



MINUTES
Town of Atherton
City Council
June 6, 2018
4:00 P.M.
Council Chambers
94 Ashfield Road
Atherton, California
Special Meeting

Mayor Wiest called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Lewis, DeGolia, Lempres, Vice Mayor Widmer, Mayor Wiest

DeGolia was excused

Lempres arrived at 4:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT – *For items on the agenda.*

STUDY SESSION AGENDA

1. REVIEW OF THE FY2018/19 TOWN BUDGET

Report: City Manager George Rodericks

Recommendation: Review and Discuss Operating Budget for FY 2018/19

Finance Director Robert Barron III presented the operating budget for FY 2018/19. The presentation consisted of a general fund overview:

- General Fund Revenues - \$15,760,043
 - Does not include the estimated \$1,025,000 in Excess ERAF Revenue
- FY 2018/19 General Fund Expenditures - \$14,088,033
- Recommended Transfers out within General Fund
 - Transfer Out to Workers' Compensation - \$235,397

Vice Mayor Widmer suggested staff review the need for resurfacing of the tennis courts. Council Member Lewis preferred looking at all park needs before spending money on resurfacing. Widmer noted that the funds would come from the tennis fund.

Council thanked Barron and staff for the budget. City Manager Rodericks noted that final adoption of the budget will come to Council at their June 20 meeting.

2. RECEIVE THE BOUNDARY SURVEY OF HOLBROOK-PALMER PARK AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON NEXT STEPS

Report: Public Works Director Robert Ovardia

Recommendation: Review the Holbrook-Palmer Park boundary survey decide if any action should be taken

Public Works Director Robert Ovadia summarized the staff report.

Council Member Lewis said it was good information and felt the property owners would like to see the info.; So they are aware of the current conditions and be cognizant of potential liabilities. Lewis suggested notification to the residents about the boundary line and encroachments.

Council Member Lempres questioned adverse possession and whether there would be any impact for not alerting the neighbors to the current conditions.

City Attorney Connors said there is no adverse possession against a public agency. He said the only concern could be liability associated with someone getting hurt by an unsafe condition created by someone's fence on Town property.

Council Member Widmer said that if there is liability the Town should do something about it.

Lempres noted that the Town must have more control if someone's fence is on our property. He suggested a policy that, over time, allows the Town to reclaim their property.

There was further discussion about the property line, indemnification, encroachment permits, timeframe and possible legal issues. Staff will bring back a letter to property owners for Council review.

3. JOINT MEETING REQUEST FROM THE MENLO PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Report: City Manager George Rodericks

Recommendation: Review attached letter and provide staff with direction regarding the request

City Manager Rodericks summarized the report.

There were questions regarding whether there was any back up material for the District's requested agenda items.

Director Chang-Kiraly was hoping for a meeting sooner and noted that perhaps employee housing could be a discussion topic.

Council agreed that the Town should meet with the Fire District in a joint meeting as they have in the past around December. In the meantime, hold an open, strategic meeting with the District Chair and Chief to develop an agenda for the joint meeting.

URGENCY ITEM

The Brown Act allows the Town to add an item to a published agenda by a 2/3 majority of those present if there is a need for immediate action and the need came to the attention of the Town subsequent to the agenda being posted.

ADD URGENCY ITEM AS CLOSED SESSION ITEM TO THE AGENDA

MOTION by Lewis, second by Lempres to add the item to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn to Closed Session at 4:50 p.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)

One (1) Case

Report: City Attorney Bill Conners

Recommendation: Council make a finding that there is an immediate need for action that came to the attention of the agency after the agenda was posted.

ADJOURN

Mayor Wiest adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa N. DellaSanta
City Clerk