

**Minutes**  
**Town of Clifton**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**August 8, 2019**  
**2:00 P.M.**

**Members Present**

Luis Montoya, Mayor  
Barbara Ahmann, Vice-Mayor  
Laura Dorrell, Council Member  
John Freida, Council Member  
Ray Lorenzo, Council Member  
B. Waddell Reyes, Council Member  
Ray West, Council Member

\*Excused

A quorum was present.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Luis Montoya followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Montoya requested a moment of silence in honor of the victims due to the recent tragedy in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio.

**Call to the Public:** Daniel Cervantez thanked the town for their efforts in implementing electronic payment options for utility customers.

He also extended his gratitude to Town Librarian, Sabrina Dumas for all her help and assistance to all library patrons.

**Council Reports:** Council member B. Waddell Reyes reported that representatives from the State Historic Preservation Office had stopped by the town's Visitor's Center and she had an opportunity to visit with them briefly.

Vice-Mayor Barbara Ahmann encouraged the town to move forward with the establishment of formalizing the Sister City program. Feels that the timing is appropriate as a show of solidarity.

Council member Dorrell provided an update on the progress she has made towards preparing for the Showcase of Town's & Cities event which is part of the League of Arizona Cities & Towns Annual Conference. She stated that she has taken photos throughout the town and plans to enlarge them for the display.

Council member West provided an update on the forthcoming Chase Creek 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Event. The debut of a new business, Blessed and Obsessed Boutique, will also be

featured by KAT Country Radio who will be broadcasting from location as an added feature. Mr. West also mentioned current and future advertising opportunities in the 2019 Arizona State RV Travel Guide which will include advertisements from local businesses on Chase Creek as well as the RV Park and Visitor's Center.

Council member Freida provided information on the dedication of the First Responder's Monument to be held on August 24, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Veteran's Park. The event honors all first responders in Greenlee County. A luncheon will follow at the American Legion.

Mayor Montoya reported that the SEAGO Housing Survey has been received by all participating entities. The Mayor highlighted some interesting data results for the Town of Clifton from the survey to include that a projected "no-growth" population is anticipated until 2050 and the average age of our population is 28.3. Additionally, the report mentions that the development of Table Top is not economically feasible as a housing development site.

He also reported that he has received an initial target industry report, with more work and discussion prior to finalizing.

Mayor Montoya also reported that the next tourism council will include discussion on a possible business concept tapping into sporting activities and the San Francisco River.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion to approve the minutes with corrections as noted was made by Council member Ray West:

1. Approval of the June 25, 2019 Joint Work Session Minutes(correction : Vice-Mayor Ahmann called the meeting to order); and the July 11, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of July 2019 Demands.

Second to the motion was made by Council member John Freida.

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

### **Old Business:**

#### **Discussion and/or action to award the bid for CDBG Contract #116-18:**

#### **Construction Phase of the Removal of Architectural Barriers at the town's**

**Community Center:** Town Clerk, Espie Castaneda reported that no bids had been received. The plan is to re-advertise the project, intensify the solicitation of contractors and hope for a better outcome.

Item was tabled.

**New Business:**

**First Reading of Ordinance No. 03-2019: An Ordinance Of The Common Council Of The Town Of Clifton, Arizona, Amending The Code Of Clifton Arizona, By Amending Title III Administration, Chapter 33 Purchasing, By Amending Section 33.09 Cooperative Purchasing, Related To Procurement Through Cooperative Purchasing; Providing For Repeal Of Conflicting Ordinances; Providing For Severability; And Providing Penalties:** Town Clerk, Espie Castaneda read the title paragraph of the ordinance as required in the ordinance adoption process.

**Discussion and/or action to accept the recommendation of the Grants Committee regarding selecting the town's project for submission to the FMI's – Greenlee County Community Investment Fund for FY 2020:** Vice-Mayor Ahmann, who chairs the grants committee, reported that although all departments were invited to submit a project for consideration only one was discussed. The Grant's Committee recommends the Code Enforcement Office's proposal to submit an Abatement Project to address dilapidated and/or deteriorated housing in town.

Motion to accept the recommendation of the Grants Committee to select the Abatement Project as presented by the Town's Code Enforcement Officer was made by Council member Laura Dorrell. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray Lorenzo.

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

**Discussion and/or action to appoint the Local Board Members to the Public Safety Personnel System Town of Clifton's Fire Board and Police Board:** Members of the Council were provided with a recommended list of members for each of the local boards for a two-year term.

Motion to appoint the following members to the town's PSPRS Local Boards was made by Council member West:

**CLIFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Luis Montoya, Chair  
Shari Aguilar, Elected from Membership  
Joseph Cota, Elected from Membership  
Delfina Pilgrim, Appointed Position  
Esperanza Castaneda, Appointed Position

CLIFTON FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Luis Montoya, Chair

Shaun Seballos, Elected from Membership

Jacob Munoz, Elected from Membership

Robert Pollock, Appointed Position

Peter Ortega, Appointed Position

Second to the motion was made by Council member Laura Dorrell.

Voting in favor of the motion were Councilmembers West; Dorrell, Freida, Ahmann, Lorenzo, Reyes and Montoya. Motion carried.

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

- Reported that a draft lease agreement for property where the town's Waste Water Treatment Plant is located has been received and reviewed by the town's legal counsel. Recommended revisions by the town attorney have been forward to FMI for their review.
- Explained that the 60-day review period will commence once the final draft of the town's general plan documents are mailed out to the appropriate agencies for their comment and review. Additionally, the documents will be available on the town's website; town hall and at the public library for public access.
- He stated that the Chase Creek Tomorrow Street Lighting Design contract has been mailed to Wright Engineering for his approval. Upon finalization of the document, a notice to proceed will be issued.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:10 p.m.