

**Agenda  
Town of Clifton  
Town Council Regular Meeting  
February 10, 2022  
2:00 P.M.**

**Members Present**

Mayor Luis Montoya  
Vice-Mayor Laura Dorrell\*  
Council member Anthony James  
Council member Ray Lorenzo  
Council member B. Waddell Reyes\*  
Council member Ray West  
Council member, Karen Crump-Frye

\*Excused

Quorum Present

Participating via telephone was Town Attorney, Trish Stuhan.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Luis Montoya at approximately 2:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Call to the Public:** Danny Cervantez thanked the public works department for their clean up efforts along the San Francisco River riverbed.

**Council Reports:** Council member Karen Crump-Frye reported on activities involving the Tourism Council. She reported that a grant application has been submitted to provide the group with guidance on future projects. Noted that the date of the “Big Quack” Contest has been scheduled for June 4, 2022, and announced a “Poster Contest” involving Morenci Schools and “Ghost Tours” which will be organized by Erin Spears.

Mayor Montoya read a letter of appreciation from the local American Legion regarding the monetary support from the town for the annual Christmas Eve event. The mayor also provided an update as announced by the Community Partnership Panel (CPP), that will be affecting traffic in Clifton scheduled for mid-March. The project entails stabilizing a high-wall near the railroad tracks across from Veteran’s Park. Closing Council Reports, Mayor Montoya informed Council that he was in receipt of Council member B. Waddell Reyes letter of resignation, effective today.

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

1. Approval of the January 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes;
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of January 2022 Demands.

Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray Lorenzo.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members West, Lorenzo, James, Crump-Frye and Montoya. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

**Discussion and/or action to approve the Notice of Intent to Increase Miscellaneous Rates and Fees Pursuant to A.R.S. §9-499.15:** Mayor Montoya, who also serves on the rates and fees committee together with Council member West and Cecilia Jernigan reviewed the proposed rate changes.

Motion to approve the Notice of Intent to Increase Miscellaneous Rates and Fees Pursuant to A.R.S. §9-499.15 was made by Council member Karen Crump-Frye. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members Crump-Frye, West, James, Lorenzo and Montoya. Motion carried.

**Discussion and/or action to appoint Mark Vinson and Robert Chilicky to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission:** The Town Manager, Rudy Perez explained that the Historic Preservation Commission has three vacancies on the five-member board. Additionally, the urgency to fill the vacancies is to convene the board to address a pending meeting to consider a certificate of appropriateness for the repairs to the damaged building on Chase Creek Street. The street is currently closed.

The Town Clerk explained that although these two individuals do not live in Clifton any longer, they are highly qualified to assist the current members. Due to the urgency of the situation, they have offered to assist the town temporarily until replacements can be appointed.

Motion to appoint Mark Vinson and Robert Chilicky to serve on the town's Historic Preservation Commission was made by Council member Anthony James, second to the motion was made by Council member Karen Crump-Frye.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members James, Crump-Frye; Lorenzo; West; and Montoya. Motion carried.

**Discussion and/or action to authorize the mayor to execute Funding Agreement No. 123-22; CDBG Regional Account, Street Improvement Planning:** Motion to authorize the mayor to execute Funding Agreement No. 123-22; CDBG Regional Account for the street improvement planning project was made by Council member Ray West. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray Lorenzo.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members West, Lorenzo, Crump-Frye, James and Montoya. Motion carried.

**Discussion and/or action to approve contract modification 5; Frisco Avenue Bridge scoping and final design:** Town Manager, Rudy Perez reported that Horrocks Engineers has requested a contract modification to cover the costs associated with additional project management and field survey, coordinating a re-evaluation of the geotechnical clearance, incorporating new survey into base files, preparing a Section 4(f) evaluation, and preparing a HEC-RAS hydraulic model for the No Rise Certification. The additional costs will obligate the town to cover \$44,660.98.

Mr. Perez explained that he had contacted ADOT with his concerns regarding these additional costs since they were not previously mentioned to Council during a work session where design options were presented for consideration. He was informed by ADOT that modifications similar to these are allowed per contract terms where the town is obligated to pay for any overhead.

Council members expressed frustration that these additional costs were not disclosed by the engineering firm when considering design options. The consensus of the council was to expect minor changes in design, but they felt this was extreme. The town's legal counsel suggested approving the contract modification and authorize the Town Manager to negotiate with Horrocks Engineers to possibly reduce costs. Council members agreed that this action might alert the engineering firm that the town is monitoring the project carefully.

Motion to authorize the mayor to approve contract modification 5; Frisco Avenue Bridge scoping and final design and to authorize the Town Manager and Town Attorney to negotiate to reduce costs as requested by Horrocks Engineers was made by Mayor Luis Montoya. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West.

Voting in favor of the motion was made by Council members Montoya, West, James, Crump-Frye and Lorenzo. Motion carried.

**Manager's Report:** Town Manager Rudy Perez provided an update on the following issues:

- Reported that the Chase Creek St. Light poles and fixtures delivery has been delayed and new delivery date is scheduled for February 22, 2022
- Provided an update on the Chase Creek Street closure due to property damage at 229 Chase Creek. Explained that a building permit has been received by the property owner

for processing. Of immediate concern is to replace the support columns in the interior of the building.

- Also reported on the high wall repair project to be done by Freeport McMoRan along the railroad tracks across Veteran's Park.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:05 p.m.