



# ATHERTON'S... THAT'S A WRAP!



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## City Council Meeting November 18, 2015

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On November 18 the City Council met for their regular City Council meeting in the Town's Council Chambers. First up on the Agenda was the Pledge of Allegiance. After the Pledge, the Council heard a presentation from the Town's Arborist recognizing property owners and contractors for their tree protection efforts during construction. Each was presented with a small plaque from the Town.

Following the Public Comment period, the Council moved to **Item No. 6, City Manager's Report**. The City Manager's Report is prepared monthly as part of the City Council's Regular Agenda. In addition to current reports from the City Manager it includes departmental updates on the various happenings around Town such as reports from Administration, Community Services, Planning, Police, and Public Works. A copy of the Report can be found here:

<http://ca-atherton.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/2575>

After the Manager's Report, the Council moved on to the **Consent Agenda** consisting of Items 8 through 13. Items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine in nature and are generally considered in one motion and adopted by a single vote of the Council. Included in this month's Consent Agenda were minutes, bills and claims, Treasurer's Report for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015, approval of the contribution to San Mateo Jobs for Youth, Award of Contract for the HAWK Beacon at Almendral, and Award of Contract for the Class III Bicycle Lanes. Following brief comments on Item No. 12, the Almendral HAWK Beacon, the Council adopted the Consent Agenda.

After the Consent Agenda the Council moved on to Public Hearings and **Item No. 14, a Public Hearing on the recommended Refuse Rate Adjustments**. Following the staff report and the public hearing, the Council discussed the various changes to refuse rates. The changes proposed included an increase in the cost of green carts for the 3<sup>rd</sup> or subsequent green carts; a decrease in garbage cart rates for the 64 and 96 gallon carts; and the establishment of a minimum service flat fee of \$25 per month. The Council discussed the noticing process, the rationale for the changes, and the expectation for "true-up" as the end of the franchise agreement with Recology approaches in 2020. After discussion, the Council introduced the ordinance for first reading and waived future reading. A copy of the staff report can be found here:

<http://ca-atherton.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/2582>

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Next was **Item No. 15 – An Update on the Civic Center Project**. Staff presented the staff report noting updates based on the November 16 Special Meeting of the Civic Center Committee and items that would be included in future update reports. The item was a receive and file report with no action required. A copy of the staff report can be found here:

<http://ca-atherton.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/2583>

**Item No. 16 – Adoption of a Resolution to Waive Fees for Photovoltaic Systems** was up next on the Agenda. Following the staff report and public comments, the Council discussed the range of permits issued by the Town and the impact of waiving the fees on the Town's operational budget. Following discussion, the Council adopted the Resolution to waive fees. A copy of the staff report can be found here:

<http://ca-atherton.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/2584>

The last item on the Agenda was **Item No. 17 – Approval of a Budget Amendment to complete the Town's Climate Action Plan**. Staff presented a staff report and answered questions from the Council regarding the Scope of Work of the consultant. The Council clarified the expectations for the final Climate Action Plan calculations related to greenhouse gas (GHG) credits. Following discussion and public comment, the Council authorized the budget amendment. A copy of the staff report can be found here:

<http://ca-atherton.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/2585>

Following Council Reports and a final Public Comment period and having cleared the entire Agenda, at 7:32 pm, that, as they say – was a wrap!

**The next meeting of the City Council is the Regular Meeting of December 16. At this time, the tentative agenda includes the annual reorganization of the City Council for Mayor and Vice Mayor; an Ordinance to consider joining Peninsula Clean Energy; Authorization to pursue a Quiet Zone at Fair Oaks; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Refuse Rate Change Ordinance; and the annual report/appointment for the San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District.**

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