



MINUTES
Town of Atherton
CITY COUNCIL
September 2, 2020
SPECIAL MEETING / STUDY SESSION

Mayor DeGolia called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

4:00PM SESSION MEETING

1. **ROLL CALL** - Wiest, Widmer, Lempres, Mayor DeGolia, Vice Mayor Lewis – Present
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – *None*
3. **PROJECT UPDATE ON NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN; AND AUTHORIZATION FOR EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Public Works Director Ovadia provided an overview of the completed outreach activity and meetings. update on this study. Ovadia provided data on the survey and interactive map results. He added that if the public comment period is extended staff will intends to prepare communications to inform residents.

Vice Mayor Lewis encouraged the Council share the extended comment period with their own networks.

Council inquired what steps are needed in gathering data and reviewing public comments, if the origin of public comments provide through the online survey can be determined and discussed traffic calming solutions.

City Manager Rodericks and Ovadia added to the discussion by sharing plans for continuing the community conversation and public discourse after the initial data is gathered. Ovadia added that all public comments gathered will be aggregated and next steps include pulling that data together and a presentation by the consultant.

The survey will also be extended through September and the town will send out a post card mailer.

Motion by Lewis, Second by Widmer to authorize the extension of the public comment period for the Traffic Management Action Plan through the end September and the mailing of a postcard to residents.

AYES: Wiest, Widmer, Lempres, Lewis, DeGolia

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

4. AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO TRANSMIT A COMMENT LETTER TO THE CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT / ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN JOSE PROJECT SEGMENT

Public Works Director Ovadia provide an overview of the proposed letter. He added that staff identified impacts to Transportation, Safety and Security, Noise and Vibration, and Parks, Recreation and Open Space. Ovadia noted that the Rail Committee reviewed the notice and indicated that down times at various locations will increase causing significant traffic impacts. Ovadia stated staff believes it is appropriate to send a letter outlining the need for mitigation and the letter specifically requests that California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) consider mitigation as outlined in the letter the Atherton letter.

Council discussed the letter and proposed revisions.

Motion by Wiest, Second by Lewis to authorize the Mayor to transmit a letter to the California High-Speed Rail Authority on the draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement for the San Francisco to San Jose Project segment, as amended.

AYES: Wiest, Widmer, Lempres, Lewis, DeGolia

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

5. DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING NEXT STEPS ON WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SOUTH BAYSIDE WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (SBWMA)

City Manager Rodericks highlighted that it will take approximately \$2.2 Million to withdraw from SBWMA and noted that staff received feedback from Greenwaste Recovery (GWR) with their offer to the Town of \$300,000 to assist with the cost of exit. He noted this offer was made without remuneration within the current negotiated proposal. Rodericks continued that GWR was willing to offer an additional \$100,000 to assist with the exit costs but would request remuneration in year eight of the proposal. Rodericks added that the Town would still be in the positive through the 15-year period of the contract.

Council Member Widmer pointed out additional key figures for Council consideration noting the Town Rate Stabilization Fund would not fully support rate increases from the Recology/SBWMA contract as stated in prior correspondence.

Council discussed the 15-year cost savings projections clarifying if it includes the costs of exiting the SBWMA and impacts of depleting the Rate Stabilization Fund to exit the SBWMA.

Rodericks noted the cost to exit the SBWMA was not factored into the total savings projections providing in contracting with GWR. He later added that the exit costs from the SBWMA are final with no appeal options.

Council discussion continued evaluating a variety of considerations including immediate compliance with SB1383 under the GWR agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A resident asked if there where difference in the services provided by the vendors and if there were differences with how material was handled by each. They continued to ask if the value of the service was an element for consideration or only price.

Tammy DelBene, Recology commented on the good relationship the company has with the Town and clarified overage costs charged to residents and noted lid closure concerns are related to Storm water regulations.

Motion by Wiest, Second by Lewis for a continuance of this item to the September 16 meeting.

AYES: Wiest, Widmer, Lempres, Lewis, DeGolia

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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

Chief McCulley promptly presented the item outlining the proposed locations of the FLOCK Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras and signage. McCulley shared Atherton residents have shown interest in paying for additional cameras under the Town's agreement that would be managed by the Police Department.

Council discussed how the data and cameras will assist in crime prevention and investigative matters, what methods where used in selecting camera locations and establishing a date certain for system audits.

Council Member Lempres asked clarifying questions about how the data would be managed with the devices payed for by private residents.

McCulley noted that if an arrangement were made with residents for additional cameras the data would not be accessible to private residents.

Council Member Lempres noted his concerns of impacting residents privacy and freedoms with the installation these cameras.

Chief McCulley added that an independent audit of the existing systems and FLOCK systems will be conducted before the end of the calendar year.

Motion by Widmer, Second by Lewis to purchase the signage and FLOCK cameras plus an additional three cameras with an audit of the data to be done by December 31, 2020.

AYES: Wiest, Widmer, Lewis, DeGolia

NOES: Lempres

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

7. COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mayor DeGolia commented on the HEROES Project citing the City of Menlo Park example to recognize local residents that have been heroes during the COVID-19 pandemic. He requested Council support to promote this project via the Towns public communication channels.

Council agreed to postpone the topic until the September 16, 2020 meeting and consider establishing a subcommittee or similar meeting body to establish such a program.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS – *None*

9. ADJOURN

Mayor DeGolia adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.



Anthony Suber
City Clerk