



MINUTES
Town of Atherton
City Council
May 6, 2020
STUDY SESSION

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

4:00 PM REGULAR AGENDA – *Convene as the City Council*

1. **ROLL CALL** - Wiest, Widmer, Lempres, Vice Mayor Lewis, Mayor DeGolia (All Present)
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None
3. **RATIFICATION OF SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS ENACTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

City Manager Rodericks reported no significant changes to operations for Town business except for the Building division permitting construction activity. Rodericks informed the Council of the Health Order extension to May 31st. He added that the Town plans to gradually restart certain services to the public adhering social distancing protocols.

Council held a brief discussion regarding allowable outdoor activities.

City Attorney Ebrahimi reviewed language within the latest San Mateo County Health order including requirements for face coverings and compliance with social distancing protocols.

Council discussed challenges ahead, plans for reopening by the San Mateo County leadership and the status of available COVID-19 testing options.

MOTION by Lewis, Second by Lempres 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:

STUDY SESSION (Items 3.5-7)

- 3.5. **DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION FOR THE TOWN CENTER PROJECT**

Mayor DeGolia stated that Town staff and consultants recommended to the Finance Subcommittee a Private Placement option and that a Term Sheet was available for review. He added that the Subcommittee agreed with the recommendation and wanted to ensure the full Council had an opportunity to consider the recommendation.

Finance Director, Robert Barron III introduced Wing-See Fox, Financial Consultant from Urban Futures who presented to Council.

Council held a detailed conversation including if there are options for renegotiations after signing the Term Sheet and flexibility with the final amount financed.

Finance subcommittee member Bob Polito added that 20 banks were solicited for the Private Placement and the Town received three (3) responses.

MOTION by Widmer, Second by Lewis to authorize the City Manager to submit the proposed term sheet for the Private Placement in the amount of \$7,000,000 to \$9,000,000, with the final amount to be determined at the May 20, 2020 meeting.

AYES: Widmer, Wiest, Lempres, Lewis, DeGolia

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

4. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL FLOCK AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS (ALPRs)

Chief McCulley and Commander Wade presented the item to Council item.

Resident Greg Conlon asked about the night capability of the cameras and the financial commitment planned.

Council discussion ensued related to the locations of cameras and signage, a need to maintain current with developments in the technology and uses of the data collected.

Ebrahimi informed Council on governing rules for data storage and privacy expectations in public spaces.

Council requested staff provide the most recent policy related to data storage and auditing. Council also requested a map with specific locations for cameras and signage.

No action was taken, this item will appear on future meeting.

5. FY 2020/21 GENERAL FUND/OPERATIONS BUDGET

Finance Director, Robert Barron III, presented the item.

Councilmember Widmer questioned the increase in tree maintenance. Barron informed Council that it is due to the necessary tree maintenance in the park and street.

Council addressed a private donation to the Police Department for general equipment use.

McCulley informed Council that the donation was meant for general equipment use.

Resident Bob Polito asked about other vehicle options available to the Police Department.

McCulley informed Council that the purchase of the pickup truck is meant to replace a vehicle.

Resident Bob Polito commented that the use of reserve funds would have an impact on the private placement Council is considering.

Resident Greg Conlon asked if there will be deficit in the budget, Rodericks responded that there will not be.

No action was taken, this was an information item only. This will be presented for action at a future meeting.

6. REVIEW OF THE FY 2020/21 SPECIAL REVENUE, INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Finance Director, Robert Barron III, presented item.

Public Works Director, Robert Ovadia, presented the draft Capital Improvement Program detailing some of the proposed projects.

No action was taken, this was an information item only. This will be presented for action at a future meeting.

7. CITY COUNCIL AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

8. COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS – None

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

10. ADJOURN

Mayor DeGolia adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.



Anthony Suber
City Clerk