



**MINUTES**  
**Town of Atherton**  
**City Council**  
**September 1, 2021**  
**SPECIAL MEETING / STUDY SESSION**

*Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM*

**4:00 PM REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **ROLL CALL** - Hawkins-Manuelian, DeGolia, Widmer, Vice Mayor Lempres, Mayor Lewis – Present
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *None*
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 19, JUNE 2, JUNE 16, AND JULY 7, 2021 COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**Mayor Lewis appointed Council Member DeGolia to the Ad Hoc Landscape Subcommittee**

**Motion by Widmer, Second by DeGolia to approve the City Council meeting minutes from May 19, June 2, June 16, and July 7, 2021 meetings.**

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

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

4. **REVIEW DESIGNS FOR DONOR WALL AND PROVIDE STAFF WITH DIRECTION REGARDING SELECTED OPTIONS**

City Manager Rodericks presented the item and introduced Jenny Huang from WRNS to present the options to Council.

Huang presented the designs prepared by WRNS for Council review including proposed materials, layout, and dimensions / size of the proposed donor wall.

Council held a thorough discussion on the cost and delivery of materials, methods of recognizing the different level of donors, and the design options. Council also provided language revisions for the donor wall design.

Public Comments:

- John Maulbetsch commented on the item sharing his preferences.

**Council expressed support for Design Option 1, structured layout and directed staff to gather additional information related to the following material options and design showing an alphabetized list of donors along the base of the wall:**

- **Change the border text to read “Atherton gratefully recognizes our taxpayers and generous donors”.**
- **Obtain estimated cost and timing for Design Option 1 with stacked/offset stone, stacked/offset steel, and stacked/offset Chemetal.**
- **Obtain estimated cost and timing for Design Option 1 with panelized steel and panelized Chemetal.**
- **Return the estimates and costs to the Council for further direction.**

**5. REVIEW AND DISCUSS SELECTED NAMING OPPORTUNITIES AND PROVIDE STAFF WITH DIRECTION**

City Manager Rodericks introduced the item noting recent donations and updates to naming opportunities. He also advised that the library staff expressed interest in supporting the theme of the room by selecting theme inspired furnishings.

**Council Member DeGolia recused himself from the discussion related to the Willie Mays room due to his and his wife’s donation.**

Council discussed moving the Willie Mays themed room from the small conference room to the larger conference room. Concerns were raised regarding any perception of favoritism.

Council Member Widmer noted the suggestion to relocate the Willie Mays themed room was made by the library and himself based on the amount of the donated memorabilia received.

**Motion by Widmer, Second by Hawkins to approve transitioning the donation for the naming opportunity and Willie Mays theme from the Small Conference Room in the new library to the Large Conference Room in the new library.**

**Council Member DeGolia was recused.**

**AYES: Hawkins, Widmer, Lempres, Lewis**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

**Council Member DeGolia returned to the discussion.**

Council discussed naming options for the new road in lieu of no present requests or donations for naming rights. Council proposed several naming options for consideration, placeholder names in the interim and agreed to postpone the final naming of the road.

**This item will return at a future meeting for discussion.**

**STUDY SESSION**

**6. AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER (ALPR) EFFECTIVENESS / EFFICIENCY REVIEW AND BURGLARY ACTIVITY UPDATE AND STATISTICS**

Police Chief McCulley presented the item reviewing several specific cases that demonstrated the outcomes and benefits from using the ALPR cameras as investigative resources. Chief noted during his presentation that ALPR results for stolen vehicles remains a large portion of criminal activity addressed.

Council discussed the benefits and effectiveness of the cameras and the continued concerns for resident privacy. Council reviewed the placement of cameras, their effectiveness and uses in investigating burglaries in Town.

Public Comment:

- John Maulbetsch commented on the item inquiring about installation along El Camino Real.

**This was an informational item only and no action was taken.**

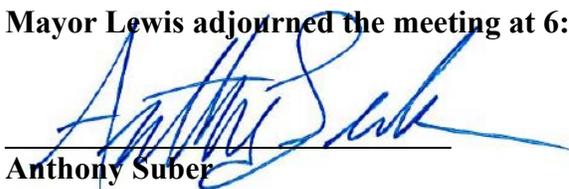
**7. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE OUT YEAR FINANCIAL PLANNING SPREADSHEET AND PROVIDE STAFF WITH DIRECTION**

**City Manager Rodericks recommended and Council agreed to move this item a future City Council Meeting.**

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

**9. ADJOURN**

**Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.**

  
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Anthony Suber  
City Clerk