

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Regular Town Council Meeting
July 14, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

Town Councilmembers Present:

Felix Callicotte, Mayor
Luis Montoya, Vice Mayor
Barbara Ahmann, Councilmember
Ray Lorenzo, Councilmember
Roy Tyler, Councilmember
B. Waddell Reyes, Councilmember
Ray West, Councilmember

A quorum was present

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Felix Callicotte followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to the Public: Daniel Cervantez thanked the Council for recognizing local resident Dorothy Alvarez for her community service.

Steve Ahmann thanked the Public Works Department for their assistance in the Birding Trail Grant Project. He also informed the council on the status of the relocation of the Community Garden which is scheduled for July 23rd and 24th.

Council Reports: Councilmember Ray West reported that he had recently attended a Tourism Council Session and found it very informative.

Mayor Callicotte reported that he has received numerous questions regarding the required Truth In Taxation Notice as published in the Copper Era.

No other reports were given at this time.

Consent Agenda: Councilmember Ray West made a motion to accept the following items as listed under consent agenda:

1. Approval of the June 1, 2016 Training Session Minutes and June 9, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes;
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of June 2016 Demands.

Second to the motion was made by Councilmember B. Waddell Reyes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute a revised Cable One Television License Agreement: Addressing the Council was Mr. Stephen Brideau, General Manager of the Southeastern Arizona Cable One Office. He explained that Cable One had not had the opportunity to review the License Agreement previously approved by the Council. Upon receipt of the approved document, he requested an opportunity to review the document and suggested two minor changes which were agreeable to the town's legal counsel.

Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the revised Cable One Television License Agreement. Second to the motion was made by Councilmember Ray West. Motion carried.

New Business

Recognition to honor Dorothy Alvarez, for her volunteer service: Mayor Callicotte acknowledged Ms. Alvarez's continued service to assure neighborhood children a safe environment at the Family Dollar Store bus stop. She was presented with a gift in appreciation of her dedicated work to the community.

Discussion and/or action to adopt the Primary Property Tax Levy for FY 2016-2017 pursuant to A.R.S. §42-17107.A.4.: Vice-Mayor Montoya explained that although the town was required to publish the required Truth in Taxation Notice in the local newspaper, the proposed primary tax rate is actually lower than last year's rate. He further explained that the Arizona Property Tax Oversight Commission establishes the minimum tax rate every year based on property values of the previous year. He continued to explain that last fiscal year's primary property tax rate for the town was 3.6899. The proposed primary property tax rate for this fiscal year is 3.4936.

Motion to adopt the Primary Property Tax Levy for FY 2017 at 3.4936 was made by Vice Mayor Luis Montoya. Second to the motion was made by Councilmember Ray West.

Voting in favor of the motion by roll call vote were Councilmembers Montoya, West, Tyler, Ahmann, Lorenzo, Waddell and Callicotte. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to adopt a Resolution No. 2016-10: Adoption of the Budget for FY 2016-2017: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-10, adopting the budget for FY 2017 in the amount of \$5,667,992 was made by Councilmember Barbara Ahmann. Second to the motion was made by Councilmember Roy Tyler. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement between Freeport McMoRan Inc. and the Town of Clifton Fire Department: Fire Chief, Peter Ortega assured the Council that this agreement will not affect their primary responsibility to provide coverage to Town of Clifton residents.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Mutual Aid Agreement as presented was made by Councilmember B. Waddell Reyes. Second to the motion was made by Councilmember Ray West. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between Mt. Graham Safe House and Clifton Police Department: Police Chief Omar Negrete reported that this agreement had been previously approved and noted that this is a renewal to continue the service.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the Clifton Police Department and the Mt. Graham Safe House was made by Council member Barbara Ahmann. Second to the motion was made by Councilmember B. Waddell Reyes. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute a lease agreement between the Town of Clifton and the Farmer's Market Program: Prior to any discussion, Council member Barbara Ahmann declared a conflict of interest and refrained from any discussion on the item.

Town Manager, Ian McGaughey reported that the Farmer's Market Program is looking to expand their services to offer The Arizona Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). However, the requirements include that the managers of the local WIC program provide a permanent location. He reported that the town attorney's had prepared the proposed lease agreement.

Representing the Farmer's Market Program was Bill Cook. He expressed concern on various issues of the proposed lease agreement.

Motion to table the item until Mr. Cook and the Town Manager could discuss and address issues of concern was made by Councilmember Ray West. Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute the amendment to the Lease Agreement between the Town of Clifton and Freeport-McMoRan Corporation relating to the Park Avenue Soccer Field Project: Councilmember Roy Tyler made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the amendment to the Freeport-McMoRan Corporation lease agreement relating to the Park Avenue Soccer Field location. Second to the motion was made by Councilmember Barbara Ahmann. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action regarding the Proposal to provide Engineering Services for the Town of Clifton's Waste Water Treatment Plant Preliminary Engineering Report as submitted by Bowman Consulting: Town Manager, Ian McGaughey explained that during the budget discussions, the serious concerns regarding the condition of the town's wastewater treatment and collection system had been discussed. A preliminary walk through of the facility has been done by the town's current engineering consultants which propose to provide a detailed report of the current condition of the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) and address

maintenance issues or upgrades which need to be completed. The report will include providing an As-Built Site Plan, Topographic and Feature Survey, Preliminary Engineering and Meetings and Site Visits with a proposed cost of \$25,785. Additionally, this report will serve as supporting documentation when pursuing grant funding for the upgrades.

Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya made a motion to approve the proposal as submitted by Bowman Engineering for the town's Waste Water Treatment Plant Preliminary Engineering Report. Second to the motion was made by Councilmember Ray West.

Voting in favor of the motion were Councilmembers Montoya, West, Ahmann, Lorenzo, Waddell and Callicotte. Opposing the motion was Councilmember Tyler. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action regarding the Clifton Depot-Repair & Rehab recommendation

Proposal as presented by Don W. Ryden, Ryden Architects: Town Manager, Ian McGaughey explained that during budget discussions, councilmembers had also expressed their desire to address the Train Depot. He reported that he contacted Ryden Architects since they are familiar with the facility and were involved in the initial renovation. He reiterated that if the town is going to seek grant funding for major work to the facility then a formal report will need to be available.

Councilmembers expressed their concerns on paying for study/recommendation at this time. The consensus of the council was that maintenance issues are already known and available town funds need to be used to address those issues.

Councilmember Tyler made a motion to decline the proposal, second to the motion was made by Councilmember Ahmann.

Voting in favor of the motion were Councilmembers' Tyler, Ahmann, Montoya, Lorenzo, Waddell and Callicotte. Opposing the motion was Councilmember West. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement between the Town of Clifton and CKC Construction & Materials LLC for the Shannon Road & Vista Heights Road Resurfacing Project:

Mr. McGaughey explained that although the bid for the project had already been awarded to CKC Construction, a formal agreement will need to be signed. The Town Manager also informed the council that the sewer line upgrade project on Shannon Road is currently underway and as soon as it is done the resurfacing portion of the project will begin.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement between the Town of Clifton and CKC Construction & Materials LLC for the Shannon Road & Vista Heights Road Resurfacing Project was made by Councilmember B. Waddell Reyes. Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to approve or disapprove to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control regarding the Application for Liquor License as submitted by the Lloyd C. Hill American Legion Post #28: Town Clerk, Espie Castaneda reported that all the

requirements to inform the affected neighborhood about the pending license have been met and not comments have been received.

Motion to recommend approval of the application for Liquor License as submitted by the Lloyd C. Hill American Legion Post #28 was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya, second to the motion was made by Councilmember Ray Lorenzo. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to appoint Judge Ned Rhodes as a Pro-Temp Judge for the Magistrate Court: The Town Manager reported that periodically the current Magistrate, must declare a conflict of interest and is required to refer cases to another Judge. Judge Rhodes has offered to serve as a Pro-Temp Judge for the town.

Motion to appoint Judge Ned Rhodes as a Pro-Temp Judge for the Clifton Magistrate Court was made by Councilmember B. Waddell Reyes. Second to the motion was made by Councilmember West. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute the Renewal and Modification of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Clifton and the Arizona Department of Revenue for the administration of Transaction Privilege Tax: Mr. McGaughey reported that a few months ago the town authorized to renew its IGA with the Department of Revenue after major changes to the sales tax collection system were updated. He continued to report that after the changes had been implemented by the Department of Revenue, additional amendments and modifications needed to be addressed.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Renewal and Modification of the IGA between the Town of Clifton and the Arizona Department of Revenue for the administration of Transaction Privilege Tax was made by Councilmember Tyler. Second to the motion was made by Councilmember Ahmann. Motion carried.

Town Manager's Report: Mr. McGaughey provided the Council with an update on the following activities and projects he has been working on:

- Reported on the recent malfunction at the Ward Canyon Lift Station;
- Provided an update on the town's participation in the Robert O'Malley Day Celebration;
- Mentioned that he will be attending the Arizona City Manager's Conference in Marana, AZ next week;
- Informed the council of the forthcoming Hill Climb organizational meeting scheduled at the end of July;
- Stated that he is working on submitting an application to the ADOT's off-system bridge program focusing on the historic Chase Creek Bridge on Frisco Avenue.
- Reported that information regarding the application to ADOH for 2015 SSP Funding is still under review.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Council member Tyler. Second to the motion was made by Council member West. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.