

**Clifton Town Council Regular Meeting Attendance Information**  
**March 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: 860 3923 5059**

**Passcode: 1415**

1. Computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86039235059?pwd=V0xSd01rL2tHYkNGRndDazZJRvdQUT09>

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+1-669-900-6833

+1-346-248-7799

+1-929-205-6099

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3. On Smart Device/Zoom App

4. *Submitting questions and comments:* email [castaneda@townofclifton.com](mailto:castaneda@townofclifton.com)  
(No questions or comments were submitted prior to the meeting)

**Minutes  
Town of Clifton  
Town Council Regular Meeting  
March 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 2:12 p.m.

**Call to the Public:** There were no comments presented.

**Council Reports:** Council member Reyes commended the Public Works Department for the recent repair done at the Train Station. The crew repaired a section of the deteriorated facia on the second floor.

Council member Anthony James reported that Clifton High School Alumni are working on a project to update signage near the former school facility. The idea is to acknowledge the former school facility site and its alumni.

Vice-Mayor Laura Dorrell reported on the success of the recent San Francisco River Clean-Up. The Vice-Mayor would also like for the town to consider implementing a “Local Purchase Preference” Policy. This type of policy was prompted due to recent outreach to each Council member by the local auto dealership manager.

Mayor Montoya mentioned that Council will meet on March 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in person, at Town Hall to schedule interviews for Council Candidates and conduct the Town Manager’s Performance Evaluation.

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

1. Approval of the February 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and February 23, 2021 Work Session;
2. Receive Department Reports.
3. Approval of February 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 recommends that Council not approve this agenda item. He suggests that the Historic Preservation Commission should meet to recommend appropriate lighting for the Historic District.

Concerns from Council included coordinating the town's decisions with MW&E's project timeline. The anticipated project is expected to last 6-7 months. Alternative thoughts included requesting MW&E to install the stubs where future light poles could be wired in by the town. However, leaving the street without lighting for an undetermined amount of time is also a concern. Funding is yet another issue.

Council member West suggested to continue to table this item until Council has been provided with more information.

**New Business:**

**Discussion and/or action to approve \$186,955 for Bowman Construction to provide bidding and construction phase services for the upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant:** Town Attorney, Trish Stuhan expressed a few issues with the agreement as presented. She suggested that Council approve the expense as presented with the stipulation that the Town Manager and Town Attorney will prepare an Addendum for review by Bowman Consulting.

Motion to approve the expense to Bowman Consulting to provide bidding and construction phase services for the upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant contingent upon approval of addendums by both parties was made by Vice-Mayor Laura Dorrell. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West.

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

**Discussion and/or action to approve \$16,512 for the project development administration and scoping/design costs for the Chase Creek Bridge #1 Project:** The Town Manager explained that during last month's Regular Council Meeting, authorization had been granted for the Mayor to execute the IGA between the Town of Clifton and the Arizona Department of Transportation for the Chase Creek Bridge #1 Project. After the IGA was fully executed, ADOT has invoiced the town for the project development administration and scoping/design costs. He explained that these funds are available in this year's budget and is requesting authorization to pay the invoice.

Motion to approve the expense in the amount of \$16,512 payable to the Arizona Department of Transportation 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 and Montoya. Motion carried.

**Discussion and/or action to approve \$35,000 for the demolition of the building located at 527 Chase Creek Street:** Town Manager, Rudy Perez explained that funding for this demolition is from the FMI Beautification Program.

Mayor Montoya citing the town's procurement policy of the Clifton Town Code; Chapter 33, questioned whether this process had been followed to obtain this proposal from Freedom Building.

Town Manager, Rudy Perez explained that he had authorized the acceptance of this proposal by utilizing Clifton Town Code Chapter 33 Purchasing; Section 33.08 Professional Service.

The Town's legal counsel stated that she was not comfortable with classifying a demolition/construction company as a professional service.

Additional comments from Council included assurance that the town had the appropriate documentation from the property owner to demolish the structure.

Motion to reject the request to approve \$35,000 for the demolition of the building located at 527 Chase Creek Street and require that the town follow its procurement process by requiring formal bidding was made by Mayor Luis Montoya. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West.

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

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

- Reported that Southwest Gas has initiated relocation of its service line on Quinn St. Morenci Water & Electric will also be relocating their water line in the same area soon after.
- Reported that four bids for the Quinn Street Retaining Wall Project were received and explained that all were significantly higher than the Town's consultant engineer's estimate. The lowest bid was \$162,010 and the highest bid was \$497,412. These bids are currently under review by the town engineer. It is anticipated that a Special Session of the council will be scheduled to consider the engineers recommendations.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:20 p.m.