



MINUTES
Town of Atherton
CITY COUNCIL/ATHERTON CHANNEL DRAINAGE
DISTRICT
April 21, 2010
7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers
94 Ashfield Road
Atherton, California
Special Meeting

Mayor McKeithen called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL Lewis, Dobbie, Marsala, McKeithen, Carlson

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF JOHN P. JOHNS**

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 10-23 in appreciation of the public service of John P. Johns

Carol Flaherty, Atherton resident, said Mr. Johns was a destructive individual and was surprised that Council would commend him. Flaherty questioned whether Johns would receive service time and benefits. Flaherty concluded by asking Council to explain why they would expend almost a half a million dollars for someone who created a financial train wreck.

Jon Buckheit, Atherton resident, said he hired Mr. Johns as a forensic accountant for a current project and he has done an exemplary job. Buckheit asked if Atherton is better off financially since Johns left then they were during his tenure or before it. Buckheit concluded that it is important for decision makers to review Johns legacy to figure out how to overcome the Town's current financial struggles.

Melinda Tevis, Atherton resident, said the Town was almost broke in the early part of this decade and Johns came in and built up the Town's reserves. Tevis said the Atherton Civic Interest League (ACIL) presented Johns with a merit award in 2002 for his job performance. Tevis concluded that Johns was discredited personally for his audit of the Building Department which was done by direction of the Council.

Sam Goodman, former resident and Town Audit Chairman, was at the meeting when Johns was called to the task of auditing the building department. Goodman said several years have past

since then and nothing has changed in the Town. Goodman concluded that Johns is a good man and a fine accountant and this issue should be put to rest.

Denise Kupperman, Atherton resident, said she hopes Town employees learn something from this and suggested training to address how to deal with employees who don't perform to standards.

Mayor McKeithen read the resolution in appreciation of the public service of John P. Johns for the record.

Assistant City Attorney Ben Winig said the settlement was for \$225,000 which is made out in two separate checks; one for \$135,000 and the remaining is subject to payroll taxes and withholdings. Winig added that there are no benefits or retirement money. Winig concluded that the settlement agreement is a public document and can be obtained through a public records request.

Mayor McKeithen asked for a roll call vote.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 1 (Marsala) Abstain: 1 (Lewis) Absent: 0

Council Member Lewis abstained because she does not know Mr. Johns and was not on Council during his employment.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Dobbie, second by Carlson to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor McKeithen adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa DellaSanta
Deputy City Clerk