



MINUTES
Town of Atherton
City Council
April 29, 2020
SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor DeGolia called the meeting to order 4:00 p.m.

4:00 PM SPECIAL SESSION – *Convene as the City Council*

1. **ROLL CALL** - Wiest, Widmer, Lempres, Vice Mayor Lewis, Mayor DeGolia
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None
3. **RATIFICATION OF SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS ENACTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 AND REVIEW AND APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE SMC STRONG FUND**

City Manager Rodericks presented the item and introduced Rosanne Foust, President and CEO from San Mateo County Economic Development Association (SAMCEDA) who provided an overview of the SMC Strong program.

Council asked clarification on the total dollar amount of the grant, how funds are allocated, and what funding is available to business owners not eligible for Small Business Grants.

Rosanne Foust confirmed that the grant is up to \$10,000 and the funding donated by Atherton would be allocated to Atherton based businesses.

MOTION by Widmer, Second by Wiest to certify the continuing emergency and ratify rules and regulations enacted by the Director of Emergency Services in response to COVID-19 and approve fifteen thousand dollar (\$15,000) in funding for the SMC Strong Fund requesting those funds be targeted for Atherton based applicants.

AYES: Widmer, Wiest, Lempres, Lewis, DeGolia

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

4. **KNOX PLAYSCHOOL RENT WAIVER REQUEST DUE TO COVID-19 SHELTER IN PLACE ORDERS AND RELATED SCHOOL CLOSURE**

Public Works Directed Ovadia presented the item and introduced Susan Knox and her waiver request.

Council discussed the item asking questions to Susan Knox related to what alternative funding sources she has considered and what plans she has in place for continuing operations.

Susan Knox responded to Council inquires related to what measures she has taken to sustain her business, what alternative funding options she had sought, and her plans for continuing services for summer camp.

Council agreed to reevaluate this item for additional relief in June.

Resident Greg Conlon commented on the item.

MOTION by DeGolia, Second by Wiest to approve waiver of rent for Knox Playschools for the months of May with a condition that if the Knox Playschool is successful in receiving grant funding they will pay the May rent.

AYES: Widmer, Wiest, Lempres, Lewis, DeGolia

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

5. AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE – RESTART ACTIVITY/COVID-19

City Manager Rodericks introduced the report and noted that the Subcommittee of Councilmember Lempres and Widmer met to discuss restart options.

Councilmember Lempres and Widmer added that the primary goal of the committee was to identify a list of economic activity to consider resumption and recreation activity.

City Attorney Ebrahimi provided some insight to what recreational activities are allowed under the County health order.

Council continued a discussion related to managing the resumption of activities such as gardening/landscaping and construction.

There was no action taken, this was an information only item.

6. TOWN CENTER ACTIVITY REPORT

City Manager Rodericks introduced the item sharing an update on Town Center activity.

There was no action taken, this was an information only item.

7. COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS - None

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

9. **ADJOURN**

Mayor DeGolia adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.



Anthony Suber
City Clerk