



MINUTES
Town of Atherton
City Council
December 2, 2020
SPECIAL MEETING

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

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

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

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

City Clerk Suber announced the public comments received in writing in advance of the meeting noting they were distributed to Council and posted for public review.

- Brady Kline, student spoke in support of approval of the Special Event Permit.
- David Corsinotti, student spoke in support of approval of the Special Event Permit.
- Will Murphy, student spoke in support of approval of the Special Event Permit.
- Elliot Kinder, student spoke in support of approval of the Special Event Permit.
- Saaz Ahuja, student spoke in support of approval of the Special Event Permit.
- Chris D'alencón, student spoke in support of approval of the Special Event Permit.
- Ronier. Babiera, student spoke in support of approval of the Special Event Permit.
- Griffin Perks student spoke in support of approval of the Special Event Permit.
- Ashley Giesler, parent of Menlo School student spoke in support of approval of the Special Event Permit.
- Josh White, spoke in support of approval of the Special Event Permits.
- K. Harrison, parent of Menlo student spoke in support of approval of the Special Event Permit.
- Linda and John Knoll, parents of Menlo student spoke in support of approval of the Special Event Permit.
- Todd Smith, Menlo Football Coach spoke in support of approval of the Special Event Permit.

MOTION by Lempres, Second by Widmer to continue the meeting to 7:00 PM

AYES: Wiest, Widmer, Lempres, Lewis, DeGolia

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Mayor DeGolia reconvened the meeting at 7:00 pm

7:00 PM REGULAR AGENDA– *Convened as the City Council*

Mayor DeGolia moved Item 4 to be heard prior to Item 3.

4. SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT TO ALLOW TEMPORARY LIGHTS AT MENLO SCHOOL FOR ATHLETIC PRACTICE

Town Planner Costa Sanders presented the item listing the request by Menlo School for a Special Event Permit to allow temporary lights at Menlo School for athletic practices from January 4, 2021 through March 12, 2021. She noted the public comments received in writing in advanced on the meeting that were shared with Council and posted for public review.

Than Healy, President of Menlo School spoke to Council addressing the reason and need for the request. He noted the schools plans to adhere to County guidelines related to COVID-19 and plans to minimize any disturbances caused to neighbors.

Public Comments:

- Steve Miller, Parent and Menlo School Board Member spoke in support of approval of the special event permit.
- Stephanie Discher spoke in opposition of approval for the Special Event Permit. She also presented Council with written public comments in advance of the meeting that were distributed and posted for public review.
- Paul Getty spoke in opposition of approval for the Special Event Permit. He also presented Council with written public comments in advance of the meeting that were distributed and posted for public review.
- Brian Mhatre, former Menlo School student spoke in support of approval of the Special Event Permit.
- Mickey King spoke in opposition of approval of the Special Event Permit. He also presented Council with written public comments in advance of the meeting that were distributed and posted for public review.

Council discussed the item thoroughly considering the concerns raised by residents and a variety of alternative options or additional conditions.

Early Koberlein, Menlo School Athletic Director shared the schools plans for using the fields and noted they were evaluating potential of using electric lights versus diesel to reduce noise and pollutants.

City Attorney Ebrahimi responded to concerns raised and the conformance of the permit with the Atherton Municipal Code.

City Manager Rodericks noted that the activity conducted under the approval of the Special Event Permit will continue to be monitored by the Town and if any issues arise it could be revoked.

MOTION by Lempres , Second by Wiest to approve the Special Event Permit as amended to allow temporary lights at Menlo School for athletic practice from January 4, 2021 through March 14, 2021 until 6:15 pm on weekdays at Cartan Field and Wunderlich Field as needed.

AYES: Wiest, Widmer, Lempres, Lewis, DeGolia

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

3. SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT TO ALLOW TEMPORARY LIGHTS AT SACRED HEART SCHOOLS FOR ATHLETIC PRACTICE AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Vice Mayor Lewis announced her recusal from the item due to the proximity of her residence in accordance with the Brown Act.

Town Planner Costa Sanders presented the item listing the request for a Special Event Permit to allow temporary lights at Sacred Heart Schools for athletic practice from January 4, 2020 through March 15, 2021. She noted the public comments received in writing in advanced on the meeting that were shared with Council and posted for public review.

City Clerk Suber read into the record public comments received by Brittany Seidensticker in opposition for approval of the Special Event Permit.

Richard Dioli, President of Sacred Heart Schools spoke to Council addressing the reason and need for the request.

Michael Dwyer, Sacred Heart Schools Operations Director addressed Council inquiry about the lights that they intend to use.

Council Member Lempres announced that although it was determined by legal counsel, he does not have a conflict warranting recusal he is the parent of a Sacred Heart School student.

Lewis was recused due to the proximity of her residence.

MOTION by Widmer, Second by Lempres to approve the Special Event Permit to allow temporary field lights at Sacred Heart Schools to accommodate athletic activities from January 4, 2021 through March 12, 2021 at Palatella and Dollinger Fields.

AYES: Wiest, Widmer, Lempres, DeGolia

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

5. COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Council Member Widmer reported that the Town received the necessary 10th vote to exit the South Bayside Waste Management Authority and move forward with the transition to contract for refuse services with GreenWaste Recovery.

6. ADJOURN

Mayor DeGolia adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.



Anthony Suber
City Clerk