



Minutes
Town of Atherton
July 6, 2016
3:00 P.M.
Council Chambers
94 Ashfield Road
Atherton, California
Special Meeting

ROLL CALL Lewis, Lempres, Widmer, Wiest, DeGolia

Teleconference
Vice Mayor Mike Lempres
15 Loma Media Rd.
Santa Barbara, CA 93103

PUBLIC COMMENTS - (Limited to items on the agenda)

1. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE REGULATION OF SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (sUAS) OR DRONES

Report: City Manager George Rodericks

Recommendation: Review the staff report and provide staff with direction regarding consideration of local regulatory measures related to 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.

2. DISCUSSION AND CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE FOR THE NOVEMBER 2016 ELECTION BALLOT

Report: Finance Director Robert Barron III

Recommendation: Discuss recommended changes to the Town's business license ordinance and confirm direction to consider placing the item on 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.

3. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE DISPOSITION OF LIBRARY DONOR FUNDS AND PROVIDE THE COUNCIL LIBRARY LIAISON WITH FEEDBACK

Report: City Manager George Rodericks

Recommendation: Review and discuss the disposition of library donor funds and provide 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.

ADJOURN

Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa N. DellaSanta