.

There was no action taken, this was an information only item.

8. **COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS** – None

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

Resident Steve Wood commented on the scarcity of personal protective equipment.

City Attorney Ebrahimi responded to a public comment received by City Clerk Suber via phone from resident Greg Conlon. She shared details that she receives on the weekly City Attorney conference calls with the County.

10. **ADJOURN**

Mayor DeGolia adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.



Anthony Suber
City Clerk