

Minutes
Town of Clifton
Clifton Town Council Special Session
March 29, 2022
2:10 P.M.

Members Present

Mayor Luis Montoya
Vice-Mayor Laura Dorrell*
Council member Anthony James
Council member Ray Lorenzo
Council member Ray West*
Council member, Karen Crump-Frye
Council member, Vacant

*Excused

Quorum Present

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

New Business

Discussion and/or action to select a project for submission and consideration to the Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Request as provided by Arizona Senator Mark Kelly: Mayor Montoya reported that Senator Kelly's office invited Arizona localities and organizations to attend a webinar where information on how to apply for Congressionally Directed Spending funds for FY23 would be discussed.

The webinar was held on March 24 of which he and the Town Manager both attended. Of particular interest was an urging from Senator Kelly's staff for eligible applicants from Greenlee County to apply. Although the application form seems simple to complete, the submission deadline is April 6, 2022

Mayor Montoya proposed that the town consider pursuing funding to replace the town's library building. He explained that he recently had visited the facility and was able to see firsthand the maintenance issues that continue to affect the town's budget. The Town continues repairs on a structure that most likely costs more than the value of the building today.

The Mayor and the Town Manager further explained that funding would be channeled through an eligible federal agency which corresponds to the project. They explained that a facilities project such as the library would be managed through USDA-RD which is within the realm of their operation. Coincidentally, a USDA-RD representative was in

Greenlee County on Monday and the Library Project proposal was discussed and the response from the USDA-RD representative was positive. He also explained that letters of support are also required as part of the application process.

Questions and comments from Council included:

- Who is eligible to apply; (*local governments and non-profits*)
- What if all the funds awarded are not expended on the project, what happens to the left-over funds: (*unexpended funds would be returned to the federal agency*)
- Concern that a non-profit who may apply will compete with the town: (*consensus of the council was to encourage non-profits to apply hoping that funding would benefit Greenlee County.*)

Motion to submit an application to the Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) fund for a Library Facility Replacement Project was made by Council member Karen Crump-Frye. Second to the motion was made by Council member Anthony James.

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

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:50 p.m.