

**Minutes  
Clifton Town Council  
Special Session  
November 2, 2021  
2:00 p.m.**

**Members Present**

Mayor Luis Montoya  
Vice-Mayor Laura Dorrell  
Councilmember Anthony James  
Councilmember Ray Lorenzo  
Councilmember Barbara Waddell Reyes  
Councilmember Ray West  
Councilmember Karen Crump-Frye

Quorum Present

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

**New Business**

**Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute the One Arizona Distribution of Opioid Settlement Funds Agreement on behalf of the Town of Clifton:** Mayor Luis Montoya opened the meeting by informing everyone that the reason for the meeting was to meet a November 10, 2021 deadline for the Town of Clifton to decide if it will agree to participate in the One Arizona Opioid Agreement. Mayor Montoya asked the Town Attorney to provide an overview of the One Arizona Opioid Agreement.

Trish Stuhan, Town Attorney reported that the State Attorney General's Office had reached proposed final settlements. The first was a global settlement with three opioid distributors and the second was with opioid manufacturer Johnson & Johnson. Ms. Stuhan also reported that the total amount of money that the State of Arizona receives from this settlement is dependent on the number of local governments that participate.

Councilmember Waddell Reyes asked if the One Arizona Opioid Agreement is the same as the One Arizona Plan Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that the Town Council authorized the Mayor to sign late last year. Ms. Stuhan replied that the MOU that was signed by the Mayor in December 2020 was the plan and structure for distributing opioid settlement funds fairly and effectively throughout Arizona's counties, cities and towns and that the One Arizona Opioid Agreement was to update and finalize the One Arizona Plan into a binding distribution agreement.

Mayor Montoya reiterated that the Town of Clifton would be helping the entire State of Arizona by agreeing to participate in the One Arizona Opioid Agreement.

Councilman James asked if there was any data regarding opioid addiction in the Clifton area. Vice-Mayor Dorrell responded by saying that there probably is data but that she did not have that data.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the One Arizona Distribution of Opioid Settlement Funds Agreement was made by Councilmember Anthony James. Second to the motion was made by Councilmember Ray West.

Voting in favor of the motion were Councilmember James, West, Crump-Frye, Lorenzo, Vice-Mayor Dorrell and Mayor Montoya.

Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15 p.m.