

**Minutes  
Town of Clifton  
Town Council – Special Meeting  
March 20, 2018  
10:00 A.M.**

**Members Present**

Felix Callicotte, Mayor\*  
Luis Montoya, Vice Mayor  
Barbara Ahmann, Councilmember  
Laura Dorrell, Councilmember  
Ray Lorenzo, Councilmember  
B. Waddell Reyes, Councilmember  
Ray West, Councilmember

\*Excused

A quorum was present.

**Call to Order** : The meeting was called to order by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Hearing Alternative Expenditure Limitation – Home Rule Option:** Town Clerk, Espie Castaneda provided a power point presentation on the Alternative Expenditure Limitation Options with a focus on the Home Rule Option. If the Home Rule Option will be pursued Council will decide whether to present this option to the voters at the town's next primary election scheduled for August 28, 2018.

Details were provided to include history of its implementation by the voters of the State of Arizona in 1980. Financial analysis forecasting town budgets for the next four years was also presented utilizing the state- imposed limit calculation. Additionally, as a comparison, a similar analysis was provided based on the towns future needs and infrastructure plans which include a major Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project. It was noted that the inclusion of the funding for the WWTP would far exceed the budget amount presented in the state-imposed limit.

It was mentioned that historically, the Town of Clifton has presented the Home Rule Option to the voters since its inception. This option gives the town local control to establish their own expenditure limitation based on the needs of the town. The approval of the Home Rule Option is simply a control of establishing a spending limit to be determined by each approved budget in each fiscal year.

The next public hearing will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup>, as part of the Council's regular meeting. During the regular meeting, the Town Council will consider whether or not to pursue with voter approval.

**Executive Session:** Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.01(A) 7. Discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its

representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property located at 497 Chase Creek Street.

Motion to convene into Executive Session at approximately 10:35 a.m. was made by Councilmember Ray West. Second to the motion was made by Councilmember B. Waddell Reyes. Motion carried.

At approximately 10:55 a.m. motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene into regular session was made by Councilmember Laura Dorrell. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West. Motion carried.

**Discussion and/or action regarding temporary lease options for property located at 497 Chase Creek St.:** Councilmember Barbara Ahmann made a motion to accept the lease as presented by Jeff Gaskin. Second to the motion was made by Councilmember Ray West. Motion carried.

### **Work Session Discussion:**

**Discussion regarding the Town of Clifton's FY 2019 Budget:** Town Manager, Ian McGaughey provided a preliminary view of the FY 2019 Budget requests as submitted by each department. In summary the requests included:

- Administration – improved work area with mop sink for custodian; funding to stucco the façade of town hall
- Public Works – additional street equipment to be pursued through grant funding
- Police – additional personnel; records assistant
- Magistrate Court – additional personnel; part-time clerk
- Library – no notable increases;
- Visitor's Center – increase in postage;
- Parks & Recreation – new lawn mower;
- RV Park – Expand/enhance WIFI service to cover a larger radius of the park; possible financial interest from FMI to expand the park;
- Sewer – WWTP and Collection system upgrades, funding sources from USDA-RD and ADOH Colonia's qualifying entities;
- Special Events for consideration include Hill Climb and Colors of Copper.

Mr. McGaughey reviewed a tentative timeline of budget work sessions with a goal of adopting a tentative budget by May 10, 2018 and final adoption scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember B. Waddell Reyes. Second to the motion was made by Councilmember Ray West. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.