



**MINUTES**  
**Town of Atherton**  
**City Council**  
**November 3, 2021**  
**STUDY SESSION**

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**3:00 PM STUDY SESSION**

1. **ROLL CALL** - Hawkins-Manuelian, DeGolia, Widmer (Joined at 3:20 PM), Mayor Lewis
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *None*

**Mayor Lewis indicated that Item 6 would be heard first.**

**6. PROVIDE STAFF WITH DIRECTION ON WILDFIRE HOME HARDENING**

Building Official Greenlee introduced the report and Fire Marshal Johnston delivered a presentation to Council.

Fire Marshal Johnston made several recommendations to council for consideration including requiring Class A roofs for all new construction that help with reducing the spread of fires.

Council held a robust discussion related to the report, the various acceptable materials, impacts of roof replacements versus new construction projects, and issues with trees.

Council Member Hawkins-Manuelian suggested continuing the efforts in sharing information to educate residents with the voluntary options available in partnership with the Fire District and sought information from the district on managing smoke.

**This item will return to Council for further action at a future meeting in the form of adopting building code amendments and potential ordinance amendments.**

**3. PROVIDE STAFF WITH DIRECTION REGARDING REACH CODES –PROPOSED ELECTRIFICATION REACH CODES FOR 2019 ENERGY CODE**

Building Official Greenlee introduced the item.

Rafael Reyes from Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) provided a brief review of the item before introducing Senior Project Manager Farhad Faramand from TRC who presented a detailed presentation to Council.

Council sought clarifications throughout the presentation including how PCE planned to handle increase loads caused by Caltrain's electrification.

Public Comments:

- Stacy Miles, Environmental Programs Committee Member spoke in support of Reach Codes.
- Dr. Robert Gould, San Francisco Bay Physicians for Social Responsibility spoke in support of Reach Codes
- Kristel Wickham spoke in support of Reach Codes.
- Bruce Naegel spoke in support of Reach Codes.
- James Tuleya, Carbon Free Silicon Valley spoke in support of Reach Codes.
- Dashiell Leeds, Sierra Club spoke in support of Reach Codes.
- Natalia Esparza, Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action spoke in support of Reach Codes.
- Terry Nagel spoke in support of reach codes
- Stephanie Morris, Mouthers Out Front spoke in support of Reach Codes.
- Tom Kabot spoke in support of Reach Codes.
- Diane Bailey, Fossil Free Buildings in Silicon Valley spoke in support of Reach Codes.

City Manager Rodericks indicated that staff will bring the item back to Council for further consideration and evaluation. He added that it would be prudent to build in time for public engagement and input prior to any adoption.

**This item will return to Council for further consideration at a future meeting. The Council expressed a preference for a qualified All Electric Code with some exceptions to be considered during the process of adoption. Staff advised that they would attempt to return something to Council for consideration in January/February 2022.**

#### **4. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT**

City Manager Rodericks introduce Sustainability Coordinator Kim who reviewed the Climate Action Plan (CAP) progress report.

Kim reviewed the report for Council highlighting the CAP measures, noting the Town achieved its 2020 goal in reducing GHGs, reducing organic waste, and increased its use of electric vehicles.

Public Comments:

- James Tuleya, HomeIntel Energy Savings Program commented on the item
- Bruce Naegel commented on the item.

Council held a discussion on the topic and requested additional information including the reduction in numbers year over year to show the progression toward current statistics and enhancing our public outreach and education sharing with residents the various voluntary methods to move the Town closer to its goals.

**This item will return to Council with further reports and Climate Action Plan updates.**

**5. LEAF BLOWER SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Council Member Widmer presented the item reviewing several components including Assembly Bill 1346, discussions held by the Ad Hoc Subcommittee advocating for action to eliminate pollutants and noise of two-stroke gardening equipment, and various other restrictions.

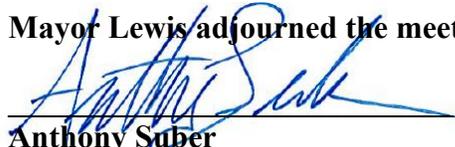
Council Member Hawkins-Manuelian added that the subcommittee discussed Spare the Air Days and the committee's recommendation to continue no blowing after heavy smoke days.

**This item was informational only and will return to Council for further consideration in the form of an ordinance amendment.**

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

**8. ADJOURN**

Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.



Anthony Suber  
City Clerk