



Minutes - UNAPPROVED
CITY COUNCIL/ATHERTON
CHANNEL DRAINAGE DISTRICT
AGENDA
April 12, 2000
6:30 p.m.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Chapman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Alan B. Carlson
William R. Conwell
Malcolm H. Dudley
Dianne M. Fisher
Nanette F. Chapman

Also present were Interim City Manager Ralph Freedman and City Attorney Robin Faisant.

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** The following members of the audience spoke: Sydney Netreba, 50 Fairview Avenue.
- 3. CLOSED SESSION:** The Council adjourned to closed session at 6:32 p.m. to discuss the following: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9:
One potential case.
- 4. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:** The Council reconvened to open session at 7:00 p.m.

Report of action: The City Council unanimously upheld the action of the City Manager to deny the public records request.

- 5. COUNCIL REPORTS:** Mayor Chapman announced the resignation of City Attorney Robin Faisant, effective June 30, 2000. The Mayor also announced the resignation of Catherine Roberts from the Atherton Arts Committee effective May 15, 2000 and the resignation of Police Lieutenant Patrick McTaggart.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** The following members of the audience spoke: John Rugeiro, 10 Stockbridge Avenue, Robert Simonds, 26 Wilburn Avenue, and John Sisson, 26 Belleau Avenue.
6. **CITY MANAGER REPORTS:** Interim City Manager Ralph Freedman reported on the following:

**Procedures involved in performing the Police Department reorganization.
Response to newspaper articles in regards to Interim City Manager.**

Gloria Berry, 230 Oak Grove Avenue, spoke.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION – Approve the consent calendar as presented.

M/S Fisher/Dudley Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

8. **APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 00-06, requesting a funding allocation from the 1999-2000 Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund for a total amount not to exceed \$16,771.48. Additionally, the City Council authorized the City Manager, Chief of Police, or their designee(s) to sign all necessary documentation to facilitate the receipt of the grant funds and purchase the items identified in the staff report.**
9. **APPROVED PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION OFFICE RELOCATION** The City Council authorized the purchase of a customized and refurbished 12' by 56' trailer from Mobile Modular of Livermore to be placed on the parking lot side of the permit center with a connection between the permit center and trailer through a corridor that runs parallel to the used trailer.
10. **AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR STREET AND STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENT – WALSH ROAD AT ALAMEDA DE LAS PULGAS** The City Council awarded the contract to D and D Pipelines, with funding to be as follows: \$23,490 from the Street Fund, and \$23,700 from the Storm Drainage Fund.

REGULAR AGENDA

11. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Work Study Session, Revenue Enhancements**

Interim City Manager Ralph Freedman discussed proposed changes to the budget in the allocation of administrative support to each Town department. He also stated that reserves should be established for equipment purchase.

Vince Defries, from California Security, spoke on the current alarm system in place in the Police Department. He explained how the use of radio technology can improve the current system.

Interim Police Chief Brown Taylor cited alarm call statistics and discussed proposals for alarm fees. He also discussed fee structures in place in other communities. John Sisson, 26 Belleau, Eugene Berry, 230 Oak Grove Avenue, Jerry Carlson, 95 Mount Vernon Lane, Robert Jenkins, 36 Irving Avenue, and Jim Jantz, 95 Wilburn Avenue spoke.

Building Official Mike Hood proposed increases in building permit fees by adjusting valuation amounts. He stated that fees should be reassessed every year. Robert Jenkins, 36 Irving Avenue, and Charles Marsala, 33 Emilie Avenue, spoke.

Public Works Director Cliff Temps presented a proposal for increasing fees for processing permits and plan checking. He also proposed implementing fees for other services.

Interim City Manager Ralph Freedman discussed the options available to the City Council to balance the budget, including a utility users tax, a business tax on property transfers, a parcel tax, fee increases and implementation of fees for services, special assessment districts, and the use of reserves. Jim Jantz, Charles Marsala, and Robert Jenkins spoke.

Council Member Carlson stated that the Council needs to establish a global plan including revenue enhancements, budget cuts for the short term, and goals for the long term. Council Member Dudley stated that the best way to finance capital improvement is to create special assessment districts and levy property owners over the long-term.

Interim City Manager Ralph Freedman said that workshops will be held for budget discussions, with a special City Council meeting to be held in early May. The City Council directed the Interim City Manager to return to the Council with formal justification for the proposed revenue enhancements. Preliminary revenue and expenditure figures for the 2000-2001 budget will also be discussed at the next meeting.

John Sisson, 26 Belleau Avenue, spoke.

12. **ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Barker
City Clerk