



MINUTES
Town of Atherton
City Council
MARCH 17, 2021
CLOSED SESSION
REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

5:30 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENTS – *None*

CLOSED SESSION IN ZOOM MEETING SPACE

ROLL CALL - Hawkins-Manuelian, DeGolia, Widmer, Vice Mayor Lempres, Mayor Lewis – Present

A. *CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR* – *Labor negotiations pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6*

Agency Negotiators: George Rodericks, City Manager
Employee Organization: Unrepresented Employees

B. *PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION* - *Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)*

City Manager

6:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL - Hawkins-Manuelian, DeGolia, Widmer, Vice Mayor Lempres, Mayor Lewis – Present

3. PRESENTATIONS

- **Proclamation to Commander Joe Wade upon his retirement**

Mayor Lewis read the proclamation. Council and City Manager Rodericks shared their gratitude for Commander Wade's service.

Commander Wade thanked the Council and noted that he truly enjoyed his career with the Town due to the residents and his fellow officers.

- **Proclamation to Officer Don Dunphy upon his retirement**

Mayor Lewis read the proclamation. Council and City Manager Rodericks thanked Officer Dunphy for his service.

- **HIP Housing Presentation – Chris Sturken, Community Outreach Specialist**

Chris Sturken, HIP Housing Community Outreach Specialist presented to Council.

4. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION by City Attorney Ebrahimi

City Attorney Ebrahimi noted that direction was provided in Closed Session.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Rob Seely commented on California Public Utilities Commission regulations and available funding.
- Julie Quinlan commented on landscape screening needs for the Atherton Corp Yard.

5. CITY MANAGER’S WRITTEN REPORT

City Manager Rodericks introduced the report and noted the current County Orange COVID-19 Tier and highlighted the upcoming April 17th Annual Atherton Recycling Event.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 6 – 12)

- 6. CERTIFICATION OF CONTINUING EMERGENCY AND RATIFICATION OF SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS ENACTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**
- 7. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS FOR FEBRUARY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 2,965,501**
- 8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 3, FEBRUARY 17 AND MARCH 3, 2021 COUNCIL MEETINGS**
- 9. 2020 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE ATHERTON GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**
- 10. APPROVAL OF A PROPOSAL FOR CALRECYCLE PLANNING DOCUMENT ASSISTANCE FROM R3 CONSULTING GROUP, INC.; DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AT A NOT TO EXCEED COST OF \$56,556 ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN**

11. **AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE 2021 OVERLAY PROJECT, PROJECT NUMBER 56096**
12. **AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE 2021 SPRING PATCHING PROJECT, PROJECT NUMBER 56095**

MOTION by Widmer, Second by Lempres to approve the Consent Calendar Items 6-12.

AYES: Hawkins, DeGolia, Widmer, Vice Mayor Lempres, Mayor Lewis

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

REGULAR AGENDA

13. **TOWN CENTER PROJECT UPDATE; FEEDBACK AND DIRECTION FOR THE NEW COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING; AND CITY COUNCIL AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DIRECTION**

City Manager Rodericks presented the report to Council noting the direction staff was seeking from Council.

Council discussed options related to the permanent Communications Building.

Council collectively agreed with staff's recommendation to select the modular unit adding a need for proper screening / landscaping.

The Legends Room Ad Hoc Subcommittee of Council Member DeGolia and Hawkins-Manuelian presented to Council.

Council discussed options presented and alternatives raised during the conversation.

Council Liaison Hawkins-Manuelian for the Donor Wall presented various options for Council consideration.

Council collectively provided feedback on the options presented and indicated preference for bronze and stone material, traditional plaques, and etched glass as the three primary materials to include in final recommendations.

14. **CONGRESSWOMAN ESHOO COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING – URGENCY ITEM**

MOTION by Lewis, Second by Widmer to approve adding an Urgency Item from Congresswoman Eshoo's Office related to Community Project Funding to the Regular Agenda for Council consideration.

AYES: Hawkins, DeGolia, Widmer, Vice Mayor Lempres, Mayor Lewis

NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

City Manager Rodericks presented potential projects to include in a report to Congresswoman Eshoo's Office for consideration.

Council discussed possible projects including the Green Infrastructure and Bike Lane projects.

City Manager Rodericks noted that staff will prepare a list of projects for Mayor Lewis review prior to submission.

15. COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS – *None*

16. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chi Vo, Atherton resident commented on right-of-way concern related to a neighbor's fence.

17. ADJOURN

Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Anthony Suber
City Clerk



MINUTES
Town of Atherton
City Council/Finance Committee
April 7, 2021
JOINT STUDY SESSION

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

4:00 PM STUDY SESSION

1. **ROLL CALL** - Hawkins-Manuelian (Arrived 4:56 PM), DeGolia, Widmer, Vice Mayor Lempres, Mayor Lewis – Present
Finance Committee Members – Polito, Patil, Scolnick, Vice Chair Sleeth, Chair Walker - Absent

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *None*

3. **PRESENTATION**

- **Dispatcher’s Proclamation 2021**

Mayor Lewis read the proclamation and Dispatcher Kristy Cisco received it on behalf of the Atherton Police Department.

4. **FY 2021/22 GENERAL FUND/OPERATIONS BUDGET**

City Manager Rodericks presented an executive summary of the item with a brief overview of the staff report.

Council discussed additional operational costs related to the Town Center, salaries & cost of living increases, new positions, increased cost related to retiree healthcare, and Certificate of Participation (COP) repayment options.

Council instructed staff investigate establishing a restricted debt service exclusively to accelerate the payoff of the COP.

There was no formal motion. This item will return for further action at a future council meeting.

5. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

A. COLLEAGUE’S MEMORANDUM – ACCESS REACH CODES PROPOSED BY PENINSULA CLEAN ENERGY

Council Member DeGolia introduced the item indicating that his position is that it would be in the best interest of residents to learn more about Reach Codes.

MOTION by Lewis, Second by DeGolia to approve evaluating Reach Codes at the April 21, 2021 City Council Meeting and to receive a presentation from Peninsula Clean Energy on the topic.

AYES: Hawkins, DeGolia, Widmer, Vice Mayor Lempres, Mayor Lewis

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

6. COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS – *None*

7. ADJOURN

Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

Anthony Suber
City Clerk