



**MINUTES**  
**Town of Atherton**  
**City Council**  
**MAY 19, 2021**  
**CLOSED SESSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

*Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:16 PM*

**5:15 P.M. CLOSED SESSION**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Limited to Closed Session

**CLOSED SESSION IN ZOOM MEETING SPACE**

**ROLL CALL** - Hawkins-Manuelian, DeGolia, Widmer, Vice Mayor Lempres (Excused Absence),  
Mayor Lewis – Present

- A. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION** - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)  
City Manager*
  
- B. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR** – Labor negotiations pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
Agency Negotiators: George Rodericks, City Manager  
Employee Organization: Unrepresented Employees*

*Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM*

**6:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING**

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
  
- 2. ROLL CALL** - Hawkins-Manuelian, DeGolia, Widmer, Vice Mayor Lempres (Excused Absence), Mayor Lewis – Present
  
- 3. PRESENTATIONS**
  - **Proclamation for May 2021 as Mental Health Month**

Mayor Lewis presented the proclamation to Chris Rasmussen, San Mateo County Mental Health & Substance Abuse Recovery Commissioner.

Public Comment was received from Nirmala Bandra.

- **Proclamation for June 2021 as Pride Month**

Mayor Lewis presented the proclamation to Chris Sturken, Member of the San Mateo County LGBTQ Commission.

Lelan Anders, Member of the San Mateo County LGBTQ Commission thanked the Council for the support.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – *None***

**5. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION** by City Attorney, Mona Ebrahimi

City Attorney Ebrahimi reported that Council held a Closed Session and direction was given.

**6. CITY MANAGER’S WRITTEN REPORT**

City Manager Rodericks prepared the report for Council review and made himself available for Council inquiry.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 7 – 13)**

**7. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS FOR APRIL IN THE AMOUNT OF**

**8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**This item was removed from the agenda to a date certain**

**9. CERTIFICATION OF CONTINUING EMERGENCY AND RATIFICATION OF SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS ENACTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

**10. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE HOLBROOK-PALMER PARK TURN AROUND PROJECT, PROJECT NUMBER 56080**

**The recommended contingency was reduced to \$4,000 from \$7,000. The approval included this modification.**

**11. ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER’S REPORT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2021**

**12. AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH INTERWEST CONSULTING GROUP FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES TO THE TOWN OF ATHERTON**

**The recommended term of the contract considered for award was modified from a 4-Year Term with a 1-Year Renewal to a 2-Year Term, with a 2-Year Renewal and a 1-Year Renewal. The approval included this modification.**

**13. APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO FOR CONTINUED PROVISION OF ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT**

**Motion by Lewis, Second by DeGolia to approve the Consent Calendar Items 7 – 13 as amended.**

**AYES: Hawkins, DeGolia, Widmer, Lewis**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT: Lempres**

**REGULAR AGENDA (Items 14-19)**

**14. TOWN CENTER PROJECT UPDATE: FEEDBACK AND DIRECTION ON THE SCREENING OF THE CORPORATION YARD; FEEDBACK AND DIRECTION ON THE CITY HALL FOUNTAIN SELECTION; AND APPROVAL OF REMOVAL OF TREE #109 AND POTENTIAL REMOVAL OF TREE #110**

City Manager Rodericks presented the item and noted modifications that would require future discussion.

Ben Waldo, SWA Landscape Designs shared a presentation to Council displaying options for Council consideration.

Public Comments were received in advance of the meeting that were provided to Council and posted for public review from Daniel Walker.

Public Comments:

- Karen Goodman commented on the landscaping preferences
- Julie Quinlan indicated a preference for option No. 2
- Alex Key indicated a preference for option No. 2
- Samo Michel commented on landscaping preferences
- Michelle's ipad commented on preferences

**Council directed staff to screen the Corp Yard aggressively and to move forward with Alternative #2 as presented incorporating Valley Oaks into the design and considering redwood for the gate material.**

**Council discussed the formation of an Ad Hoc City Council Subcommittee to review the overall landscaping proposed for the Project. Mayor Lewis appointed herself noting another member of the Council would be named later to the Subcommittee.**

Council discussion continued regarding the City Hall Fountain Selection from the Ad Hoc Subcommittee recommendation.

Council discussed various components of the topic including the size and placement of the fountain and discussed a site visit to the showroom of the manufacturer.

**Mayor Lewis accepted the resignation of the current members of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee and appointed herself and Councilmember Hawkins-Manuelian to serve as the new Ad Hoc Subcommittee that will conduct a site visit, confer with staff and make a recommendation to Council at a later meeting.**

**Council held a discussion and provided direction regarding the removal of Tree #109, which Council directed be cut to grade and directed the retention of Tree #110.**

Public Comment was received from Betsy Colby.

**15. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE DONOR RECOGNITION WALL DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND INSTALLATION**

City Manager Rodericks presented the item

Council discussed various items related to the item including the method or ways of recognizing donors, types of materials to be used, and the design process.

**Council provided direction to staff with minor modifications to the proposal and added that donors be recognized with larger donors receiving larger representations.**

**Motion by Widmer, Second by DeGolia to authorize release of the Requests for Proposal (RFP) for the donor recognition wall design, construction, and installation with Council feedback and modifications.**

**AYES: Hawkins, DeGolia, Widmer, Lewis**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT: Lempres**

**16. AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT ON ATHERTON LEGENDS**

City Manager Rodericks introduced the Ad Hoc Subcommittee of Council Member Hawkins-Manuelian and DeGolia.

Council discussed issues related to recognition, design of the train station, and the creation of selection criteria.

Public Comment was received from Betsy Colby.

**Council opted to move away from the legends room proposal and focus the renovation of the Train Station on Atherton History and History of the Train Station.**

**17. MODIFICATION OF HOURS FOR THE RIGHT-TURN ON RED RESTRICTIONS AT THE MIDDLEFIELD ROAD/OAK GROVE AVENUE INTERSECTION**

City Manager Rodericks introduced the item and later suggested the Transportation Committee had the option to hold a public meeting to solicit additional resident input and present the information to Council with a recommendation.

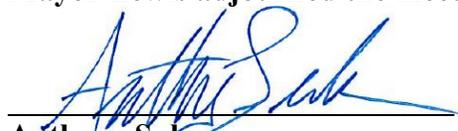
Council discussed issues related to history of the changes to the intersection, proposed changes, and safety concerns at the intersection.

**Council directed that the item be returned to the Transportation Committee for further discussion after outreach to the surrounding community for additional engagement.**

**18. COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS – *None***

**19. ADJOURN**

**Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.**



**Anthony Suber**  
City Clerk