



**Minutes**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**December 13, 2000**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
94 Ashfield Road  
Atherton, California  
**SPECIAL MEETING**

Vice Mayor Fisher called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Alan B. Carlson  
William R. Conwell  
Malcolm H. Dudley  
Robert E. Huber  
Dianne M. Fisher

Interim City Manager Ralph Freedman and City Attorney Marc Hynes were also present.

**2. COUNCIL REPORTS**

- Council Member Conwell reported on the Airport Roundtable meeting where \$4 million was approved to fund improvements to aircraft noise monitoring methods.
- Vice Mayor Fisher reported that the Town of Atherton is now in compliance with State regulations for recycling requirements. She thanked members of the Waste Reduction Committee, including members of the staff, representatives from BFI, and San Mateo County.
- Vice Mayor Fisher also reported on the General Plan Committee meeting. They will meet in February to review proposed revisions to the Tree Ordinance.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS** The following members of the audience spoke:

Marion Oster, Atherton Heritage Association  
Shirley Carlson, Atherton Tree Committee, reported on Sudden Oak Syndrome

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **4. RESOLUTION NO. 00-29, DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2000**

**MOTION – Adopt Resolution No. 00-29, certifying the results of the November 7, 2000 General Municipal election.**

**M/S Dudley/Carlson**

**Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0**

### **5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL MEMBERS MALCOLM H. DUDLEY AND ROBERT E. HUBER**

**Vice Mayor Fisher presented outgoing Council Member Dudley with a plaque from the Town and commended him for his years of dedication to the community including his work on regional Transportation issues. She also presented resolutions from Representative Anna Eshoo and Assembly Member Ted Lempert.**

**San Mateo County Supervisor Richard Gordon presented a resolution on behalf of the Board of Supervisors to Council Member Dudley for his service to the Town and the County.**

**Vice Mayor Fisher presented a plaque to Council Member Robert Huber in appreciation for serving to complete the term of former Council Member Nan Chapman.**

### **6. OATHS OF OFFICE - COUNCIL MEMBERS-ELECT JAMES R. JANZ AND KATHY MCKEITHEN**

**Interim City Manager Ralph Freedman administered oaths of office to newly elected Council Members James R. Janz and Kathy McKeithen. The new Council Members were seated.**

### **7. COUNCIL REORGANIZATION**

**Interim City Manager Ralph Freedman opened nominations for Mayor and Vice Mayor. Council Member McKeithen asked that this item be tabled until the next meeting in order to consider a policy for nominating the Mayor and Vice Mayor. Council Member Carlson asked what the current Municipal Code states regarding this matter. City Attorney Marc Hynes stated that the Code requires the Council to choose the Mayor and**

Vice Mayor at the first meeting after the election. Council Member Carlson stated that historically the Vice Mayor has stepped up to serve as the Mayor.

**MOTION – nominate Vice Mayor Dianne Fisher to the office of Mayor.**

**M/S Carlson/Janz**

There being no further nominations, Interim City Manager Freedman called for a roll call vote:

**Ayes: Carlson, Janz, Fisher                      Noes: Conwell, McKeithen**

**MOTION – nominate Council Member Alan Carlson as Vice Mayor.**

**M/S Janz/Fisher**

There being no further nominations, Interim City Manager Freedman called for the vote.

**Ayes: 3              Noes: 2 (Conwell, McKeithen)**

**8. PRESENTATION OF FINAL REPORT ON TOWNWIDE STREET STUDY BY NICHOLS CONSULTING ENGINEERS**

The City Council received and considered the Town of Atherton’s Townwide Street Study, and heard the presentation of the report by Lisa Peterson, Project Manager from Nichols Consulting Engineers. Detailed discussion ensued. Public Works Director Cliff Temps answered questions from the Council on specific methods for street repair and maintenance.

The following members of the audience spoke: John Rugeiro, 10 Stockbridge Avenue, James Dobbie, 124 James Avenue, Henry Ilg, 86 Leon Way, Scott Feamster, 230 Park Lane, Virginia Rugeiro, 10 Stockbridge Avenue, and Eugene Berry, 230 Oak Grove Avenue.

The Council asked the consultants to return with information for upgrading streets on a rotating basis, and cost estimates for bringing some residential streets to “good” condition versus “superior” condition.

**9. PRESENTATION OF FINAL REPORT ON TOWNWIDE STORM DRAINAGE STUDY BY NOLTE ASSOCIATES**

The City Council received and considered the Townwide Storm Drainage Study and heard the presentation of the report by George Otte, consultant with Nolte Associates.

**His report addressed ninety-seven potential drainage problems that have been identified throughout Town. The major purposes of the study were to develop an inventory of the drainage system, assess the weaknesses in the system, and develop an estimated cost and plan for improvements to the system.**

**The following members of the audience spoke:**

**Donna Hopkins, 7 Fair Oaks  
Art Speakly, Reservoir Road  
Virginia Rugeiro, 10 Stockbridge Avenue  
Sandy Crittenden, 117 Heather Drive  
John Rugeiro, 10 Stockbridge Avenue  
John Sisson, 26 Belleau Avenue  
Scott Feamster, 230 Park Lane  
Jean Schaaf, 29 Stockbridge Avenue**

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no additional public comments.**

**11. ADJOURN**

**The meeting adjourned at 11:22 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Sharon Barker  
City Clerk**

