

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Regular Town Council Meeting
September 12, 2019
2:00 P.M.**

Members Present

Luis Montoya, Mayor
Barbara Ahmann, Vice-Mayor
Laura Dorrell, Council Member
John Freida, Council Member
Ray Lorenzo, Council Member
B. Waddell Reyes, Council Member
Ray West, Council Member

*Excused

A quorum was present.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Luis Montoya followed by the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack.

Call to the Public: Walt Mares, reporter for the GilaGerald.com news, informed the Council of the recent loss of a former Clifton Police Officer, Sandy Shotwell who was currently employed by the Town of Pima.

Leslie Ray, Visitor's Center Director expressed her thanks to the town council for the opportunity to attend the Arizona Governor's Conference on Tourism.

Council Reports: Council member Reyes reported that she and Vice-Mayor Ahmann continue to lead a yoga class for seniors. She is hopeful to encourage more participation.

Vice-Mayor Ahmann offered a summary of the events she attended during the 2019 League of Cities & Town's Conference. She reported that her participation in the Resolution's Committee was very informative as the group worked toward preparing legislation to present during the next legislative session. She also suggested that the town consider implementing a youth council which she feels may be beneficial to the future of our town. Finally, the Vice-Mayor thanked Council member Dorrell for her efforts to showcase our town during the conference.

Council member Dorrell set up the photo display she prepared for the conference and stated that she had received many positive comments from league participants who visited the booth. She also reported on the recent Gila Watershed Partnership River Cleanup along the San Francisco River.

Council member West reported on the forthcoming 2nd Saturday on Chase Creek, a monthly event promoting businesses in the area.

Council member Freida provided a follow up report on the success of the First Responders Memorial Dedication at Veteran's Park.

Mayor Montoya extended his thanks to Vice-Mayor Ahmann and Council member Dorrell for their participation during the League Conference. The Mayor provided an update on the status of the Target Industry County Wide Committee as well as the Housing Study.

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the following items listed under the consent agenda was made by Council member John Freida:

1. Approval of the August 8, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes;
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of August 2019 Demands.

Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West.

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

Old Business:

Discussion and/or action to award the bid for CDBG Contract #116-18:

Construction Phase of the Removal of Architectural Barriers at the town's Community Center: Town Clerk, Espie Castaneda reported that NO bids had been received and explained that she had been in contact with the Arizona Department of Housing regarding the lack of response from potential contractors for the project. An additional attempt to solicit bids from contractors will begin once again in hopes of presenting a bid at the next Council meeting.

Motion to table the item was made by Council member Reyes; seconded by Council member Dorrell. Voting in favor of the motion were Council member Reyes, Dorrell, Freida, West, Ahmann and Montoya. Motion carried.

New Business:

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute a Proclamation declaring October 11, 2019 as Fred G. Acosta Job Corps Day: Addressing the Council was Mr. Vaughn Croft accompanied by two active participants in the Job Corps Program. Mr. Croft explained that the program is celebrating 40 years of operation. He provided an overview of the program and invited the council to join the celebration on October 11, 2019. He also stated that all Proclamations will be on display during the event.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute a proclamation declaring October 11, 2019 as Fred G. Acosta Job Corps Day was made by Vice-Mayor Barbara Ahmann. Second to the motion was made by Council member John Freida.

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

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 03-2019: An Ordinance Of The Common Council Of The Town Of Clifton, Arizona, Amending The Code Of Clifton Arizona, By Amending Title Iii Administration, Chapter 33 Purchasing, By Amending Section 33.09 Cooperative Purchasing, Related To Procurement Through Cooperative Purchasing; Providing For Repeal Of Conflicting Ordinances; Providing For Severability; And Providing Penalties: The Town Clerk read the title paragraph of the ordinance as required in the ordinance adoption process.

Discussion and/or action to approve Ordinance No. 03-2019: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 03-2019 was made by Council member John Freida. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West.

Voting in favor of the motion was made by Council members Freida, West, Dorrell, Ahmann, Reyes and Montoya. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to amend Local Board Membership roster to the Public Safety Personnel System Town of Clifton's Fire Board and Police Board: Town Clerk/Local Board Secretary explained that further review of the composition of the local board, the two citizens shall serve on both Police and Fire Boards. Additionally, the local board secretary does NOT serve on the board. Therefore, considering these clarifications the following individuals are recommended to serve on the town's local boards:

Clifton Police Local Board: Luis Montoya, Chair; Shari Aguilar, Joseph Cota, Elected from Membership; Delfina Pilgrim and Peter Ortega, Appointed Positions.

Clifton Fire Department: Luis Montoya, Chair; Shaun Seballos, Jacob Munoz, Elected from Membership; Delfina Pilgrim and Peter Ortega, Appointed Positions.

Motion to accept the amended Local Board Membership roster to the Public Safety Personnel System's Town of Clifton Fire Board and Police Board was made by Vice-Mayor Barbara Ahmann. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West.

Voting in favor of the motion was made by Council members' Ahmann, West, Dorrell, Freida, Reyes and Montoya. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to approve Resolution No. 2019-07: Designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for the Annual Expenditure Limitation Report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020: Motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-07 designating Rudy Perez as the Chief

Fiscal Officer for FY 2019-2020 was made by Council member Ray West. Second to the motion was made by Council member John Freida.

Voting in favor of the motion was made by Council members' West, Freida, Dorrell, Ahmann, Reyes and Montoya. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to schedule a work session to discuss:

- a. **Establishment of a police recruitment policy**
- b. **Discussion regarding amendments to the Town's Waste Water Ordinance:**

The consensus of the council recommended scheduling the work session on September 24, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

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

- Recognized the recent appointment of Nicole Hammond as an "Initial Appearance Master" recently appointed by Superior Court Judge Stauffer.
- Thanked the administrative staff for their prompt response during the field work portion of annual audit.
- Reported that the USDA Grant Application for the town's Wastewater Treatment Plant has been submitted.
- Reported that the General Plan draft has now been delivered to the appropriate agencies and the public for the required 60-day review.
- Reported that the testing of the flood gates is scheduled for September 17, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
- Informed the Council that a project kick-off meeting of the Chase Creek Tomorrow project was held on September 11, 2019.
- Explained that a web-casting vendor has been invited to make a presentation at a future meeting.
- Reported that the Chamber of Commerce is seeking a local representative and asked for suggestions.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Council member Laura Dorrell. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:05 p.m.