

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Regular Town Council Meeting
April 9, 2020
2:01 P.M.**

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC MEETINGS HAS BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

THIS MEETING WAS HELD BY REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING:

Members of the public were encouraged to participate in the meeting via the following options:

a. Zoom Conference – Meeting ID 989 373 164

Password: 1415

1. Computer: <https://zoom.us/j/777568430>

2. Telephone: Dial: One of these listed phone numbers:

+1-253-215-8782

+1-929-205-6099

+1-301-715-8592

+1-312-626-6799

+1-669-900-6833

+1-346-248-7799

3. On Smart Device/Zoom App

4. *Submitting questions and comments:*

1. email castaneda@townofclifton.com

(The Public was directed to submit comments at least 1 hour prior to the meeting)

No Comments were received as reported by the Town Clerk.

2. *Speaking during Public hearings:*

(The Public was directed to wait to be recognized by the Mayor prior to speaking.)

Roll Call/ Call to Order: Mayor Luis Montoya called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present

Luis Montoya, Mayor

Barbara Ahmann, Vice-Mayor

Laura Dorrell, Council Member

Anthony James, Council Member

Ray Lorenzo, Council Member

B. Waddell Reyes, Council Member

Ray West, Council Member

Consent Agenda: Motion to accept the following items listed under Consent Agenda was made by Council member Ray Lorenzo:

1. Approval of March 12, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes;
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of March 2020 Demands.

Second to the motion was made by Council member B Waddell Reyes.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members Lorenzo, Reyes, Dorrell, West, James, Ahmann and Montoya. Motion carried.

Public Hearing – Proposed New General Plan for the Town of Clifton pursuant to Growing Smarter (A.R.S. Section 9-461 et seq) to supersede the Town’s existing General Plan, including elements for growth areas, land use, transportation and circulations, housing and neighborhood beautification, parks, recreation, trails and open space, economic development, healthy community, public facilities and services, water resources, environmental planning, and cost of development: Mayor Montoya opened the public hearing for public comments. The Clerk reported that no emails related to the proposed general plan were received.

Planning and Zoning Chairman, John Freida was present and provided a brief summary of the discussion by the Planning and Zoning Commission related to the recommendation made by the Greenlee County Engineer during the agency review to suggest covering the Chase Creek drain to add future parking to the area. Chairman Freida reported that Maria Masque, The Planning Center, would update the plan to include the County Engineer’s recommendation.

There being no further discussion or comments related to the proposed new general plan, Mayor Montoya adjourned the Public Hearing.

New Business:

Discussion and/or action to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the Proposed New General Plan for the Town of Clifton: Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman, John Freida reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission held their Public Hearing on Monday April 6 regarding the proposed new general plan document as prepared for the town by the staff at the Planning Center.

He explained that no public comments had been heard.

He reported that after closing the public hearing, the Planning and Zoning Commission had met to consider their recommendation on the document. Chairman Freida stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends acceptance of the Proposed New General Plan with the modifications as discussed related to covered parking over the Chase Creek drain to add parking to the area.

Vice-Mayor Barbara Ahmann made the motion to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the Proposed New General Plan for the Town of Clifton. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members Ahmann, West, Dorrell, James, Lorenzo, Reyes and Montoya. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to adopt Resolution No. 2020-04: A Resolution Of The Common Council Of The Town Of Clifton, Arizona, Adopting The Town Of Clifton General Plan In Compliance With Title 9, Chapter 4, Article 6, Arizona Revised Statutes; Making Findings Of Fact; Providing For Repeal Of Conflicting Resolutions; And Providing For Severability: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-04 was made by Council member Reyes, second to the motion was made by Council member Dorrell.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members Reyes, Dorrell, James, West, Lorenzo, Ahmann and Montoya. Motion carried.

First Reading of Ordinance No. 01-2020: An Ordinance Of The Common Council Of The Town Of Clifton, Arizona, Amending The Code Of Clifton, Chapter 36 Tax Code, By Repealing Section 36.01 Adoption; Declaring That Certain Document Entitled "The 2012-2014 Amendments To The Tax Code Of The Town Of Clifton" As A Public Record; Adopting The "The 2012-2014 Amendments To The Tax Code Of The Town Of Clifton" By Reference; Amending Chapter 36 Tax Code, By Adding New Section 36.01 Adoption, All Relating To The Transaction Privilege Tax Of The Town; Establishing Effective Dates; Providing For Severability And Providing Penalties For Violations.: The Town Clerk read the title of the ordinance as required in the ordinance adoption process.

Discussion and/or action to adopt Resolution No. 2020 – 03, A Resolution Of The Mayor And Common Council Of The Town Of Clifton, Greenlee County, Arizona, Declaring The Document Entitled “Arizona Law Enforcement Policy Manual (September 2019)” (Hereinafter The “Policy Manual”) A Public Record; Adopting The Policy Manual By Reference; And Amending The Policy Manual, Chapter 22 Compensation, Benefits, And Conditions Of Work, Policy 22.1 Compensation And Policy 22.2.1 Working Hours; All Related To Updating Police Policies, Providing For Repeal Of Conflicting Resolutions; And Providing For Severability: Town Manager, Rudy Perez reported that Chapter 22 of the Policy Manual has been amended on Compensation for Police Cadets and ,as a retention program, compensation for Police Officers as requested by the Chief of Police. The Town Attorney has drafted the Resolution to amend the policy manual to incorporate the proposed changes to Chapter 22 Compensation, Benefits and Conditions of Work as well as adopt the Arizona Law Enforcement Policy Manual (September 2019) by reference.

Police Chief Negrete reported that several years ago the town authorized a subscription to the Law Firm of Edwards and Ginn who developed the Arizona Law Enforcement Policy Manual. The subscription includes updates as legislative changes occur.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-03 was made by Council member Ray West, second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Barbara Ahmann.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members West, Ahmann, Dorrell, James, Lorenzo, Reyes and Montoya. Motion carried.

Manager’s Report: Town Manager, Rudy Perez reported on the following activities:

- Reported that he will be attending an onsite meeting at the Zorrilla St. Bridge on April 16, 2020 to discuss the scope of work relating to painting of the bridge.
- Notified Council of the unfortunate update on potential grant funding from USDA-RD. He explained that the town had been notified that it will not qualify for any grant funding due to the town’s Medium Household Income (MHI) which would require average monthly user charges to exceed 1.5% of monthly MHI. He explained

that the USDA-RD's National Office policy had been updated to restrict the use of grant funds to communities unless they meet the above noted threshold.

Mr. Perez explained that he has scheduled a conference call with Mark Reader, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company and Chad Crockett, Bowman Consulting to pursue WIFA Project Financing.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:35 p.m.