

Clifton Town Council Regular Meeting Attendance Information
February 11, 2021
2:00 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:

Zoom Conference – Meeting ID: 844 8271 2283

Passcode: 1415

1. Computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84482712283?pwd=c3BIRGw4bUxtc0hGTVZpM2czck9MUT09>

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

+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 castaneda@townofclifton.com

(No comments were submitted at least 1 hour prior to the meeting)

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Town Council Regular Meeting
February 11, 2021
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, Vacant

Quorum Present

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Luis Montoya at approximately 2:10 p.m.

Call to the Public: There were no requests to address the Council this month.

Council Reports: Vice-Mayor Laura Dorrell informed members of the Council of the forthcoming Health Fair scheduled in March.

Council member B.Waddell Reyes reported on a recent visit by State Historic Preservation Office representative who visited the town's train station and would provide some recommendations regarding maintenance on the facility.

Mayor Luis Montoya suggested that he will be calling for an Executive Session of the Clifton Town Council to conduct the Town Manager's employment evaluation and to schedule interviews for candidates who have expressed interest in the vacancy on the Council. He further reported that the Executive Session will be held "in person"

There were no further reports from Council members.

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the following items listed under consent agenda was made by Vice-Mayor Laura Dorrell:

1. Approval of the January 14, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes;
2. Receive Department Reports.
3. Approval of January 2021 Demands.

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

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

Old Business:

Discussion and/or action to approve \$27,000 to purchase and install six light poles and fixtures between Lynch Street and Palacio Loop (Historical Society Museum) as part of the Morenci Water & Electric's Chase Creek Street underground utilities project: Town Manager, Rudy Perez requested that this item continue as "tabled" since he is still gathering pertinent information for Council.

The item will continue as "tabled."

New Business:

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Clifton and the Arizona Department of Transportation for the replacement of Chase Creek Bridge (Frisco Avenue/Chase Creek Stream Crossing): Town Manager, Rudy Perez explained that the project consists of replacing the existing bridge with a new two-lane bridge. The project cost estimate is \$1,060,445.00 which included federal aid and town match. The town's match is 5.7% and explained that the town would be responsible for any excess costs, if any.

He referred Council to Exhibit A of the proposed IGA for a complete breakdown of the project. He explained that the town's match for Design and Project Development Administration costs would affect this year's budget(\$16,512). FY 2022 town budget would have to allocate approximately \$44,000 for construction.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Clifton and the Arizona Department of Transportation for the replacement of the Chase Creek Bridge was made by Council member Ray West. Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Laura Dorrell.

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

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute the Temporary Easement Agreement between the Town of Clifton and Freeport Minerals Corporation for the purposes of egress of a truck parking facility on Town of Clifton parcel number 200-78-024: Town Manager, Rudy Perez reported that this temporary easement agreement is also one of the properties in FMI's proposed land exchange proposal. He continued to explain that this agreement proposes a 1-year term.

Mr. Perez stated that the FMI temporary proposal has addressed his concerns regarding large semi-truck traffic exiting Riverside Dr. onto Highway 191 and provisions to address environmental issues related to the chemicals that might be contained in the parked semi-trucks. FMI proposes signage that designates "No Right Hand Turns" upon exiting Riverside Dr. as well as providing verbiage in the temporary easement agreement addressing Environmental Issues.

Comments from Council member's included concerns about the visual impact the truck parking site would display due to the location of the parcel. Additional comments included that the proposed agreement offers no long-term investment or improvement to the property.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Montoya made a motion to authorize the Temporary Easement Agreement between the Town of Clifton and Freeport Minerals Corporation for the purpose of egress of a truck

parking facility on Town of Clifton parcel number 200-78-024 for a term of 6-months. Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Laura Dorrell.

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

Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to approve the implementation of the COVID-19 Vaccine Declination Form:

Town Manager, Rudy Perez reviewed the provisions of the form. Primarily, town employees who choose not to participate in the COVID-19 vaccination process may be denied any Workers Compensation Benefits associated with contracting COVID-19 and any claims related thereto, or will not have access to Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) leave options.

Town Attorney, Trish Stuhan suggested modifying the form to include provisions allowing for exemptions for Americans with Disabilities Act, (ADA) and/or religious beliefs.

Motion to approve the implementation of the COVID-19 Vaccine Declination Form with revisions as recommended by the Town Attorney to address ADA and religious beliefs exemptions was made by Council member B. Waddell Reyes. Second to the motion was made by Council member West.

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

Discussion and/or action to approve Resolution No. 2021-01: A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Clifton, Greenlee County, State of Arizona hereby approving authorized signers to execute all documents and other items which may be required by the National Bank of Arizona on behalf of the Town of Clifton: Council member West requested that his name be withdrawn from the list of authorized signers. Vice-Mayor Dorrell stated that she would be willing to be added to the list of authorized signers.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-01 amending the list of authorized signers to include Luis Montoya, Anthony James, Omar Negrete, Rudy Perez, Laura Dorrell and remove Ray West was made by Council member Ray West. Second to the motion was made by Council member Anthony James.

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

Motion carried.

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

- Reported that SCS Engineering is onsite to perform an asbestos and lead survey of the former Elks Lodge Building.
- Reported that the Quinn St. retaining wall project is currently being advertised and bid submittal deadline is March 9, 2021
- Also reported that the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project is also being advertised and bid submittal deadline is March 25, 2021.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:29 p.m.