

**Minutes  
Town of Clifton  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
June 11, 2020  
2:00 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

**Roll Call/ Call to Order:** Mayor Luis Montoya called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Call to the Public:** Martha Lujan introduced herself as Manager, Freeport McMoRan's Community & Townsite. She stated that she is looking forward to working with the town.

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

1. Approval of May 14, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes;
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of April 2020 Demands.

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

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

**New Business:**

**Update on the San Francisco River Recreational Restroom Project funded by the Gila Watershed Partnership.** – Melanie Tluczek, Executive Director: Item tabled.

**Discussion and/or action to ratify the submission of a United Way Grant Application seeking funding for Police Radio Upgrades:** Police Chief, Omar Negrete explained that he had met with the town's grants committee to present his application. He further explained that the radio upgrades will provide the department with a uniform communications system. Currently, the Clifton Police Department has analog radios which are outdated and make it difficult to communicate with other local law enforcement agencies who currently use digital radios. Chief Negrete also reported that due to the time constraints to submit the grant application and the issue of scheduling a special meeting of the council due to the current pandemic, he proceeded to submit the application after consulting with the Town Manager and Mayor.

Grants Committee Chair, Barbara Ahmann confirmed that the committee had met to review the application and were in support of it.

Motion to ratify the submission of the United Way Grant Application seeking funding for Police Radio Upgrades was made by Vice Mayor Ahmann. Second to the motion was made by Council member West.

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

**Discussion and/or action to approve Resolution No. 2020-08: Designating An Applicant Agent And An Alternate Point Of Contact For The Hazard Mitigation Program With Respect To The Coronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic:** Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute Resolution No. 2020-08 was made by Council member Dorrell. Second to the motion was made by Council member Lorenzo.

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

**Discussion and/or action to reestablish the Personnel Committee:** Town Manager, Rudy Perez explained that the Personnel Policy is clear that the Committee consists of five members. He further explained that the last members of the Personnel Committee included two department supervisors, two employee representatives and one member from the public. He is recommending that the personnel policy should describe the composition of the committee.

Motion to amend the personnel policy to clarify the class of members to serve on the committee was made by Council member Ray West. Second to the motion was made by Council member B. Waddell Reyes.

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

**Discussion and/or action to authorize the Town Manager to execute the Certification Form requesting grant payments from the State of Arizona – AZCares Relief Fund:** Mayor Luis Montoya explained that the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act was approved March 2020. The CARES Act authorized the distribution of funding to States and local governments. Arizona received \$2.8B.

The Mayor explained that \$441M is being allocated to the Governor's Office for distribution to local jurisdictions for the following eligible expenses: Public Health and Safety regular salary and employee related expenses (ERE) for costs incurred between March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020. Mayor Montoya reported that the Town of Clifton's allocation totals \$423,703. The goal of the Governor's Office is to provide these funds by assuring that the process is simple, flexible and addresses the urgency of the pandemic. He stated that this Certification Form will authorize the Town Manager to request the funding.

Motion to authorize the Town Manager to execute the Certification Form requesting grant payments from the State of Arizona – AZCares Relief Fund was made by Council member B. Waddell Reyes. Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Barbara Ahmann.

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

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

- Reported that the Wastewater Infrastructure Authority Advisory Board will meet on June 18, 2020 to consider their recommendation regarding the town's application for funding. Possible outcomes include recommending a loan in the amount of \$3,613,375 (project amount) or recommending 50% of project amount as a forgivable loan. Final approval will be considered by the Board of Directors on June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Informed Council of the recent road closure on Quinn St. Explained that the retaining wall which supports a portion of Quinn St. was damaged due to a water leak. The Town Engineer has been consulted to assess the situation. Garbage service for the neighborhood will be handled by Public Works.
- Reported that the Zorilla St. Bridge is on schedule.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m.