



# Altadena

## Town Council

### ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

#### Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2020

7:06 p.m.  
(Virtual)

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER 7:05 PM

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance led by Josh Tomoyasu, Christmas Tree Lane

1.2 Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_ Veronica Jones

Councilmember Jones called roll. The following councilmembers were present: Okorie Ezieme, Patricia Sutherlen, Dorothy Wong, Gloria Sanyika, Billy Malone, Victoria Knapp, Diane Marcussen, Antonio Becerra, Veronica Jones, Dr. Sandra Thomas, Jennifer Lee, Sylvia Vega, Reginald Wilkins, Arron Tschida, Nick Santangelo; Jeff Simmonds (excused). There were 16 members present.

1.3 Approve December 15, 2020 Agenda \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Sutherlen

The agenda for the December 15, 2020 meeting was voted on and approved with the following additions: 10.1 Census Tract Report 4610. The Agenda was approved unanimously.

#### 2. OFFICERS' REPORT

2.1 Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Billy Malone

Chairman Malone thanked Supervisor Barger for attending the meeting, and swearing in new Council members..

2.1.2. Vice Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Sutherlen

Vice Chair Sutherlen stated there are public comments submitted and they would be read by Council member Santangelo.

2.3 Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Veronica Jones

2.3.1. Approve November 17, 2020 meeting Minutes,

A motion was made to approve the minutes of September 15, 2020. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented in final form. Council

member Tschida abstained from the vote. The minutes will be available on the web-site.

2.4 Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Jennifer Lee

Treasurer Lee reported the ATC checking account has a balance of \$2,327.00. The account is balanced and in good standing. The report was accepted as presented.

2.5 Corresponding Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy Wong

Corresponding Secretary Wong referred those wishing to be informed on Covid-related matters to the ATC website.

Altadena Community events can be view on the web-site:  
[altadenatowncouncil.org](http://altadenatowncouncil.org)

*At this point, Chairman Malone skipped to the following item, out of deference to Supervisor Barger.*

4. RECOGNITIONS AND SWEARING IN NEWLY-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS  
Supervisor Kathryn Barger

4.1 Recognition of outgoing Council Members

Outgoing members were thanked by Supervisor Barger for their service to the community. Outgoing members are:

Pat Sutherlan (CT 4611)  
Jennifer Lee (CT 4612)  
Arron Tschida (CT 4603.01)  
Jeff Simmonds (CT 4601)  
Gloria Sanyika (CT 4603.02)  
Antonio Becerra (CT 4610)  
Okorie Ezieme (CT 4602)

4.2 Swearing in of newly-elected members:

Amy Lyford (CT 4601)  
Nic Arnzen (CT 4602)  
Hannah Petrie (CT 4603.01)  
Chris O'Malley (CT 4603.2)  
Darrell Aranda (CT 4610)  
Alan Peck (CT 4611)  
Doug Colliflower (CT 4613)  
Supervisor Barger swore in the new members, with Chairman Malone requesting those not being sworn in to turn their video off, so that only

those taking the oath are seen. The oath was taken, and members sworn in.

*At this point, the Meeting Agenda continued as normal.*

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Recognition of Altadena residents \_\_\_\_\_ Town Council Members

Each member recognized an Altadena resident of note within their census tract. The outgoing members started the recognitions, with the entire council completing their appreciations.

4. (see above)

5. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

5.1 Slate Committee Report \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Sutherlan

The Slate Committee (Pat Sutherlan, Antonio Becerra, Jennifer Lee) met with all the available council members and came up with a the slate of potential officers. Those people are:

Billy Malone (Chair)  
Veronica Jones (Vice Chair)  
Diane Marcussen (Treasurer)  
Dorothy Wong (Correspondence Secretary)  
Nick Santangelo (Recording Secretary)

Chairman Malone asked if there was anyone present who would like to put their name forward for any of the positions listed on the slate. Hearing none, the slate was approved by acclamation.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

6.1 California Highway Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ Phil Cooper, CHP

CHP Officer Phil Cooper spoke of Officer Ornelas who was involved in a collision, and later passed away as result of his injuries on December 2. Officer Ornelas worked in the Altadena area for three years before moving to the Antelope Valley. He is the 232nd CHP officer who died in the line of duty. Toys donation and distribution points were discussed as well.

Altadena traffic stats for the month of November include 13 property damage only collisions; 2 accidents with injuries; 1 non-injury hit and run collision.

6.2 Altadena Sheriff's Station \_\_\_\_\_ Capt. Jacobs

Capt. Jacobs reported crime in Altadena was down by 25%. Violent crimes are down 16%, which is 13% less than 2019. There has been an uptick in gang activity since September. The most recent incident took place on December 4th, when a deputy was fired upon. She requested assistance from the community. A reward has been announced in the amount of \$50,000. Twenty-three catalytic converters were stolen in November. Nine converters were found during an arrest by LASD officers.

6.3 Altadena Fire \_\_\_\_\_ Maria Grycan/Asst. Chief Mackey\_

Ms. Grycan was not present to give the report.

## 7. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

7.1 Altadena Library \_\_\_\_\_ Nikki Winslow

Officers were sworn into the Library Board of Trustees on December 4. Virtual library is open, even though Curbside Service has been suspended until at least January 4, 2021. There are many digital offerings available as well. A series of videos featuring the history of Christmas Tree lane was unveiled.

Please check library web-site for all library activities:

<http://www.altadenalibrary.org>

7.2 L.A. County Parks and Recreation \_\_\_\_\_ Sam Estrada

Sam Estrada updated the community on happenings in our local parks. 232 families received Thanksgiving meals were distributed in November. Starting in December, outdoor playgrounds were re-opened for use, as well as fitness equipment. Winter classes start on January 11, 2021. In-person classes are pending. Council member Jones thanked Sam Estrada and the County for toys donations to children of those incarcerated.

More information: <https://parks.lacounty.gov>

7.3 Altadena Chamber of Commerce \_\_\_\_\_ Doug Colliflower

Altadena Citizen of the Year for 2020 is Mark Mariscal, who is the immediate past president of Altadena Rotary, as well as a board member of the Friends of the Altadena Library, Business of the Year went to Hoopla (Scott and Laurie Webster, owners). On February 5 the recipients will honored. Four new directors at the Chamber of Commerce will be sworn in on February 5 as well. Anyone interested in becoming a Chamber Board Member can contact Doug Colliflower directly: (626)524-4158 or [doug.colliflower@gmail.com](mailto:doug.colliflower@gmail.com)

More Chamber information can be found on the web-site:

<http://www.altadenachamber.org/>

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Land Use Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Marcussen

Land Use Committee Chair, Diane Marcussen reported on the Land Use Committee. The Land Use Committee met on December 1. The third 'drive-up' window at the McDonalds on Lincoln and Woodbury was discussed. Public comments regarding this project are welcomed.

8.2 Safe Streets Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy Wong

Routes 258 and 487 are being terminated, meaning that Mariposa will no longer have bus service. County mobility grants will be awarded in 2021. Vision Zero ('Slow Streets') is growing in Altadena, and those requesting signs may contact the County for consideration.

9. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT \_\_\_\_\_ Nick Santangelo

9.1 Recording Secretary Santangelo read into the record public comment from the following:

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| Altadena Seventh Day Adventist Church re: | Covid Testing       |
| Eugene Hutchins/Altadena Arts re:         | Arts goals for 2021 |

10. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

10.1 4610: Council member Jones stated that 11,400 people have been tested for Covid at the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

11. HOLIDAY PRESENTATION OF 2020 IN REVIEW

11.1 A video presentation was shown, reflecting our community in 2020. Council member Jones compiled many of the images, and Pasadena Media supplied the music. The presentation will be available on the website.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The entire meeting is available for viewing on YouTube.

APPROVED AS TO FINAL FORM AND CONTENT:

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Nick Santangelo, Recording Secretary