



Minutes
Town of Atherton
March 2, 2016
2:30 P.M.
Council Chambers
94 Ashfield Road
Atherton, California
Special Meeting

ROLL CALL Lewis, Lempres, Widmer, Wiest, DeGolia

PUBLIC COMMENTS - (Limited to items on the agenda)

1. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE(S) AND STAFF REGARDING THE REFUSE FRANCHISE RENEWAL PROCESS

Report: City Manager George Rodericks

Recommendation: Review report and provide direction

Staff and the City Council Solid Waste Subcommittee presented a report followed by comments and questions from the Council. Questions from the Council revolved around clarity on the process for renewal, current franchise agreements, ownership of the materials recovery facility, details of some of the various possible “a la carte” programs, and methodology for determining diversion and overhead cost allocation.

Following discussion and public comment, the Council supported the recommendation to move forward with the South Bay Waste Management Joint Powers Authority (JPA) process and press for financial segregation of the a la carte programs as identified. If during the process, the Town is unable to secure financial segregation of the various possible a la carte, staff and the Subcommittee will return to the Council with an update and potentially a request to prepare an Atherton-specific Request for Bid for refuse services.

2. AUTHORIZE A MOVIE AND COMMUNITY SURVEY FOR EARTH DAY EVENT

Report: Town Planner Lisa Costa Sanders

Recommendation: Authorize an environmental movie and a community survey for the 2016 Earth Day event

Staff provided a brief report reviewing the various movies recommended by the Environmental Programs Committee. The Council watched a trailer for one of the movies and provided feedback on all of the movie options. The Council’s comments questioned the relevance of some of the movies to Atherton-specific issues; comments regarding advocacy and the desire for a disclaimer if any of the movies are shown.

Following discussion and public comment, the Council authorized the showing of either Pandora’s Promise or Tapped as part of the Town’s Earth Day activities. The Council also

supported the use of a disclaimer essentially noting that the views or opinions expressed in the movie shown do not necessarily represent the official policy or position of the Town.

Following discussion of the movie, the Council moved on to the Community Survey. Here, the Council moved through the various survey questions one by one and either edited or removed the question from the proposed survey. The Council directed that the survey be released electronically via the Town's Open Town Hall process thereby driving visitors to the Town website.

Following discussion and public comment, the Council authorized the release of the survey as edited.

3. DRAFT CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE (EPC)

Report: Town Planner Lisa Costa Sanders

Recommendation: Provide direction to staff on the draft Climate Action Plan (CAP) as recommended by the Environmental Programs Committee (EPC)

The Council resumed where they had left off with the draft document providing feedback at the policy level with respect to the various measures proposed in the Plan. It was noted that overall, the Town will meet and likely exceed the State mandate with respect to greenhouse gas reductions. Programs supported by the Council were to be considered, as appropriate, where feasible and practical. Following discussion and public comment, the Council finalized their input into the draft Climate Action Plan and directed staff to make the changes, incorporate recalculations with respect to greenhouse gas reductions for each of the measures and return the document for Council final review and approval at a future meeting.

ADJOURN

Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa DellaSanta
City Clerk