

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Council Work Session
December 2, 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:

a. **Zoom Conference – Meeting ID 896 0751 5790**

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1. Computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89607515790>

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4. *Submitting questions and comments:* 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 Clerk.

Call To Order / Roll Call: Mayor Luis Montoya called the meeting to order.

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.

Items for Discussion:

Discussion regarding the proposed land exchange agreement between Freeport Minerals Corporation and the Town of Clifton: Town Attorney, Trish Stuhan explained that prior to accepting the proposed land exchange agreement, she recommends additional information be obtained in order to assure that the property exchange is of equal value. She recommends that property appraisals should be available since there are possible additional legal requirements when exchanging public land.

Questions from members of the Council included concern that the proposed land size for the Wastewater Treatment Plant would be adequate for future development of the facility if needed and that the proposed land exchange included the road that provides access to and from the WWTP. Additional concerns also addressed that the property values were not comparable in value. Also, of concern was the affect these negotiations and discussions would have on the Aquifer Protection Permit (APP) application which has already been submitted to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality as part of the development of the town's Wastewater Treatment Plant pre-construction process.

Council suggested that a follow up meeting in January should be scheduled to follow up on whether the proposed land parcel offered to the town was adequate for future development of the WWTP, arrange for property appraisals and determine the effects to the APP application.

Discussion regarding the model ordinance relating to recreational marijuana: Town Attorney Trish Stuhan explained that together with the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, a model ordinance with different options for consideration by individual cities and towns was prepared as a tool to assist in the development of the town's recreational marijuana ordinance if the town chooses to implement such regulations.

Council members were provided with a copy of the model ordinance and various definitions within the ordinance were discussed. The general consensus of the council was to take steps to regulate recreational marijuana in the town since the town already has legislation to regulate

medical marijuana.

The Town Attorney will draft the ordinance as recommended by the Council.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:35 p.m.