



MINUTES
Town of Atherton
City Council
December 15, 2021
REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

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1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL - Polito, Hawkins–Manuelian, DeGolia, Widmer, Mayor Lewis – All Present

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Sturken, HIP Housing Representative thanked the Council and shared information about the HIP Housing 2022 Calendar.

4. PRESENTATION

- **Recognition of A.D.A.P.T. (Atherton Disaster and Preparedness Team) President, Tom Prussing**

Mayor Lewis presented the proclamation to retiring A.D.A.P.T President Tom Prussing for his commitment to the residents of Atherton.

Tom Prussing was present during the meeting to receive the proclamation prepared for him in recognition for his service to the Town on ADAPT. He addressed his work and service and thanked the Council, staff, and residents to allow him to serve in his capacity.

Council Members each commended Mr. Prussing and thanked him for his efforts and dedication to educating and preparing residents and neighbors.

5. CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

City Clerk Suber introduced the item.

Mayor Lewis briefly noted the remarkable challenges and hurdles that were faced by staff and Council this year. She noted the milestones accomplished highlighting moving into the new Atherton Town Center and thanked the staff, residents, and her colleagues on Council for the support during the year.

City Clerk Suber announced the seat of Mayor vacant, and Lewis nominated Council Member DeGolia as Mayor.

Council Member Polito nominated Council Member Widmer for Mayor.

Suber conducted a roll call vote for the first nomination of DeGolia for Mayor for the 2022 calendar year, as follows:

- Polito – No
- Hawkins – Yes
- DeGolia – Yes
- Widmer – No
- Lewis – Yes

Mayor DeGolia nominated Council Member Bill Widmer as Vice Mayor and Suber conducted a roll call vote as follows:

- Polito – Yes
- Hawkins – Yes
- DeGolia – Yes
- Lewis – Yes
- Widmer – Yes

City Clerk Suber conducted the Oath of Office for both Mayor DeGolia and Vice Mayor Widmer.

Mayor DeGolia made a few remarks and indicated he wants to see hybrid meetings moving forward to keep the virtual option when we return to in-person meetings. He noted his plans to resume holding weekly Office Hours as he has done in the past. He continued to note a few critical projects that are a focus for 2022 and a desire to see the Town continue its goal of fiscal responsibility. DeGolia highlighted the Quad Gate project at Watkins, the remaining work to be completed at the Town Center (opening Library, Café at the Library, and transforming the train station). He added that Council has a strategic opportunity to revisit several Master Plans including the Park Master Plan and Bike-Ped Master Plan.

Public Comments:

- Senator Josh Becker congratulated outgoing Mayor Lewis and thanked the service for the residents of District 13. Congratulated incoming Mayor DeGolia and Vice Mayor Widmer
- Leslie Bulbuk, Assemblymember Marc Berman Office commented on behalf of the Assemblyman’s Office congratulating Lewis, DeGolia, Widmer and all Council.
- Tom Owen congratulated outgoing Mayor Lewis and Incoming Mayor DeGolia on the work they accomplished.

6. CITY MANAGER’S WRITTEN REPORT

City Manager Rodericks presented the report, there were no Council comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 7 - 11)

7. **APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS FOR NOVEMBER 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 2,752,017**
8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 15th, 17th, and DECEMBER 1, 2021.**
9. **WAIVE THE FINAL READING AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 18 SOLID WASTE AND EDIBLE FOOD RECOVERY WASTE RECOVERY TO THE ATHERTON MUNICIPAL CODE**

Adopted Ordinance 649

10. **APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT TO AMENDMENT WITH WEST COAST ARBORISTS, INC. FOR PUBLIC TREE MAINTENANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22**
11. **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**

MOTION by Widmer, Second by Polito to approve the Consent Calendar Items 7-11.

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

NOES

ABSTAIN

ABSENT

REGULAR AGENDA (Items 12 – 16)

12. **RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2021 SAN MATEO COUNTY MULTI JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Chief of Police McCulley presented the item and responded to Council inquiry. He continued noting that the Town participated in the 5-year review of the plan in partnership with the County Office of Emergency Services and all other cities and Towns in the County. He noted the plan was last adopted in 2016 and it was reviewed and approved by FEMA, California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES - State), the County Disaster Council and County Board of Supervisors.

MOTION by Polito, Second by Widmer to adopt Resolution No. 21-17 approving the 2021 San Mateo County Multijurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

City Manager Rodericks presented the item sharing the financial planning spreadsheet. He noted that the goal was not to make any decisions and that the item presented was to serve as an overview and guiding document on how to identify priorities.

Rodericks walked the Council through the Out-Year Financial Planning Spreadsheet calling out specific lines related to Revenues, Expenditures, and articulating expectations moving out several years for both.

Council held a detailed and robust conversation about the spreadsheet and financial priorities.

This was an informational item only.

14. 2021 ANNUAL GOALS REPORT

City Manager Rodericks presented the report and indicated it was a receive and file report only. He noted the goal was to highlight for Council and residents the various projects, tasks, and responsibilities that staff focused on and completed over the course of the year that roll into the overarching Council goals and priorities. Rodericks indicated the intention is to continue to prepare a similar report at least annually.

This was informational only.

15. COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS – NONE

16. ADJOURN

Mayor DeGolia adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Anthony Suber
City Clerk