

Minutes
Town of Clifton
Town Council Regular Meeting
November 10, 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, Karen Crump-Frye

*Excused

Quorum Present

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Luis Montoya at approximately 2:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to the Public: Clifton resident, Betsie Marietti requested that Council should be alerted to an increase in crime and vandalism in the South Clifton neighborhood. She also suggested that the town Council should consider utilizing ARPA Funds to aid local senior citizens.

Council Reports: Council member Reyes reported that the Colors of Copper had been a great success!

Council member Anthony James reported on the recent grant awards from Freeport McMoRan's Community Investment Program. Local awards were granted to the Town of Duncan to overhaul its water and wastewater systems and the Greenlee Community Garden for Aquaponic Gardening.

Council member West provided additional information on the aquaponic gardening method.

Vice-Mayor Dorrell stated that the Gila Valley Watershed is hosting a river clean-up on Saturday, November 13, 2021.

Council member Lorenzo reported that the Roads/Streets Committee's maintenance plan is moving forward.

Mayor Luis Montoya noted that all Council members should have received the annual audit report from CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP. Additionally, new legislation requires the town's certified public accountants to present its findings to the Council on an active

agenda. Council will have an opportunity to ask questions regarding the FY 2021 Audit during the December 2021 Regular Meeting.

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the following items listed under consent agenda was made by Vice-Mayor Laura Dorrell, seconded by Council member Ray West:

1. Approval of the October 14, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and November 2, 2021 Special Session Minutes;
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of October 2021 Demands.

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

New Business

Discussion and/or action to adopt Resolution No. 2021-10: A Resolution of The Common Council of The Town of Clifton Adopting the 2021 Greenlee County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan of the Town of Clifton: Town Manager, Rudy Perez explained that he had collaborated with Greenlee County and the Town of Duncan on the plan. This plan will keep our town eligible for federal grants for the next five years.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-10 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 member West, Reyes, Lorenzo, Dorrell, Crump-Frye, James and Montoya. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to adopt Resolution No. 2021-11: A Resolution of The Common Council of The Town of Clifton urging the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission to establish a legislative district to keep rural Arizona together: Town Manager, Rudy Perez explained that Mr. Jesse Bryant, who was scheduled to present this proposal regarding redistricting was not present due to the town's mask requirement.

In Mr. Bryant absence, Mr. Perez referred Council to the power point presentation included in their information packet and explained that the town is asked to join other Arizona Rural Communities to petition the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission to consider the rural district proposal. Other communities that have joined the coalition include the Town of Pima, Town of Miami, Town of Thatcher and the City of Show Low.

Discussion from Council included concern regarding whether this proposed rural district provides for equal representation and respect for communities of interest and potential competitiveness. Also mentioned was the public comment period on the proposed district would end on December 1, 2021.

Motion to NOT adopt Resolution No. 2021-11 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 member Montoya, West, Lorenzo, Reyes, Crump-Frye, Dorrell and James. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to award the bid to purchase sixteen (16) light poles and fixtures for the Chase Creek Street Tomorrow Lighting Project: Town Manager, Rudy Perez reported that the town had received two bids. After review of the proposals, he is recommending that Consolidated Electrical Distributors be awarded the bid. The original bid amounts did not include tax. Consolidated Electric Distributors submitted a bid in the amount of \$83,632.00. Mr. Perez explained that the total expenditure amount to include tax is \$92,583.67.

Referring to the street lighting hardware photo provided to Council, Mr. Perez noted that the mast arm that will be ordered is different than the one shown in the photo. The mast arm will not be curved but straight.

Council member Reyes objected to the funding source for the purchase. She stated that the town's HURF funds should be dedicated to street improvements. Further, she explained that the town has been offered the Morenci Water & Electric utility poles free of charge.

A member from the audience requested that Council reconsider the purchase of the street lights style which could impact the historic district's status.

Motion was made by Council member Reyes to reject the bids to purchase 16 light poles and fixtures for the Chase Creek Street Tomorrow Lighting Project.

The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Motion was made by Council member West to award the bid to Consolidated Electrical Distributors in the amount of \$92,583.67. Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Laura Dorrell.

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

Opposing the motion was Council member Reyes. Motion carried.

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

- Reported that KE&G Construction conducted a site visit earlier today to address the preliminary design of the town's Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement
- Notified Council that he plans to have the Public Notice for the Sale of the Chase Creek Buildings published in the local newspapers by no later than December 1, 2021.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:59 p.m.

Approved:

Luis Montoya, Mayor

Attest:

Esperanza Castaneda, Town Clerk

