



**MINUTES**  
**Town of Atherton**  
**City Council**  
**December 16, 2020**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor DeGolia called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING**

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **ROLL CALL – *Widmer, Wiest, Lempres, Lewis, DeGolia* - Present**
3. **DECLARATION OF RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE TOWN OF ATHERTON BASED ON THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE AND FINAL OFFICIAL CANVASS**

**Adopted Resolution No. 20-30**

City Clerk Suber introduced the item and presented the results certified by San Mateo County Chief Elections Officer March Church on December 3, 2020. Suber confirmed that based on those results the newly elected City Council Members were incumbent Council Member Elizabeth Lewis and Diana Hawkins-Manuelian.

Council briefly discussed the item before moving to approve the resolution.

**MOTION by Widmer, Second by Lempres to adopt Resolution No. 20-30 certifying the November 3, 2020 Town of Atherton elections results.**

**AYES: Wiest, Lempres, Widmer, Vice Mayor Lewis, Mayor DeGolia**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

4. **PRESENTATIONS**
  - **CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION**

Mayor DeGolia read the Proclamation honoring Council Member Wiest. Council Members and City Manager Rodericks collectively shared their appreciation and admiration for the work and commitment of Council Member Cary Wiest during his time on Council.

**Public Comments:**

- Supervisor Don Horsley commented on the outstanding service of Council Member Wiest.
- Leslie Bulbuk, Assembly member Marc Berman's Office shared the Assemblymen's comments on the outstanding service of Council Member Wiest.
- Wayne Lee, Former City of Millbrae Council Member commented on the outstanding service of Council Member Wiest.
- Gina Papan, City of Millbrae Council Member commented on the outstanding service of Council Member Wiest.

City Clerk Suber conducted the Oath of Office for incumbent and Vice Mayor Elizabeth Lewis and Diana Hawkins-Manuelian.

Mayor DeGolia made his remarks noting the challenges faced in 2020, the remarkable accomplishments of the Town Staff and Council. He encouraged his fellow Council to continue the pragmatic and fiscally responsible task of managing the Town Center project. He highlighted the 2020 priorities as a commitment to Police services, resident safety, and prudent fiscal management of Town resources.

City Clerk Suber reviewed the process for selecting the Mayor and Vice Mayor for the Town.

**Council Member DeGolia nominated Elizabeth Lewis as Mayor**

**AYES: Hawkins-Manuelian, Lempres, Widmer, Lewis, DeGolia**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

**Council Member Widmer nominated Michael Lempres as Vice Mayor**

**AYES: Hawkins-Manuelian, Lempres, Widmer, Lewis, DeGolia**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

Mayor Lewis made her remarks listing goals she has for the Town and Council in 2021. She thanked Council Member Wiest again for his service and welcomed Council Member Hawkins-Manuelian. Lewis reviewed prominent upcoming projects and items for Council consideration including but not limited to Town traffic, leaf blowers, and Town Center construction.

**Public Comments:**

- Wayne Lee, Former City of Millbrae Council Member congratulated Mayor Lewis
- Gina Papan, City of Millbrae Council Member congratulated Mayor Lewis
- Laura Parmer-Lohan, Mayor of San Carlos congratulated Mayor Lewis and commented on the outstanding service of Council Member Wiest for his service.
- Virginia Chang-Kiraly, Menlo Park Fire Protection District Board Member and Harbor District Board Member, congratulated Mayor Lewis and commented on the outstanding service of Council Member Wiest.
- Valarie Gardner thanked Council and Staff for their work for the Town.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Stephanie Discher commented on Special Event Permits issued to Menlo School raising concerns and objections.

**6. CITY MANAGER'S WRITTEN REPORT**

City Manager Rodericks presented the report and responded to Council inquiry related to various items. He referenced highlighted among other items the closure of the Atherton Train Station.

**Public Comment:**

John Maulbetsch commented on the final train at the Atherton Train Station and noted he would share the pictures he took with City Manager Rodericks for distribution to Council.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 7 – 11)**

**7. CERTIFICATION OF CONTINUING EMERGENCY AND RATIFICATION OF SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS ENACTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

**8. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS FOR NOVEMBER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 3,354,634**

**9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2020 AND DECEMBER 2, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**10. RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENT TO THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING SALARIES FOR UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES, EXCLUDING THE CITY MANAGER**

**Adopted Resolution No. 20-29**

**11. AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN'S HERITAGE TREE PRESERVATION STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS RELATED TO PLANNING COMMISSION TREE PROTECTION ZONE (TPZ) EXCEPTIONS**

**Adopted Resolution No. 20-31**

**MOTION by DeGolia, Second by Widmer to approve the Consent Calendar**

**AYES: Hawkins-Manuelian, DeGolia, Widmer, Vice Mayor Lempres, Mayor Lewis**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

**REGULAR AGENDA (Items 12-15)**

**12. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT:  
“RANSOMEWARE: IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO THINK YOU ARE PROTECTED”**

City Clerk Suber presented the item and reviewed the Town’s Cybersecurity strategy and the responses included within the Grand Jury Response letter.

**MOTION by Widmer, Second by Lempres to approve the response letter to the Grand Jury Report: Ransomware: It is not enough to think you are protected.**

**AYES: Hawkins-Manuelian, DeGolia, Widmer, Vice Mayor Lempres, Mayor Lewis**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

**13. TOWN CENTER PROJECT UPDATE**

City Manager Rodericks briefly presented the report which was for information only.

**14. COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Council Member Widmer reported on the status of COVID-19 across the State and San Mateo County.

Council Member Widmer suggested Council consider supporting the preparation of and submission of a letter to the Governor of California advocating that places of worship be allowed to have indoor service and authorizing the Mayor sign.

Council Member Hawkins-Manuelian suggested Council consider revising the start times of City Council meetings to begin earlier than 7:00 PM.

**15. ADJOURN**

Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 8:41 PM. The meeting was adjourned in the honor and memory of Joe Lewis.



**Anthony Suber  
City Clerk**