



MINUTES
Town of Atherton
City Council
January 19, 2022
REGULAR MEETING

Mayor DeGolia called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

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1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **ROLL CALL** - Polito, Hawkins–Manuelian, Lewis, Widmer, Mayor DeGolia – All Present
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *None*
4. **PRESENTATION**
 - Atherton Library Annual Report – *Tomika Price, Library Manager*

Library Manager Price presented the annual report and presentation to Council after Item 15.

Council thanked the San Mateo Library representative for the work done by the library team and Mayor DeGolia noted the remarkable students he witnessed participating in the Inspiring Summer events.

5. **CITY MANAGER'S WRITTEN REPORT**

City Manager Rodericks introduced the report briefly and welcomed Council questions.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 6 - 11)

6. **APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS FOR NOVEMBER 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 2,752,017**
7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 15, 2021**
8. **REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF REVISIONS TO THE RESOLUTION GOVERNING TOWN COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

Pulled from Consent by Anne Yvonne Walker.

Anne Walker raised the concept of increasing the membership on the Audit and Finance Committee. Council discussed the merits of an increase and agreed to keep the membership size at five.

MOTION by Lewis, Second by Polito to approve Resolution 2022 - 01 as amended.

AYES: Polito, Hawkins–Manuelian, Lewis, Widmer, Mayor DeGolia

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

9. CERTIFICATION OF CONTINUING EMERGENCY; MAKE SUCH FINDINGS AS REQUIRED UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(E)(3); AND RATIFY SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS ENACTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

10. COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

11. ASSEMBLY BILL 481 LAW ENFORCEMENT AND STATE AGENCIES: MILITARY EQUIPMENT FUNDING, ACQUISITION, AND USE

MOTION by Widmer, Second by Polito to approve the Consent Calendar Items 6-11, except for Item 8.

AYES: Polito, Hawkins–Manuelian, Lewis, Widmer, Mayor DeGolia

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

REGULAR AGENDA (Items 12 – 17)

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

City Manager Rodericks introduced the item, provided a brief historical review and noted that the staff recommendation was that no change be implemented.

Public Comments:

- Carol Collins commented on the item and noted she did not support the staff recommendation.
- Jerry Leugers commented on the item and noted his support for the staff recommendation.

Council collectively provided support for the staff recommendation without descension.

13. CONSIDERATION OF AND APPOINTMENTS TO THE AUDIT AND FINANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEES

City Manager Rodericks introduced the item and City Clerk Suber noted applicant Stacy Miles indicated prior to the meeting that she unfortunately would be unable to attend.

Mayor DeGolia gave the applicants an opportunity to speak to their application and interest in serving.

Applicant Stephen Brickley addressed the Council and spoke to his interest in serving on the Audit and Finance Committee; he noted that he is withdrawing his application yielding to applicant Tom Hill.

Applicant Tom Hill addressed the Council and spoke to his interest in serving on the Audit and Finance Committee.

Public Comment:

- Anne Walker commented sharing her support for applicant Tom Hill.

MOTION by Widmer, Second by Polito to appoint Thomas Hill to the Audit and Finance Committee to fill the vacant seat set to expire this June 30, 2022.

AYES: Polito, Hawkins–Manuelian, Lewis, Widmer, Mayor DeGolia

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

14. REVIEW AND DISCUSS A TOWN CENTER MASTER PLAN UPDATE, TOWN CENTER ACTIVITIES, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CAFÉ

City Manager Rodericks noted the Master Plan was largely centered on the development and construction of the Town Center and discussed expectation of the project site and uses and opportunities for it. Rodericks broke the conversation into three topics to include uses and activities at the site, improvements to the physical plant of the site, and event oversight managed by Town staff and Library staff.

Council discussed the area of uses and activities including the types of activities to be held at the Town Center, rentals for private events versus public events, and which facilities would be made available if any.

Rodericks introduced the concept that the Town Center was funded with public money and private donations and that extensive private events may raise issues with resident donors and have unintended impacts on neighboring properties. He added that developing use guidelines for activities and possibly weekday versus weekend events will need to be created.

Public Comment:

- Alex Key encouraged the Town to consider relocating the Corp Yard from its current position.

Council provided direction to staff to continue to revise the Master Plan – Uses and Opportunities and return it for further Council consideration.

This item will return for further Council discussion at a future meeting.

15. AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPOSED LIBRARY CAFÉ

City Manager Rodericks introduced the item.

Council discussed the scoring and weighting of the Request for Proposal (RFP), possible revenue sharing arrangements with vendors, and the Town’s option to purchase equipment and have oversight for design review of the space.

Mayor DeGolia agreed to appoint a City Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee to work with staff to revise the RFP incorporating proposed changes and empowering that group with the authority to approve the final version for release.

MOTION by Widmer, Second by Polito to approve the Request for Proposal for Operations and Maintenance of the proposed Library Café subject to the approval of the Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee created by Mayor DeGolia.

AYES: Polito, Hawkins–Manuelian, Lewis, Widmer, Mayor DeGolia

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

16. COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS – *None*

17. ADJOURN

Mayor DeGolia adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.



Anthony Suber
City Clerk