

Clifton Town Council Regular Meeting Attendance Information
December 10, 2020
2:00 p.m.

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

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD BY REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING:

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

Zoom Conference – Meeting ID: 819 9506 0436
Passcode: 1415

1. Computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81995060436?pwd=TVU1WlUveVBzWFdDVU02NVhWSDltUT09>

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+1-669-900-6833

+1-346-248-7799

+1-929-205-6099

+1-253-215-8782

+1-301-715-8592

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3. On Smart Device/Zoom App

4. *Submitting questions and comments:* email
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(Please submit comments at least 1 hour prior to the meeting)

Minutes
Town of Clifton
Town Council Regular Meeting
December 10, 2020
2:10 P.M.

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

*Excused

A quorum was present.

Also joining the virtual meeting were Susan Goodwin and Trish Stuhan, Legal Counsel; Chad Crockett, Town Engineer; Kim Smith, EA Courier/Copper Era; Martha Lujan, FMI and Rick Hanson, Zoning Applicant.

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

Call to the Public: On behalf of the town, Mayor Luis Montoya congratulated Ms. Goodwin on her retirement. Ms. Goodwin personally thanked the Mayor, Council and Staff for their support while she served as the town's legal counsel for the past 25+ years. She stated that Ms. Trish Stuhan will take over as lead counsel for the Town of Clifton.

Council Reports: Vice-Mayor Barbara Ahmann stated that the Community Garden is doing well and now offers produce to the public. She expressed her thanks to the community for their support as her term on the Council has now expired. Additionally, she asked the Council to consider allocating funds in next year's budget to address the upkeep of the train station and encouraged Council to retain the water rights when considering the proposed land exchange proposed by FMI.

Council member Dorrell provided information on how to sign up for free COVID-19 testing at Gila Health Resources. The Council member also expressed her appreciation to the Fire Department for their plan to continue with the Christmas Eve tradition of parading Santa Claus around town and implementing health and safety protocols to minimize the spread of the virus.

Council member Reyes mentioned that the town's buildings committee should address the needs of the Train Station.

Mayor Montoya reported that the community is experiencing a significant spike in positive COVID-19 cases and states that the face covering mandate for the Town of Clifton will continue for now. He also reported that the Greenlee County Board of Supervisors will be considering the continuation of the county-wide face covering mandate as well. Mayor Montoya also appealed to all town employees to lead by example and wear the face covering.

The Mayor also mentioned that he is actively participating in the Greenlee County Substance Abuse Coalition and provided information on the planned public relations programs.

The Mayor's final comments were addressed to Vice-Mayor Ahmann. He expressed his thanks and gratitude for her commitment to public service and encouraged her to continue to remain active on town issues.

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

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

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

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

Motion carried.

Adjournment of the 2018-2020 Clifton Town Council: At approximately 2:23 p.m., Mayor Montoya formally adjourned the final meeting of the 2018-2020 Clifton Town Council.

Minutes
Town of Clifton
Regular Town Council Meeting
December 12, 2020
2:24 p.m.

Members Present

Luis Montoya, Mayor
Laura Dorrell, Council Member
Anthony James, Council Member
Ray Lorenzo, Council Member
B. Waddell Reyes, Council Member
Ray West, Council Member
Vacancy, Council Member

Call to Order: The first official meeting of the 2020-2021 Clifton Town Council was called to order by the Town Clerk, followed by the introduction of the Council members recently elected to office.

Oath of Office 2020-2022: Town Clerk, Espie Castaneda administered the oath of office to Council members' Montoya, James and West.

Nominations for Mayor: Town Clerk, Esperanza Castaneda explained the nominating procedures for the office of Mayor.

The Clerk continued the process by calling for nominations.

Council member Laura Dorrell nominated Luis Montoya for Mayor.

Council member Ray West nominated Laura Dorrell for Mayor.

There being no further nominations, Council member Ray West made a motion to close the nominations. Motion was seconded by Council member B. Waddell Reyes.

Voting in favor of closing the nominations were Council members West, Dorrell, Montoya, Lorenzo, James and Reyes.

Motion carried.

The Clerk polled the Council on the nominee for Mayor and the results were as follows:

Voting in favor of Council member Montoya for Mayor were Council members Dorrell, James, and Montoya.

Voting in favor of Council member Dorrell for Mayor were Council members West, Lorenzo and Reyes.

There being a tie for the office of Mayor, each nominee was given an opportunity to address their colleagues to possibly reconsider their vote.

Council member Laura Dorrell expressed her gratitude to her fellow council members for their vote of confidence in nominating her for the position as Mayor, but requested that her name be removed from any further consideration due to time constraints related to her profession in the medical field particularly due to the current pandemic.

There being one nominee for the position of Mayor, a roll call vote was taken with the results as follows:

Voting in favor of Luis Montoya as Mayor were Council members, Dorrell, West, James, Lorenzo, Reyes and Montoya.

Council member Montoya was unanimously elected as Mayor.

Nominations for Vice-Mayor: Mayor Luis Montoya continued the meeting by calling for nominations for Vice-Mayor.

Council member Ray West nominated Council member Laura Dorrell as candidate for Vice-Mayor.

There being no further nominations, Council member Ray West made a motion to close the nominations for Vice-Mayor. Second to the motion was made by Council member Reyes.

Voting in favor of closing the nomination were Council members West, Montoya, Lorenzo, James, Reyes and Dorrell.

Motion carried.

The Clerk polled the Council as to the candidate of their choice for Vice-Mayor and the results were as follows:

Voting in favor of Council member Dorrell for Vice-Mayor were Council members West, Montoya, Lorenzo, James, Reyes and Dorrell.

Motion carried.

Council member Dorrell was unanimously elected as Vice-Mayor

New Business:

First Reading of Ordinance No. 03-2020: 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 249 Leonard Avenue (Parcel 200-85-011G) From Residential (R-2) to Residential (R-3): The title paragraph of Ordinance No. 03-2020 was read by the Town Clerk as required in the ordinance adoption process.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute the One Arizona Opioid Settlement Memorandum of Understanding: Town Attorney, Trish Stuhan explained that State and Local governments have been litigating against the opioid industry alleging that the industry utilized unethical and illegal practices with respect to promoting the use of opioids. She explained that the State of Arizona and all fifteen counties have an opportunity to settle with some of the manufacturers and distributors and secure financial resources to address the impacts of opioids. The State of Arizona and all fifteen counties have agreed to the One Arizona Opioid Settlement Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) presented to the council for their consideration. Ms. Stuhan explained that there is a filing deadline of December 15, 2020 in order to participate in the settlement.

Ms. Stuhan, responding to Council member West's question regarding whether there was a down side to participating in this settlement said there is none.

There being no further discussion on the matter motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the One Arizona Opioid Settlement Memorandum of Understanding was made by Council member West. Second to the motion was made by Council member James.

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

Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to approve \$16,560 for Bowman Consulting Group to provide for the preparation of bid documents, coordination and site visits for utilities relocation, construction oversight and construction engineering support of the Quinn Street Retaining Wall Project: Town Manager, Rudy Perez explained that \$86,000 of HURF funds have been dedicated to the repair of the retaining wall. He is requesting that Council allocate an additional \$16,500 of HURF funds to cover the cost to provide for the preparation of bid documents, coordination and site visits for utilities relocation related to the project.

Discussion items included whether there could be a potential conflict of interest for Bowman Consulting since they were hired to prepare the bid documents. The town's legal counsel responded that there is no conflict of interest, rather Bowman Consulting is beneficial due to their knowledge of the project. Also discussed was the timeline to get this project underway.

Town Engineer, Chad Crockett explained that the bid documents should be ready in early January, advertising will need to be published twice and construction will depend on response from interested bidders.

Motion to approve an additional \$16,560 in HURF funds from Bowman Consulting Group to provide for the preparation of bid documents, coordination and site visits for utilities relocation, construction oversight and construction engineering support of the Quinn Street Retaining Wall Project was made by Vice-Mayor Laura Dorrell. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West.

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

Motion carried.

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

- Met with Morenci Water & Electric regarding relocating electrical service lines underground on Chase Creek Street. Additional research will be needed regarding cost of utility poles and light fixtures. Based on cost, the town's Historic Preservation Commission may need to consider any changes to the utility poles and lights that may affect the town's historic district.
- Provided an update on the status of the historic Chase Creek Bridge #1 replacement project.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m.