

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Town Council Regular Meeting
September 11, 2025
2:00 p.m.**

Town Council Members

Shane Kennedy, Council Member

Chad Brown, Council Member

Anthony James, Vice Mayor*

Laura Dorrell, Mayor

Raymond Lorenzo, Council Member

B. Waddell Reyes, Council Member

Barbara Ahmann, Council Member

***Excused**

****Participated via telephone**

A quorum was present.

The Town's legal counsel, Trish Stuhan, participated via telephone**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Laura Dorrell at 2:00 p.m. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to the Public

Sheriff Eric Ellison - In recognition of all the events that have been happening, the department will be increasing foot patrols throughout the county as a precaution, although the Sheriff feels the community is generally safe. The issue of speeding is still a concern, but the Sheriff noted an improvement due to the collaborative efforts of the department with DPS and CPD.

Monica Aguilar from the Social Club publicly thanked the Town and Police Officers for their support and donations toward the upcoming Festival of Lights parade.

Steve Ahmann from the Tourism Council declared the recent Duck Race a "total success," securing 19 sponsors and selling 158 ducks. Highlights included a partnership with the Gila Watershed for a river cleanup, resulting in the river being officially cleared of E. coli. Ahmann expressed frustration over paying \$150 in fees to the Town out of a small \$2,000 promotional budget, arguing that the Council's work supports the Town's General Plans. He formally requested a refund of the \$150.

Leslie Ray, a fellow Tourism Council Representative, echoed the event's success and reminded the public that the membership drive is still active. She also extended her thanks to Chief Omar and the Sheriff for their hard work.

Akos Kovach with the Tourism Council feels they are actively working to fulfill Tier 4 of the Town's General Plan. Mr. Kovach proposed considering a different fee schedule specifically for Non-Profit

organizations. He also mentioned he is still developing an Event Calendar to consolidate all community events.

Council Reports

Council Member Brown reminded everyone about the upcoming fair next weekend, where he will be volunteering his time. He also took a moment to remember those who passed away in the 9/11/2001 tragedy, noting that he had the opportunity to visit the World Trade Center Memorial.

Council Member Lorenzo commented on the noticeably cleaner appearance of the Town, observing that previously messy streets have now been cleaned up. He expressed his appreciation for the hard work and effort of all the residents who are doing their part to clean up the community.

Council Member Ahmann attended the League of Cities and Towns event. She highlighted that she took several classes and particularly enjoyed the session focused on improving collaboration between the Council and the City Manager.

Council Member Reyes shared that she had an incident that required her to interact with both police officers and the hospital staff. She specifically expressed her gratitude and thanked both the police and the hospital for their professionalism and for all the assistance they provided.

The Mayor Laura Dorrell thanked Cindy Blackmore for accepting the role of the interim Town Manager for Clifton. The Mayor also reported that she and the Town Manager had a meeting in Duncan. On their way back, they encountered road construction related to the road striping project, which caused a delay, preventing them from "beating the train." She extended her thanks to the residents for their continued patience during all the recent construction work.

Committee Reports

All Committees no reports to give.

Consent Agenda:

The following items of a non-controversial nature have been grouped together for a single vote without Council discussion. The Consent Agenda is a time-saving device and Council members received documentation on these items for their review prior to the open meeting. Any Council member may remove any item from the Consent Agenda for discussion and a separate vote as deemed necessary. The public may view the documentation relating to the Consent Agenda at the Clifton Town Hall; 510 N. Coronado Blvd., Clifton, Arizona.

1. Approval of the August 14, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Receive Department Reports
3. Approval of August 2025 Demands

Motion to approve the following items listed under the consent agenda was made by Council Member Kennedy and seconded by Council Member Lorenzo.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Brown, Kennedy, Dorrell, Lorenzo, Waddell Reyes, and Ahmann.

Motion carries.

New Business

First reading **Ordinance 03-2025 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLIFTON, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF CLIFTON, ARIZONA, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 250 CHASE CREEK STREET, PARCEL #200-88-008 FROM COMMERCIAL (CC-1) TO RESIDENTIAL (R-2); PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES**

The council held the first reading of Ordinance 0-2025, which was read by the Mayor. A Council Member questioned whether the council had previously voted on the ordinance. The Town Manager clarified that the matter was discussed during a special session on the 28th, but this current meeting marked the formal first reading of the ordinance.

Discussion and/or action to adopt Resolution No. 2025-08: Designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for the Annual Expenditure Limitation Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

The Town Manager explained that this would need to be done to submit our annual reports.

Council Member Kennedy made motion to add Cindy Blackmore as the Chief Fiscal Officer, for Fiscal year 2023-2024 seconded by Council Member Ahmann.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Brown, Kennedy, Dorrell, Lorenzo, Waddell Reyes, and Ahmann.

Motion carries.

Discussion and/or action to adopt Resolution No. 2025-09: Designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for the Annual Expenditure Limitation Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Council Member Kennedy made motion to add Cindy Blackmore as the Chief Fiscal Officer, for the Fiscal year 2024-2025 seconded by Council Member Lorenzo.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Brown, Kennedy, Dorrell, Lorenzo, Waddell Reyes, and Ahmann.

Motion carries.

Discussion and/or action to adopt Resolution No. 2025-10: Designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for the Annual Expenditure Limitation Report for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Council Member Ahmann made motion to add Cindy Blackmore as the Chief Fiscal Officer, for Fiscal year 2025-2026 seconded by Council Member Kennedy.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Brown, Kennedy, Dorrell, Lorenzo, Waddell Reyes, and Ahmann.

Motion carries.

Discussion and/or action to approve contract procured under the Mohave Purchasing Cooperative for the repair of the Train Depot roof with Global Roofing Group

The town manager explained that this item is to approve the dollar amount of 17,278.00 for the roofing over the Train Depot.

Motion to approve contract procured under the Mohave Purchasing Cooperative for the repair of the Train Depot roof with Global Roofing Group was made by Council Member Ahmann seconded by Council Member Waddell Reyes.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Brown, Kennedy, Dorrell, Lorenzo, Waddell Reyes, and Ahmann.

Motion carries.

Discussion and/or action to approve \$44,500 for the annual audit and to authorize the Mayor to execute the Master Service Agreement and Statement of Work between the Town of Clifton and CliftonLarsenAllen LLP.

The Town Manager essentially confirmed the purpose of the item as the essential annual audit that must be conducted.

Motion made by Council Member Brown to approve \$44,500 for the annual audit and to authorize the Mayor to execute the Master Service Agreement and Statement of Work between the Town of Clifton and CliftonLarsenAllen LLP. Seconded by Council Member Waddell Reyes.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Brown, Kennedy, Dorrell, Lorenzo, Waddell Reyes, and Ahmann.

Motion carries.

Discussion only emergency purchase for road work

The Town Manager provided an update regarding a previous road work project. During the original road work, it was determined that the Town could achieve cost savings by adding Metcalf and High Line to the project scope. The Mayor had approved this addition as an emergency road measure. The Town Manager also noted that Morenci Water and Electric will be reimbursing the Town for their share of the costs.

Discussion and/or action on Town Manager Recruitment Process

The discussion centered on the process for hiring a new Town Manager. A question was raised by the council about using the same recruitment agency and process that was used to hire the previous Town Manager. The Mayor confirmed that they would be using the same process, noting that the agency performs the bulk of the work by reviewing and vetting all applications. Ultimately, the council members recommended moving forward with the agency to handle the recruitment process.

Town Manager Report

The new Town Manager introduced herself to the council, providing a brief overview of her 25 years of experience in government. Her professional background includes work in the finance department and a 16-year tenure as a Public Works director. She stated that her goal will be to prioritize actions she feels need to be done for the town. Finally, she informed the Council that Library Director Sabrina Dumas has officially submitted her resignation. Ms. Dumas served as the Library Director for the last 11 years and will be missed.

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session

Regular Session adjourned into Executive Session at 2:54 p.m.

Executive Session

Executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), (A)(4) and (A)(7) for discussions or consultations with the Town Attorney for legal advice, contract negotiations, and instruction regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale, or lease of real property generally located at 497 Chase Creek.

Regular Session reconvened at 3:21 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Council Member Lorenzo, seconded by Council Member Brown

Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Brown, Kennedy, Dorrell, Lorenzo, Waddell Reyes, and Ahmann.

Motion carries.

Adjournment at 3:25 p.m.

