



MINUTES
Town of Atherton – Joint Meeting
City Council and Planning Commission
NOVEMBER 1, 2023
SPECIAL MEETING – STUDY SESSION

Vice Mayor and Chair Lane called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING

Councilmember Stacy Holland participated remotely via the *Just Cause/Emergency Teleconferencing (Gov. Code, § 54953(f))*. The Council voted to grant Hollands request to participate virtual and both the Planning Commission and City Council followed the required conditions.

ROLL CALL -

Holland (Remote Participation), DeGolia, Lewis, Vice Mayor Hawkins-Manuelian, Mayor Widmer (*Absent*) – Present

Planning Commission: Lerner, Tonelli, Bryant, Polito, Lane – Present

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

STUDY SESSION

**1. STUDY SESSION TO DISCUSS TOPIC AREAS FOR MULTIFAMILY HOUSING
OBJECTIVE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

**CEQA: Statutorily Exempt from CEQA under Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning
Studies**

Town Planner Bendix and Housing and Planning Consultant Ford made a presentation to Council and the Commission with the primary objective to review and discuss topic areas for multifamily housing objective design and development standards. Ford and Bendix reviewed the Large House typology, discussed the Density Bonus Law, and shared the community input and feedback from the October 23rd housing workshop.

Council and Commissioners held robust discussions on all topics and sought clarification related to how the Density Bonus Law may play out in Town. The discussion included a general overview of the next steps including completing the CEQA process and pending revisions to the Housing Element requested by HCD.

City Manager Rodericks and Bendix provided examples and clarification of the application of the law.

City Attorney Ebrahimi provided further clarification related to the Density Bonus. She articulated that the State Density Bonus requirements will exist regardless of what action the Town takes.

Public Comment:

- David Arata
- Jeff Morris
- Carol Flaherty
- Tom Giorgi
- Jed Riddle
- Paul iPad – Online

Both the Council and Planning Commission agreed to schedule another Joint Study Session to continue the discussion and agreed to identify a date before the December Regular Council meeting.

This item will return to Council as an Action item at future meetings.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS – None

ADJOURN

Vice Mayor Hawkins-Manuelian and Chair Lane adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

City Clerk, Anthony Suber