



Minutes
Town of Atherton
November 4, 2015
4:00 P.M.
Council Chambers
94 Ashfield Road
Atherton, California
Special Meeting

ROLL CALL DeGolia, Lewis, Widmer, Wiest, Lempres

PUBLIC COMMENTS - (Limited to items on the agenda)

1. PENINSULA CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM
Presentation by the San Mateo County Sustainability Office– Jim Eggemeyer

County consultants and staff presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Peninsula Clean Energy Program and the Council took public comment and asked questions regarding the endeavor. It is anticipated that the Council will consider a Resolution and Ordinance to join the effort at the December 16 City Council meeting.

2. DRAFT CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP) AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE (EPC)
Report: Senior Planner Stephanie Davis
Recommendation: Provide direction to staff on the draft Climate Action Plan (CAP) as recommended by the Environmental Programs Committee

Staff provided a brief report after which then it became evident that there was limited time left at the meeting to get into the details of the proposals and a lot of information left to cover. The Council chose to focus its remaining time on determining the extent to which the Town should move forward with its climate action goals as well as providing direction to staff on returning the document to the Council for further review and feedback.

Following discussion, questions, and public comment, the Council directed staff to return at the November City Council meeting with a budget amendment request to allow for additional staff time and resources to complete work on the draft plan and provide Council with requested feedback on greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions for each measure proposed within the plan at both the encourage level as well as the mandate level. The Council generally expressed that sustainability measures are measures whose time has come, but the extent to which the Town encourages versus mandates needs some further discussion. The Council encouraged staff and the Environmental Programs Committee (EPC) to identify ways to encourage and incentivize programs without making the measure a mandate. The Draft Climate Action Plan will return to the City Council at the January Study Session (January 6) along with the draft Work Plan for the EPC. Staff will include more detail with each sustainability measure identifying the GHG reduction at both the “encourage/incentivize” level as well as the mandate level. Staff will also

attempt to identify the potential costs to the Town to enact each measure as well as the typical cost to the private party to implement the measure.

With respect to overall goals beyond the State's 15% GHG reduction requirement by 2020, the Council felt that the Town itself (municipal facilities) should take the lead in sustainability measures and that a goal or target of 20% to 25% reduction by a date certain should be discussed further by the Council.

ADJOURN

Mayor DeGolia adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa DellaSanta
City Clerk