

Minutes
Clifton Town Council Special Session
January 31, 2024
2:00 p.m.

Members Present

Mayor Laura Dorrell
Vice-Mayor Anthony James
Council member Ray West
Council member Ray Lorenzo
Council member Luis Montoya
Council member, Janeene Carrillo**
Council member, Karen Crump-Frye**

**Participated via telephone
Quorum Present

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Laura Dorrell followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

New Business

Discussion regarding emergency purchase (pursuant to Town Code Section 33.06 Emergency Purchases) of Fire Hydrants in excess of \$10,000 for the Park Avenue area.

Town Manager Perez presented to the Council that he was informing them the Mayor would be authorizing an emergency purchase due to the urgent need to have the fire hydrants for Park Ave ordered to prevent loss of fire protection to the area. He explained that he and the Mayor met with FMI & Morenci Water & Electric the day before to discuss the urgency. The mayor explained they could install the old hydrants, but they may need to be repaired and it would cost more for us to replace the old ones with the new ones when the time came. Discussion was held on various purchasing ordinances, exclusive service, emergency purchasing, and bidding. Clarifications were made on the need for the specific hydrants that needed to be ordered. Attorney Stuhan explained the two options would be for the Mayor to continue moving forward with the emergency purchase or it could be brought back to the Council as an Exclusive Service seeking approval for purchase over \$10,000. Further discussion was had on the timeline of the Park Avenue project and plans for ordering fire hydrants. Council member Crump-Frye asked about the logistics of the hydrants placement on Park Ave and

it was stated that when the project is completed fire protection in the area will be improved.

Discussion regarding Franchise Agreement between Morenci Water & Electric and the Town of Clifton.

Clerk Jernigan informed the Council that the Franchise agreement between the Town and Morenci Water & Electric was set to expire at the end of the year after 25 years. In order to meet the call of election deadline, the Council must adopt a resolution by February 8, 2024, and submit the Primary Election items to Greenlee County by then. Staff will try and obtain an initial agreement from Morenci Water & Electric prior to the Council's regular meeting and have the resolution on the agenda for approval, if time does not permit the option to have the Franchise agreement on the General Ballot will still be an option. Attorney Stuhan explained the only changes made beyond the general updates, were the insured amount which was made by other Franchise agreements as well as a reflection of the change over the past 25 years and the upcoming 25 years. There is now also language included in the agreement to allow for review of the agreement at intervals throughout the 25 years,

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Vice-Mayor James

Second to the motion made by Council member West