

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Town Council Regular Meeting
January 13, 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: Daniel Cervantez commended the town's parks department for their continued attention to maintaining the public restrooms.

Police Chief, Omar Negrete introduced Police Officer Tony Reynolds who came onboard with the town on January 1st.

Town Clerk, Espie Castaneda provided Council with a schedule of Public Hearings to consider proposing an alternative expenditure limitation option to the voters of the town.

Council Reports: Vice-Mayor Dorrell provided information on current Covid-19 testing available to the public due to the recent increase in positive cases in the area.

Council member Karen Crump-Frye provided information on recent activities by the Tourism Council.

Council member Reyes extended her appreciation to Gila Health Resources for their continued attention to address community needs during this pandemic.

Mayor Montoya reported that he has been receiving numerous calls relating to the recent disruption of garbage service in the Chase Creek Street area due to the continued road closure caused by damaged property in the area. He reiterated that garbage service has been contracted with Vista Recycling and concerns regarding service should be directed to them. Mayor Montoya also advised Council that the Manager will be providing an update on the status of the

road closure during his report. Final comment from Mayor Montoya was a reminder directed to Council. He suggested that periodically, elected officials should reflect on their duties and role as an elected official representing the town.

No other reports were presented at this time.

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the following items listed under consent agenda was made by Vice-Mayor Dorrell, second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West:

1. Approval of the December 9, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and December 14, 2021 Special Session Minutes;
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of December 2021 Demands.

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

Old Business

Discussion and/or action to approve the amended Lease Agreement between the Town of Clifton and the Art Depot: Town Manager Rudy Perez reported that he had met with representatives from the Art Depot, Barbara Ahmann and Erin Spears to negotiate lease agreement terms. He reported that both parties were agreeable to retain the rental period on a month-to-month basis; amend the fee to \$355 per month for both rooms and provides that the Art Depot staff would provide the town with a quarterly list of activities scheduled for use affecting the second-floor room. This will assist in minimizing any conflicts or interruptions which might affect rental events scheduled for the Community Center located on the first floor of the building.

Motion to approve the amended Lease Agreement between the Town of Clifton and the Art Depot 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, Lorenzo, Reyes, Dorrell and Montoya. Motion carried.

New Business

Discussion and/or action to approve \$312,515.08 for Sunland Asphalt & Construction, LLC, an authorized vendor with 1 Government Procurement Alliance (1GPA), to provide road and street maintenance to Webster Avenue, 3rd Street, 6th Street and Leonard Avenue and to authorize the Mayor to execute the Purchase Order Contract between the Town of Clifton and Sunland Asphalt.: Public Works Director, Victor Stacy explained that the proposed quote does NOT include Leonard Avenue.

Members of the Roads and Streets Committee reported that they had discussed this project and is part of their recommended road improvement plan.

Vice-Mayor Laura Dorrell made a motion to approve \$312,515.08 for Sunland Asphalt & Construction, LLC to provide road and street maintenance to Webster Avenue, 3rd Street and 6th Street, with Leonard Avenue being eliminated from this project. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray Lorenzo.

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

Discussion and/or action to select the bridge alternative for the replacement of the Frisco Avenue Bridge (Chase Creek Bridge #1): Town Manager, Rudy Perez briefly reviewed the highlights of the December 14, 2021 work session where the 4 proposed alternatives were presented in detail by Horrocks Engineering. He explained that Alternative No. 1 offered minimum impact to the project with NO traffic detour necessary. Additionally, alternative no. 1 offers a 75- year lifespan for the realignment of the bridge. Mr. Perez cautioned that the cost estimate is \$865,500 however, once the project goes out to bid this cost estimate could change. He further explained that federal funding aid under the FHWA Off-System Bridge totals \$770,754 and the town will have to cover any additional expense.

Motion to select bridge alternative #1, Adjacent Voided Slab Girders, for the replacement of the Frisco Avenue Bridge (Chase Creek Bridge #1) was made by Council member B. Waddell Reyes. Second to the motion was made by Council member Karen Crump-Frye.

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

Discussion and/or action to approve the Greenlee County Tourism Council's request for support and assistance from the Town of Clifton for this year's Clifton Hill Climb: Addressing the Council was the Vice-Chair of the Greenlee County Tourism Council, Akos Kovach. He reported that the event is scheduled for April 29, 30 & May 1. He explained that the event will be sponsored by Sports Car Club of America once again and is gaining national coverage. Mr. Kovach explained that the tourism council is looking for volunteers to assist with the event.

Town Manager, Rudy Perez reported that past support and assistance included filling in the dip at Lynch St. and Chase Creek to accommodate the race cars during the traditional parade, providing police escort for drivers and sports cars from the parking area to the race track, providing a courtesy van for spectator transport; provide traffic control signage and display event advertising on the digital marquee.

Council member Ray West made a motion to approve the support and assistance to the Greenlee County Tourism Council for this year's Clifton Hill Climb event. Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Laura Dorrell.

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

Manager's Report: The Town Manager reported on the following activities:

- Provided a timeline on events affecting the decision to close Chase Creek Street due to property damage at 229 Chase Creek occurring on November 19, 2021:
 - 11/24/2021 Town Engineer was sent to site to assess the damage and provide town with an inspection report to determine stability of the building to determine whether roadway was safe to traffic. Engineer determines roadway closure due to unsafe instability of building.
 - 12/07/2021 Town Engineer conducts a follow-up of the damaged property and notes that some repairs were done, however they do not address the stability or integrity of the building. Determines to continue road closure.
 - 12/13/2021 Code Enforcement conducts an onsite visit and is unable to determine what repairs have been done. Code Enforcement provides property owner with a building permit form and advises him that town requires him to provide documentation to support his current repairs and planned repairs to stabilize the building. Written notification is also issued advising that owner has 30 days to provide documentation.

- Reported on the status of repairs to the Train Station roof. Global Roofing Group was hired to assess the condition of the roof and provide an estimate. Their initial concern was to repair the parapet roof area. An estimate for that initial repair will be provided.

- Mr. Perez provided an update on the Chase Creek Street Lights. The estimated delivery date is scheduled for February 4, 2022

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:56 p.m.