



MINUTES
Town of Atherton
City Council
NOVEMBER 20, 2024
REGULAR MEETING

REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

TELECONFERENCE NOTICE Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, Subdivision (b), the following City Council meeting includes teleconference participation by Council Member Stacy Holland

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hawkins-Manuelian called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – Holland (Participated Virtually), Widmer, DeGolia, Vice Mayor Lewis, Mayor Hawkins-Manuelian – Present

PRESENTATIONS - NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS – City Council Members - **NONE**

DEPARTMENTAL WRITTEN REPORT

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – *by City Attorney Ebrahimi*

There is no closed session report.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 4)

- 1. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,499,762**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 16, 2024**
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF ATHERTON AND GREENWASTE RECOVERY, LLC**

4. ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

MOTION by Lewis, Second by Widmer to approve the Consent Items 1-4 with amended minutes.

AYES: Holland, DeGolia, Widmer, Lewis, Hawkins

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

PUBLIC HEARING – NONE

REGULAR AGENDA (Items 5 - 7)

ITEM NO. 7 REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

5. CONSIDERATION AND DIRECTION REGARDING ADOPTION OF A TOWN CHARTER – TO INCLUDE APPOINTMENT OF A STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

City Manager Rodericks provided a brief review of the history of the item, pros and cons of enacting a Town Charter and noted the staff report included a timeline of activities necessary to meet a November 2028 ballot.

Council discussed issues related to the advantages and disadvantages of becoming a charter city, formation of a subcommittee of the Council, a charter or scope of work for any subcommittee, engagement with the public, the value of the investigation into becoming a charter city, purpose of becoming a charter city, home rule philosophy, and timing.

Council directed that staff return in early 2025 with a scope of work and/or charter for a Council Subcommittee that the Council can review and determine next steps.

6. ADOPTION OF THE COUNTYWIDE AND TOWN OF ATHERTON LOCAL ROADWAY SAFETY PLAN AND DESIGNATION OF SAFETY CORRIDORS

Public Works Director Ovadia presented the plan to Council and noted that the plan had been reviewed by the Transportation, Bicycle, Pedestrian and Safety Committee as a part of public outreach. He provided details regarding accident history from 2018 to 2022.

Council discussed issues related to the advantages and disadvantages of designating a street as a safety corridor, methodology for addressing speed and including speed in the criteria for designation, requirements for designation as a safety corridor, inclusion of school zones, inclusion of additional streets for consideration as corridors, and process for review.

Council directed staff to have the Transportation, Bicycle and Advisory Committee review reductions in speed where appropriate and review the inclusion of all streets around schools as school zone corridors and review the addition of other streets for inclusion as safety corridors.

MOTION by Lewis, Second by Holland to adopt a resolution adopting the Countywide and Town of Atherton Local Roadway Safety Plan and accompanying Vision Zero Goal”, and designating “Safety Corridors” in the Town of Atherton.

AYES: Holland, DeGolia, Widmer, Lewis, Hawkins

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

7. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE TRAIN STATION HISTORY MUSEUM

Pulled from the agenda.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – NONE

ADJOURN

Mayor Hawkins-Manuelian adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm.

Anthony Suber, City Clerk