



Minutes
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 12, 2001
6:00 P.M.
Town Council Chambers
94 Ashfield Road
Atherton, California
Special Meeting

Mayor Fisher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She called for a moment of silence in memory of those who perished in the September 11 terrorist attacks, and asked that the meeting also be adjourned in their memory.

1. ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Fisher introduced new City Manager James Robinson, and welcomed him to Atherton. City Attorney Marc Hynes was present.

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Fisher issued the following proclamations:
Constitution Week – September 16-22, 2001
Pollution Prevention Week – September 17-23, 2001

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Manager James Robinson thanked the City Council for giving him the opportunity to work in the community, stated he looks forward to working with staff and the Council, and thanked the Atherton Civic Interest League and the Atherton Dames for the reception.

4. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

- Council Member Conwell announced that CCAG will meet on September 13. The Criminal Justice Commission will recognize members of the community for outstanding service in the area of criminal justice at the October Council of

Cities meeting in Half Moon Bay. Council Member Conwell will emcee the event.

- **Vice Mayor Carlson reported that the General Plan Committee met September 5th to review the draft housing element update. This item will come before the City Council in detail. He reported that the State Department of Parks and Recreation has responded to the Town's application for funds for the Town Hall project. He will be discussing this with the City Manager.**
- **Council Member McKeithen announced that the San Mateo County Office of Emergency Services has made available actions being taken by the County as a result of the terrorist attacks. She also reported on the Atherton Channel walk that she took recently along with the Mayor, Planning Commissioner Phil Lively, and City Manager James Robinson. She asked Public Works Director Cliff Temps to look into certain items regarding the Channel including obtaining a list of Atherton Channel District taxpayers.**
- **Mayor Fisher announced that the draft EIR for Phillip Brooks School is available for review.**

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION – to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

M/S Conwell/Carlson Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

5. ACCEPTED WORK AND AUTHORIZED THE RECORDING OF NOTICES OF COMPLETION ON THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

- A. 2001 Pavement Patching Project No. 01-001**
- B. 2001 Crack Sealing Project No. 01-002**

6. ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 01-15 FOR STREET STRIPING

Adopted Resolution No. 01-15, declaring that the public interest and necessity demand immediate expenditure of public money to provide pavement markings necessary to safeguard life without complying with the competitive bidding provisions of California Public Contracting statutes, and authorized the negotiation of a contract for the 2001 Pavement Marking Project No. 01-004.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. PRESENTATION OF PROPOSAL FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS CENTER REMODEL AND TOUR OF EXISTING CENTER BY CONSULTANT DAN WHITE

Police Chief Robert Brennan gave a brief overview of the requirements of the Block Grant which is proposed to fund the upgrade of the Police Department Communications Center. The Police Chief introduced Dan White, consultant with Specialized Communications Services, who was hired by the Town to design the Communications Center remodel. Mr. White gave a power point presentation and discussed the need for improving the ergonomic design of the Communications Center along with the changes necessary for new technology. Approximately \$68,000 is proposed to be spent from the Grant. At this point, a tour was taken of the current Communications Center.

CLOSED SESSION

The Council adjourned to Closed Session at 7:00 p.m.

8. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (a)

**Town of Atherton v. Thomas E. Bacon
Thomas E. Bacon v. Town of Atherton**

9. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Council reconvened to Open Session at 7:15 p.m. Instructions were given to the City Attorney regarding the above matter of Town of Atherton v. Thomas E. Bacon and Thomas E. Bacon v. Town of Atherton.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sharon Barker
City Clerk**

