



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



City Council Study Session Meeting

July 6, 2016

Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/user/TownOfAtherton/featured>

On July 6 the City Council met for the July Study Session meeting. The Agenda included three items for the Council – **Item No. 1 was discussion and direction regarding the regulation of small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS) or drones.** Staff presented the staff report and the Council discussed the various issues related to the use of drones. Following public comment, the Council discussed issues related to privacy, noise, identification, enforcement, the federal regulatory framework, use in the Park, photography (commercial and hobby), use on public property and use on private property. Following discussion, the Council directed staff prepare an ordinance for future consideration regulating drone use within the Town's jurisdiction to the maximum extent possible under Federal law, specifically addressing issues related to privacy and noise.

A copy of the Staff Report can be found here:

<http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/3286>

Item No. 2 was discussion and confirmation of proposed changes to the business license ordinance for the November 2016 election ballot. Staff presented the staff report and following public comment, the Council discussed issues related to revenue generation, taxation framework, business categories, exclusion of home occupations from the tax framework, and applicability of the tax to the conduct of business in Atherton. Staff advised that the current business license ordinance and tax was adopted 31 years ago, does not identify current business types operating in Town, and is based on a 5% of gross receipts or a flat fee, whichever is less. The proposed changes would update the business categories and revise the taxation framework to a more modern framework of \$0.25 per \$100 of gross receipts and a flat fee.

Following discussion, the Council directed staff prepare the ordinance and applicable resolution for consideration by the Council at the July 20 Council meeting with changes related to expansion of the specific business identifications/examples covered by the ordinance (for example, adding business descriptions such as cleaning services, professional photography, and commercial operation of drones), exclusion of home occupations from the tax framework since they are separately covered under the Town's land use provisions, include a "catch all" provision for businesses not specifically identified, and consolidate the overall taxation categories to clarify the distinction between businesses with 3 or more employees and 2 or less.

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The third item on the Agenda was **Item No. 3, a review and discussion of the disposition of Library Donor Funds providing the Council Library liaison with feedback.** Following a brief staff report, the Council discussed the status of the Library Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Donor Funds and the Council's previously adopted Exhibit "A" Talking Points. The Council went through each talking point and discussed the status of Subcommittee discussion for each. The Council provided feedback to the Council Library liaison regarding protection of the Town's use of library donor funds for design and construction of the Town's new library, once built – expansion of programs and services to the community, and planning for maintenance, replacement, and refurbishment of the Library and its grounds in the Civic Center.

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Having cleared the entire Agenda, at 5:17 pm, that, as they say – was a wrap!

The next meeting of the City Council is the Regular Meeting of July 20 at 7 pm. Items tentatively scheduled for this meeting include administrative updates to the Town's Human Resources Manual, Salary & Benefit Resolution for Local Miscellaneous employees, authorization to execute various contracts, including: Belbrook Channel Repair, Public Works Corporation Yard Renovations, overlay of Almedral, grant with PAEC, and IT services. Also tentatively on the Agenda is a Public Hearing for a Lot Line Adjustment at 279 Park, release of a RFP for Pedestrian/Vehicle Circulation Improvements at HP Park, review and consideration of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan, an update on the Civic Center Project, and approval of the Business License Tax Measure.

The City Council and some of the Town's committees are typically DARK during the month of August. Please watch the Town's website and electronic notifications for information regarding Agenda Packets or meeting dates/times/cancellations.

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