



MINUTES
Town of Atherton
City Council
March 3, 2021
STUDY SESSION at 4:00 P.M.

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

4:00 PM STUDY SESSION

1. **ROLL CALL** - Hawkins, DeGolia (joined at 4:18 PM), Widmer, Vice Mayor Lempres, Mayor Lewis – Present
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *None*
3. **DISCUSSION FOR CONSIDERATION IN DEVELOPING A HISTORICAL EVALUATION/PRESERVATION PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONSIDERING MILLS ACT CONTRACTS IN TOWN.**

Principal Planner Davis presented the item to Council. She noted that property owners could move forward with State and Federal qualification requirements prior to making an application to Town.

City Manager Rodericks noted that applicants may be charged a fee done on a cost recovery basis.

Public Comments:

- Zack Trailer, Resident spoke in support of the Mills Act and noted that he purchased his property from William Grindley.
- Marion Oster, Resident noted that she has listings that show historic homes in Town.

Council directed staff continue to evaluate the development of a historic evaluation / preservation program for the purpose of considering Mills Act contracts in Town.

4. **FY 2021/2022 BUDGET KICK-OFF AND OVERVIEW**

Finance Director Barron III presented a presentation to Council reviewing the FY21/22 budget kickoff.

Council briefly discussed pension costs and unfunded liability, Town Reserve Policies, and requested current budget data to compare to projections in upcoming budget sessions.

This was informational only.

5. DISCUSSION FOR THE NEXT STEPS ON PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETINGS FOR FIRE SERVICES

City Manager Rodericks presented the item noting that he was seeking direction from council related to community outreach and education for Fire Services. He noted that he discussed a possible date of April 15, 2021 for a joint meeting with Chief of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District (MPFPD), but nothing has been confirmed.

Council discussed the initial goal of performing an outreach and education plan to residents and the benefits doing that type of outreach.

Council collectively agreed to postpone any continued public outreach and education activity until after Council has had the planned joint meeting with the MPFPD.

Public Comments:

- Bob Polito, Resident commented on the item.

6. COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Council Member DeGolia reported on Peninsula Clean Energy and noted he was selected as Chair. He added that 13 cities had adopted Reach Codes and encouraged Council to consider this at a future meeting.

Mayor Lewis reported on food delivery services Meals on Wheels. She also acknowledged and offered condolences to the families of Ruth Ann Siler and Earl Seymore Douglas who passed recently.

7. ADJOURN

Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting in the name and honor of Malcom Dudley who passed in February at 5:37 PM.

She added that Mr. Dudley was the longest tenured Town of Atherton City Council Member serving on Council for 24 years and 9 months.



**Anthony Suber
City Clerk**