

**Minutes**  
**Town of Clifton**  
**Town Council Regular Meeting**  
**September 8, 2022**  
**2:00 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

\*\*Participated via telephone

Quorum Present

The Town's legal counsel participated via telephone

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

**Call to the Public:** There was no response.

**Council Reports:** Vice-Mayor Laura Dorrell provided follow up information on the Annual League Conference. She was pleased that a mental health session was offered.

Council member Karen Crump-Frye provided an update on programs and projects currently being discussed by the Tourism Council.

Council member Ray Lorenzo, who also attended the Annual League Conference, reported that he had attended a session on water conservation.

Mayor Montoya, also an attendee of the Annual League Conference, reported that he had participated in a Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) Section 115 Trust session. He explained that recent Arizona legislative changes allow for the establishment of an Arizona Employers Pension Prefunding Plan through the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS). Mayor Montoya explained that this investment option might be utilized to address the town's PSPRS unfunded liability issue.

Mayor Montoya's additional comments included providing the status of the town's annual audit and suggests review of employee benefits and the impact of financial impact to the town.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion to approve the following items was made by Council member Ray Lorenzo, seconded by Council member Karen Crump-Frye:

1. Approval of the August 11, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes and August 16, 2022 Special Session;
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of August 2022 Demands.

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

## Old Business

**Discussion and/or action to approve the Preliminary Land Exchange Agreement between the Town of Clifton and Freeport Minerals Corporation:** Town Manager, Rudy Perez reported that FMI has initiated the property appraisals on all properties noted on the Preliminary Land Exchange Agreement. Property values are anticipated to be available in November 2022.

## New Business

**Discussion and/or action regarding the 2022 Colors of Copper Event - Barbara Ahmann:** Mrs. Ahmann provided information on preparations for the event scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. She explained that she has filed a Special Event Application with the town which provides all information as required.

No action taken. Agenda item was for information purposes only per Mrs. Ahmann.

**Discussion and/or action to adopt Resolution No. 2022-09: A Resolution Of The Common Council Of The Town of Clifton, Arizona Designating the Town of Clifton Visitors Center as The Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) for the purpose of coordinating tourism promotion with the Arizona Office of Tourism (AOT):** Town Manager, Rudy Perez explained the benefits of the designation to include grant opportunities and potential to cost share with AOT for advertising. Additionally, Mr. Perez informed Council that the term of the DMO will be effective July 1, 2022 through July 1, 2023.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-09 was made by Council member Anthony James, second to the motion was made by Council member Ray Lorenzo.

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

**Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute the Inspection Services Agreement Between Arizona Department Of Housing And Town Of Clifton To Enforce Installation Standards related to quality and safety for manufactured homes, factory-built buildings and mobile homes:** Town Manager, Rudy Perez explained that Arizona Department of Housing's purpose is to maintain standards of quality and safety for manufactured homes, factory-built buildings, mobile homes to include installation for these types of units. ADOH is allowed to enter into an IGA with local enforcement agencies to enforce their standards. He further explained that ADOH does enter into IGA's with local counties and towns to provide this service.

Mr. Perez further explained that the town's code enforcement officer, Angel Maldonado meets the qualifications to perform the functions required by ADOH. In relation to the fees for this service, the town would have to approve the ADOH fees.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Inspection Services Agreement Between the Arizona Department of Housing and the Town of Clifton to Enforce Installation Standards related to quality and safety for manufactured homes, factory-build buildings and mobile homes was made by Vice-Mayor Laura Dorrell, seconded by Council member Anthony James.

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

**Discussion regarding the Arizona Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Tier 1 and 2 Excess Contribution Refund of Town of Clifton members and retirees:** Town Clerk, Espie Castaneda explained that PSPRS leadership has discovered incorrect application of Tier 2 public safety member contribution rates. Upon discovery of the issue, the PSPRS Board implemented corrective actions. These actions included implementing the contribution rates according to each individual employers funded status as of July 2022 and applying retroactive member contribution rates accordingly and initiation of the refund process.

The Town Clerk reported that she has been notified of the direct financial impact to the Town of Clifton due to contribution refunds affecting current and former Town of Clifton - PSPRS participating members. The total financial impact totals \$46,939.44.

The process will entail processing these refunds through the town's payroll system and receiving contribution credits for future contributions made through the PSPRS System until the entire amount is applied. The PSPRS System is not allowed to process these contribution refunds directly to the affected members.

She concluded the discussion by reiterating that this refund is not optional, but felt the Council needed to be aware of the requirement.

**Manager's Report:** Mr. Perez reported on the following activities:

- Notified Council that the annual floodgates testing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
- Reported that the Festival of Lights Committee will be having its first meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. All volunteers are welcome. The date of the festival is Saturday, December 3, 2022

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:40 p.m.

***\*Members of the Clifton Town Council may attend either in person or by telephone, video, internet conferencing.***