



MINUTES
Town of Atherton
City Council
JULY 19, 2023
REGULAR MEETING

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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Widmer called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PRESENTATIONS

- Cit Council recognized the contributions of outgoing Planning Commissioners Perry Narancic and Randy Lamb

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Guest commented on traffic management in Town.

DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS – City Council Members – **None**

DEPARTMENTAL WRITTEN REPORT

No Comments.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION - None

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 9)

- 1. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS FOR JUNE 2023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 1,814,801**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 19 AND JUNE 21 CITY COUNCIL**
- 3. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ACCEPTING EXPENDITURES FOR BALANCE OF FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUND (SLESF), CITIZEN’S OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) GRANT**

Adopted Resolution No. 23-18

4. **APPROVAL FOR ACCEPTANCE OF A \$120,000 DONATION TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE CANINE PROGRAM, WHICH WOULD FUND ONE POLICE CANINE, RELATED TRAINING/EQUIPMENT, AND CANINE POLICE VEHICLE.**
5. **WAIVE THE SECOND READING BY SUBSTITUTION OF TITLE AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 661 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ATHERTON, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ATHERTON MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 8.20.140 TO PROVIDE FOR RECOVERY OF REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES TO PREVAILING PARTIES OF ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT BY THE TOWN OF ATHERTON TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCES**

Approved Ordinance No. 661

6. **APPROVE THE FINAL PARCEL MAP TO ALLOW THE SUBDIVISION OF A 2.5-ACRE LOT INTO TWO LOTS IN THE R1-A ZONING DISTRICT, WITH A CONDITIONAL EXCEPTION FOR LOT WIDTHS AT 43 SANTIAGO AVENUE (APN 070-343-310/PERMIT SUB23-00004 /EXC23-00001)**
7. **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH BRIGHTVIEW LANDSCAPE SERVICES FOR CLEANUP OF EL CAMINO REAL MEDIANS AND RIGHT OF WAY AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES ALONG EL CAMINO REAL**

Public Comment:

- Jim Massey
- Pam Silvaroli

8. **REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF REVISIONS TO THE RESOLUTION GOVERNING TOWN COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS TO MERGE THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES**

Pulled for discussion by Councilmember DeGolia.

Council discussed revising requirements for committee members to be registered voters and replacing that language with being Atherton residents. The council came to a consensus on this revision.

MOTION by DeGolia, Second by Lewis to adopt the Town committees and commissions governing resolution as amended.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Adopted Resolution No. 23-17

9. CLAIM REJECTION FOR ALL DAMAGES – TORRES, EMMANUEL (CLAIM NO. 4A2208H3P8K-0001)

PUBLIC HEARING (Items 10)

**10. NOTICE OF CONTINUANCE FOR INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. __
ADDING SECTION 12.06.030-D AND CHAPTER 12.10 TO THE ATHERTON
MUNICIPAL CODE CLARIFYING MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES OF
OWNERS OF PROPERTY ADJACENT TO PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND
IMPOSING LIABILITY ON OWNERS OF PROPERTY ADJACENT TO PUBLIC
SIDEWALKS FOR INJURIES SUFFERED ON PUBLIC SIDEWALKS, AS DEFINE**

Mayor Widmer opened the public hearing, there were no comments, and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION by Widmer, Second by Hawkins to continue the item to the September 20, 2023

AYES: Holland, DeGolia, Lewis, Hawkins, Widmer

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

REGULAR AGENDA (Items 11 – 12)

**11. REVIEW AND RECOMMEND POTENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING SITES
AND LAND USE STRATEGIES TO INCLUDE IN THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION
FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE 6TH CYCLE HOUSING
ELEMENT**

Geoff Bradley, AICP Principal-In-Charge, M-Group and Brittany Bendix, Town Planner and Housing Element Project Manager reviewed a presentation with the Council that made recommendations for potential multi-family housing sites and land use strategies to include in the project description. Town Planning Consultants reviewed Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) issues and discussed opportunity sites for inclusion in the CEAQ process for the Housing Element. Council each of the 10 listed potential multi-family sites.

Public Comment:

- Joe provided comment in writing
- Pam Silvaroli
- David Haynes
- Ken Frederick
- Carol Flaherty
- Resident on Stockbridge
- Jeff Morris

- Zack Whitman
- Mark
- Jennifer Ryan
- Rod Sheppard
- Frank Burke
- Wayland Brill

Council opted not to include: 2 and 8 Sleby Lane, 89 and 99 Victoria Drive, 97 Santiago Avenue, or 290 Polhemus Avenue for CEQA analysis.

Council included 999 Ringwood, 352 Bay Road, 318 Bay Road, and 296 Bay Road for inclusion in the CEQA analysis.

Council indicated that Sacred Heart Schools is already included as part of revisions to the Public Facilities and School (PFS) Zoning District.

Council continued the discussion and decided to include the Circus Club, Gilmore House and remainder of Holbrook-Palmer Park for consideration of inclusion as a Park and Open Space (POS) Zoning District after a public notice process is completed.

Council added 175 Ravenswood, 185 Ravenswood, and 197 Ravenswood would be for inclusion after public noticing process is completed.

Council directed that staff provide public notice to the properties on Ravenswood (and surrounding neighbors) as well as properties within the POS Zoning District (and surrounding neighbors) that these properties are being considered for inclusion in the CEQA process to provide the Council with additional information regarding potential inclusion in the Housing Element as opportunity sites for multi-family. The remainder of the Housing Element Project Description remained unchanged and moved forward.

The noticed properties will be considered for inclusion at the September 20 Regular Meeting.

The Council also directed that staff reach out to Stanford regarding the terms of the deed restrictions on Holbrook-Palmer Park.

12. DISCUSSION OF PICKLEBALL SURVEY RESULTS AND DIRECTION TO STAFF

City Manager Rodericks introduced the item and reviewed the survey results and options proposed. He noted that the most popular response was for the Town to do a temp trial on one tennis court.

Council discussed the options proposed, noise considerations related to the courts, equipment needs, times of availability, and considered the length a trial might run.

Public Comment:

- Ken Frederick

The Council agreed to introduce pickle ball at Holbrook-Palmer Park on Court 1 only for limited times (Sun – Sat: 9am – 12pm and Tues & Thursdays 4pm-7pm) Council directed staff to develop the pilot program and return to council with cost estimates related to materials and equipment.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Councilmember Hawkins-Manuelian announced that the Center for Age-Friendly Excellence Staging Committee and Task Force is seeking residents age 55+ to join the upcoming focus groups.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None

ADJOURN

Mayor Widmer adjourned the meeting at 9:32 pm.

Anthony Suber, City Clerk