



MINUTES
Town of Atherton
CITY COUNCIL/ATHERTON CHANNEL DRAINAGE
DISTRICT
September 8, 2010
10:00 A.M.
Town Council Chambers
94 Ashfield Road
Atherton, California
Special Meeting

Mayor McKeithen called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL **Lewis, Dobbie, Marsala, McKeithen, Carlson**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jon Buckheit, Atherton resident, said he knows the difference between a good lawyer and a bad lawyer. Buckheit discussed the conflict of interest sections of the draft RFP.

Colleen Anderson, Atherton resident, urged Council to find an Attorney who cares about the Town.

REGULAR

1. REVIEW AND DISCUSS CITY ATTORNEY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS; DISCUSS COMPOSITION, TERMS AND DUTIES OF THE AD-HOC COMMITTEE AND REVIEW WORK IN PROGRESS BY AD-HOC LEGAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report: City Manager Jerry Gruber

Recommendation: To Be Determined.

Vice Mayor Dobbie said he and Council Member Lewis met and put together criteria for choosing three applicants to the committee.

Mayor McKeithen believed that Council agreed they would put together the RFP with staff and residents would not be involved until after the RFP has been published.

Council Member Carlson and Marsala agreed.

Council Member Lewis said she felt residents should be involved in the entire process including the RFP process.

Mayor McKeithen suggested that Council focus on modifying the RFP. Council discussed certain items and issues that the City Attorney should be experienced in and should be included in the RFP. Expectations that are not currently being met were discussed.

Council Member Marsala suggested including a requirement for someone who is experienced in high speed rail, labor negotiations and state mandates.

Council Member Carlson requested that the new attorney work closer with the City Manager to mediate with potential litigants.

Mayor McKeithen said the Town needs an Attorney who understands what an Atherton resident wants and to make sure that the Town and its residents are being represented.

Council Member Lewis requested that Attorney response time be included in the scope of work.

Council agreed that the City Attorney needs to have a better response time than what they are currently receiving. Council wanted revised old Town documents and forms and regular updates from the attorney.

Vice Mayor Dobbie suggested that Council Member Carlson take his place on the ad-hoc committee to help revise the RFP.

Council concurred to allow Council Members Lewis and Carlson to revise the RFP and bring it back to a special meeting one Thursday, September 30th for final review.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Lewis, second by Carlson to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor McKeithen adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa DellaSanta
Deputy City Clerk