



Minutes
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, April 11, 2001
7:00 p.m.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
94 Ashfield Road
Atherton, California

SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Fisher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Kathy McKeithen
James R. Janz
Alan B. Carlson
Dianne M. Fisher
William R. Conwell

2. COUNCIL REPORTS

- Council Member Conwell reported that CCAG will meet on Thursday, and the Criminal Justice Commission will meet next week.
- Council Member Janz reported that he will attend the ABAG General Assembly on Thursday, April 12.
- Council Member McKeithen reported on the Emergency Services Council meeting where authorization was given for the expenditure of approximately \$10 million in County funds to install a microwave system and mutual aid radio system. The Screening Committee met and has recommended that a Staff Screening Committee not be utilized for the interviewing process of the City Manager finalists. She asked that the terms of the City Manager contract, including the issue of the house, be put on a future agenda during open session.
- Council Member Carlson asked that a formal tax opinion be obtained on providing a house for the City Manager.
- Mayor Fisher reported that P.G. & E. has the most current information on the rolling blackouts on the website www.calso.com. Information will also be given on the front page of newspapers.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- **John Ruggeiro, 10 Stockbridge**
- **Shirley Carlson, Atherton Tree Committee, announced that the Arbor Day celebration will be held on April 28th.**
- **Sandy Crittenden, 117 Heather Drive, announced that the Holbrook-Palmer Park Barbecue will be held on April 22.**
- **Charles Marsala, 33 Emilie Avenue**
- **John Sisson, 26 Belleau Avenue**

REGULAR AGENDA

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – MID-PENINSULA ACCESS CORPORATION PRESENTATION ON CABLECASTING THE ATHERTON CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ON THE GOVERNMENT ACCESS CHANNEL

Annie Niehaus, Executive Director of Mid-Peninsula Access Corporation, gave a presentation on MPAC, which is the designated community access organization whose job is to provide citizens in the cable service area with the ability to communicate over cable television. She explained how MPAC assists cities in utilizing the Government Access Channel on cable television. Information was provided on how live video broadcasting could be accomplished in the Town Council Chambers. Discussion ensued regarding the cost of broadcasting. The Council was invited to come and broadcast at their studio to see if there is any community interest. She also discussed how the new franchise agreement with AT&T will provide free installation to the Institutional Network, a dedicated fiber network for use by local government and schools. She stated that Atherton will need to choose one location for access to this free service. This will provide Internet connections between all the agencies involved, including video-conferencing and cablecasting. A kickoff meeting will be held in June to demonstrate how this will work.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – PARCEL TAX, CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION ON PRO FORMA BUDGETS

Interim City Manager Ralph Freedman discussed the results of the Audit Committee meeting, and presented the suggested modifications to the pro forma reports. Changes were made to the footnotes to make them more informative. The issue of continuing the alarm fees was discussed. Jerry Carlson from the Audit Committee, spoke to the Council and stated that he will report back to the Council on April 18th. It was agreed that more footnotes to the pro forma reports are needed to explain changes in numbers from year to year, and changes in salaries and benefits resulting from added positions. Interim Finance Director Bill Yeomans answered questions regarding the pro forma reports. The Council asked Staff to prepare a Draft Analysis to be provided to the Council at the April 18th meeting. John Sisson, Sandy Crittenden and Charles Marsala spoke from the audience.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - GOAL SETTING STUDY SESSION

Interim City Manager Ralph Freedman presented overheads on a Mission Statement which was adopted by a prior City Council. He discussed some general ideas developed by Staff for short and long term goals. Discussion ensued. Council concurred that they should meet annually, prior to the budget process, to identify and pursue short-term goals, and review long-term goals. The following members of the audience spoke: John Ruggeiro, John Sisson, and Smith McKeithen.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sharon Barker _____
Sharon Barker, City Clerk