

**Agenda**  
**Town of Clifton**  
**Town Council Regular Meeting**  
**June 8, 2023**  
**2:00 P.M.**

**Members Present**

Mayor Laura Dorrell  
Vice-Mayor Anthony James\*  
Council member Luis Montoya  
Council member Ray Lorenzo\*  
Council member Ray West  
Council member Karen Crump-Frye\*\*  
Council member Janeene K. Carrillo

\*Excused

\*\*Participated via telephone

**Quorum Present**

The Town's legal counsel, Trish Stuhan, participated via telephone.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Laura Dorrell followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Call to the Public:** First to address the public was Cat Heller. She explained that she had been approached by the Art Depot residents to provide an assessment of the Community Center Building. Although she is a mechanical engineer by trade, she offered some apparent issues affecting the stability of the structure.

Daniel Cervantez was next to address Council. He commended the Clifton Public Library Director for offering summer programs.

Steve Ahmann provided Council with information on the next Greenlee County Tourism Council's sponsored fund raiser event, "The Big Quack." In addition to this event, the morning hours encourage participants to join in the Annual River Cleanup event sponsored by the Gila River Watershed Partnership. The joint event is scheduled for June 10, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

**Council Reports:** Council member Janeene Carrillo provided an update on the planning of the forthcoming Founder's Day Celebration. She explained that she is joined by Mayor Laura Dorrell and Council member Luis Montoya as the committee organizers. Although an initial meeting was recently held, the date of the event has been set for November 4, 2023. Event details are still to be determined.

Council member Luis Montoya suggested that staff consider some type of notice/flyer reminding local residents about parking vehicles along the garbage route. His neighborhood experienced "no service" due to the inaccessibility of sufficient room for the garbage truck to access the street.

Mayor Dorrell mentioned that she had encountered a group of ghost hunters around town and was encouraged to have groups such as this visit the town.

Council members' West, Crump-Frye had no report.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion to approve the following items as listed under consent agenda was made by Council member Ray West, seconded by Council member Luis Montoya:

1. Approval of the May 11, 2023 Regular Meeting and May 17, 2023 Special Session Minutes and Work Session Minutes;
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of May 2023 Demands.

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

## Old Business

**Discussion and/or action for the Town to sponsor, plan and organize the Clifton Hill Climb:** Town Manager, Rudy Perez stated that his concern that town staff is not prepared to undertake organizing the Hill Climb Event. He has included a \$2,000 donation in the FY2024 Mayor & Council Budget. The funding will be offered in support the event should another organization decide to sponsor it.

## New Business

**Discussion and/or action to adopt a tentative budget for FY 2024:** Town Manager, Rudy Perez presented the balanced tentative budget to Mayor and Council by reviewing the budget revenue and expenditure estimates in a power point presentation. He provided budget highlights for each department as well. These include:

- a 5% COLA for all employees;
- continued Health/Dental Benefits for all employees at 100%
- breakdown on the proposed use of the town's unreserved fund balance;
- budget impact of proposed changes to management relating to the towns accounting reporting
- preparation and consideration of the proposed merger of the Emergency Dispatch Centers in Greenlee County
- inclusion of prospective grant funds available for the town to apply for.

Mr. Perez reported that the total tentative budget amount is \$10,959,779

Motion to adopt the tentative budget in the amount of \$10,959,779 was made by Council member Luis Montoya. Second to the motion was made by Council member Janeene Carrillo.

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

**Discussion and/or action to approve Resolution No. 2023-04: A Resolution Designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for Officially Submitting the Fiscal Year 2022 Expenditure Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General:** Town Clerk Espie Castaneda explained that the town had been notified that the previous resolution designating the Chief Fiscal Officer was not accepted by the Auditor General's Office. They require the resolution to be in their provided format. Therefore, these resolutions authorizing the Chief Fiscal Officer have to be redone and resubmitted for fiscal year 2022 and 2023.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-04, designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for officially submitting the FY2022 Expenditure Limitation Report was made by Council member Luis Montoya. Second to the motion was made by Council member Janeene Carrillo.

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

**Discussion and/or action to approve Resolution No. 2023-05: A Resolution Designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for Officially Submitting the Fiscal Year 2023 Expenditure Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General:** Motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-05, designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for officially submitting FY2023 Expenditure Limitation Report was made by Council member Carrillo, seconded by Council member Montoya.

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

**Discussion and/or action to approve Resolution No. 2023-06: A Resolution Designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for Officially Submitting the Fiscal Year 2024 Expenditure Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General:** Motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-06, designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for officially submitting the FY2024 expenditure limitation report to the Auditor General was made by Council member Luis Montoya, seconded by Council member Carrillo.

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

**Discussion and/or action to support a series of San Francisco River Revitalization Project town hall meetings. – Steve Ahmann, Greenlee County Tourism Council:** Mr. Ahmann explained that the next phase of the San Francisco River Revitalization Project is to seek community input related to outdoor recreation activities that would benefit the area. He is requesting that the town assist this phase of their project by allowing communication materials to be mailed with utility bills and possibly include notices linked with town social media sites. Council was provided with a draft letter of the request. Additionally, Mr. Ahmann mentioned that Mr. Perez has agreed to participate on the board overseeing this portion of the project.

Council member West stated that he had no problem with the request however, he would prefer that any communications clarify that the survey is not managed by the town.

Motion to support the town's participation as requested was made by Council member Ray West. Second to the motion was made by Council member Luis Montoya.

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

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

- Reported that KE&G has provided the town with a construction schedule. Schedule/progress updates will be provided every 4 weeks.
- Reported that the Palicio Loop road maintenance project is scheduled to begin the week of June 12<sup>th</sup>. Residents and property owners have been notified of the forthcoming project.
- Provided an update on the Chase Creek Bridge #1 project, mentioned that the project should be out for bid by the end of this month.
- Reported that the Comprehensive Pavement Assessment Study draft has been reviewed by the town's roads and streets committee and comments have been submitted to the town engineer. Final report will be completed by June 15, 2023

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:24 p.m.