



MINUTES
Town of Atherton
City Council
July 27, 2020
SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor DeGolia called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm

2:30 PM REGULAR AGENDA

1. **ROLL CALL** - Wiest, Widmer, Lempres, Vice Mayor Lewis, Mayor DeGolia – Present
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *None*
3. **CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF A 20-YEAR FRANCHISE FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND POST COLLECTION SERVICES TO GREENWASTE RECOVERY; AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY, CITY MANAGER AND SUBCOMMITTEE TO FINALIZE NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREENWASTE RECOVERY SUBJECT TO THE SPECIFIED TERMS, PREPARE THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT; AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN**

City Manager Rodericks presented the item providing a background on the steps leading up to the current discussion. He noted the proposed franchise agreement with GreenWaste Recovery (GWR) is a 20-year franchise and the Subcommittee compared compensation requirements of Recology/SBWMA against it at the 15-year mark, which is the term of the Recology/SBWMA franchise. He stated that over that period the total compensation due to Recology/SBWMA is projected to be \$4.2 million higher than that of GWR.

Council discussed the prominent components of the topic and franchise agreement including the term sheet for the GWR franchise.

Council Member Wiest stated that he supports moving forward with negotiating with GWR and that future concerns over rate targets and state compliance are primary factors.

Council Member Widmer noted several items of concern with SBWMA including disposal locations and shifts in the direction of the SBWMA. He did note that the service received by Recology has been good and is not at issue.

Rodericks confirmed for Council that if the Town is unable to negotiate an exit from the SBWMA that the agreement with GWR would be voided.

Council continued to discuss advantages or disadvantages of authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement as presented.

Rodericks noted for clarification that the pricing and compensation numbers in the GWR agreement are final in the current agreement.

Motion by Widmer, Second by Wiest to award a 20-year franchise for solid waste collection and post collection services to Greenwaste Recovery (GWR); and authorize the City Attorney, City Manager and Subcommittee to finalize negotiations with GWR, subject to specified terms, prepare the franchise agreement, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the Town of Atherton.

AYES: Widmer, Wiest, Lempres, Lewis, DeGolia

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

4. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION NAMING REQUEST CHANGE FROM A SPECIFIED DONOR

Mayor Rick DeGolia recused himself due to a financial interest in the item.

Vice Mayor Lewis introduced the item

Council collectively shared their comfort and approval of the request.

Motion by Lempres, Second by Widmer to accept the request from donor Rick DeGolia to name and theme a Small Conference room in the Library to be named after Willie Mays adorned with Willie Mays memorabilia.

Mayor Rick DeGolia was recused

AYES: Widmer, Wiest, Lempres, Lewis

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

5. KNOX PLAYSCHOOL AMENDMENT TO LEASE TO ADDRESS COVID-19 RELATED RENT REDUCTIONS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 THROUGH AUGUST 30, 2021 PERIOD

Public Works Director Ovadia presented the item and noted City Manager Rodericks and Susan Knox of the Knox Playschool met to discuss rent reduction options that included a 50% reduction and a payment based on student enrollment.

City Manager Rodericks provided clarity regarding the per student enrollment figures.

Council discussed online learning options, the Knox Playschool expectations of continuing to provide services into the school year, and if there are other contractual obligations within the agreement for consideration.

Susan Knox clarified that the Knox Playschool is tied to the Department of Social Services as a community care licensed childcare provider. Knox informed Council that during the regular school year she anticipates being able to enroll 36 students.

City Attorney Ebrahimi clarified that the agreement presented is to serve as a 1-year temporary arrangement due to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Motion by Lewis, Second by Lempres to amend the current lease with Knox Playschools, Inc., reducing the payable rent amount for the September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 in response to enrollment reductions attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic for option 2, rent payments based on a per student enrollment figure.

AYES: Widmer, Wiest, Lempres, Lewis, DeGolia

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

6. **COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS** – *None*
7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *None*
8. **ADJOURN**

Mayor DeGolia adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.



Anthony Suber
City Clerk