



**MINUTES**  
**Town of Atherton**  
**City Council**  
**DECEMBER 21, 2022**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**6:00 P.M.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor DeGolia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL – Polito, Hawkins-Manuelian, Lewis, Vice Mayor Widmer, Mayor DeGolia – All Present**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Attorney Representing Bo Shein related to public protests
- Steve Seabolt public comment related to public protests

**PRESENTATIONS**

- **Proclamation in honor of Stella Parsons**

City Clerk Suber read the Proclamation in honor of Stella Parsons.

**ELECTION RESULTS AND CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION (Items 1 – 2)**

**1. DECLARATION OF RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE TOWN OF ATHERTON BASED ON THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE AND FINAL OFFICIAL CANVAS**

City Clerk Suber introduced the item and presented the results certified by San Mateo County Chief Elections Officer Mark Church for the November 8, 2022 Statewide Election. Suber confirmed that based on those results the newly elected City Council Members were incumbent Rick DeGolia, incumbent Bill Widmer, and Stacy Miles Holland.

Council Member Polito thanked his colleagues on Council and made remarks related to his time served on Council.

The remaining members of Council expressed sincere thanks and gratitude for Bob Polito's service and commitment to the Town.

**MOTION by Lewis, Second by Widmer to Adopt Resolution No. 2022-26 certifying the November 8, 2022, election results for the Town of Atherton.**

**AYES: Polito, Hawkins-Manuelian, Lewis, Widmer, DeGolia**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

City Clerk Suber conducted the Oath of Office for Rick DeGolia, Bill Widmer, and Stacy Miles Holland.

Public Comments were received by Representatives of Marc Bermans Office.

## **2. CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION**

City Clerk Suber introduced the item reviewing the process for selecting the Mayor and Vice Mayor for the Town. City Manager Rodericks provided additional guidance.

- Message from Outgoing Mayor

Mayor DeGolia made remarks about his year serving the Council as Mayor thanking his colleagues on Council and highlighting several milestones including moving into the new Town Center.

- **Selection of Mayor**

**Council Member DeGolia nominated Bill Widmer to serve as Mayor for 2023.**

**AYES: Holland, Hawkins-Manuelian, Lewis, DeGolia, Widmer**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

- **Oath of Office for Vice Mayor**

**Mayor Widmer nominated Diana Hawkins-Manuelian to serve as Vice Mayor for 2023.**

**AYES: Holland, Lewis, DeGolia, Widmer, Hawkins-Manuelian**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

- **Message from Incoming Mayor – Mayor**

Mayor Widmer made remarks related to the historic 2022 year on Council and the challenges that lie ahead. He established an Ad Hoc Subcommittee for the 100 Year Celebration and assigned Council Member DeGolia and Lewis to serve.

## **DEPARTMENTAL WRITTEN REPORTS**

There were no Council questions.

## **REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – None**

## **CONSENT AGENDA (Items 3 – 9)**

### **3. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS**

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 16, NOVEMBER 17 AND DECEMBER 7, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **5. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION RATIFYING PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE TOWN AND AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF TOWN LEGISLATIVE BODIES PURSUANT TO THE BROWN ACT GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(E)**

### **6. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REOPENING THE MACK E. MICKELSON ARTHRITIS AND REHABILITATION CENTER WARM WATER THERAPY POOL LOCATED AT THE MILLS HEALTH CENTER IN SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA**

**Approved Resolution 2022-28**

### **7. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE TOWN OF ATHERTON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN**

**Approved Resolution No. 2022-28**

### **8. ACCEPTANCE OF A \$51,326 DONATION IN SUPPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC DIVISION WITH THE PURCHASE OF A BMW PATROL MOTORCYCLE AND IN SUPPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RESIDENTIAL ALARM MONITORING PROGRAM WITH THE PURCHASE OF AN INTERNET PROTOCOL CAPABLE ALARM MONITORING TRANSCEIVER.**

### **9. AFFIRM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FINDING OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, APPROVE PROJECT PLANS, AND AUTHORIZE BID SOLICITATION FOR THE PROJECT FOR THE ATHERTON STATION REMODEL PROJECT, PROJECT NUMBER 56085**

**MOTION by DeGolia, Second by Lewis to approve the Consent Calendar Items  
AYES: Holland, DeGolia, Lewis, Hawkins-Manuelian, Mayor Widmer**

**NOES:**  
**ABSTAIN:**  
**ABSENT:**

## **PUBLIC HEARING (Items 10 – 10)**

### **10. INTRODUCTION FOR 1ST READING AND WAIVE FUTURE READINGS OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ATHERTON MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 8.16 RELATED TO NOISE CONTROL**

City Manager Rodericks introduced the item. He noted the opening of the public hearing and the formal introduction of the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. He reviewed the revisions and changes being proposed related to the dBA noise levels and discretionary allowance for enforcement.

Council held a discussion related to the enforcement of the ordinance and sought clarity around repeat offenders. They also discussed how the fines/penalty was being codified. City Attorney Ebrahimi addressed Council inquiries.

Police Chief McCulley also clarified the enforcement process and the Police Departments general approach to enforcement related to noise violations.

Code Enforcement Officer Daley responded to Council inquiry related to the frequency and issuance of fines related to noise ordinance violations.

Public Comment:

- Mr. Manuelian made a comment.

**MOTION Lewis, Second Widmer to introduce for first reading and waive future readings of an Ordinance amending Atherton Municipal Code Chapter 8.16 related to Noise Control with amendments to maximum allowance of dBA.**

**AYES: Holland, DeGolia, Lewis Widmer**

**NOES: Hawkins-Manuelian**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

## **REGULAR AGENDA - None**

## **COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Council Member Lewis congratulated and thanked all City Council Candidates from the November 8, 2022, Election.

Vice Mayor Member Hawkins-Manuelian commented on a meeting she attended with Menlo Park and Palo Alto related to building a regional community-based organization similar to A.D.A.P.T.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None**  
**PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

**ADJOURN**

**Mayor Widmer adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.**

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**Anthony Suber**

**City Clerk**