

**Minutes
Clifton Town Council Special Session
November 25, 2024
9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers
510 N. Coronado Blvd.**

Members Present

Mayor Laura Dorrell

Vice-Mayor Anthony James

Council member Ray Lorenzo*

Council member Ray West

Council member Karen Crump-Frye**

Council member Janeene K. Carrillo

***Excused**

****Participated via telephone**

Quorum Present

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Laura Dorrell followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business

Discussion only status update on grant applications through United Way of Graham and Greenlee County

Clerk Jernigan updated the Council on the grants that the Town received from the United Way of Graham and Greenlee County

Town of Clifton - Mural & Park Revitalization: \$75,000.00

Town of Clifton - Fitness Court: \$112,480.00

Town of Clifton - Utilities Plan Assessment: \$84,080.00

Town of Clifton - Arizona Copper Company Offices Rehab: \$104,222.00

Town of Clifton - Arizona & NM Train Depot: \$187,500.00

For a total of \$563,282

The Fire Department also successfully obtained a grant for \$200,000 to go towards a fire truck.

Council Member West asked about the Town's obligations for the grants Clerk Jernigan explained that the town projects committee will need to meet soon, to discuss project matches and details. They will help to determine what will be funded from the town's budgeted funds and what if any projects will require additional grants to be applied for.

Discussion and/or action regarding the purchase of Fitness Court and National Campaign Resources from National Fitness Campaign, under Clifton Town Ordinance 33.02 Exclusive Service for \$113,410.00

Questions about maintenance and durability of the fitness court were asked by Council Member West. The Fitness Court is meant to be outdoors and will last, but the Town does hope to secure additional grant funding for shade covers at a later date. West also questioned the timeline and the project will be completed around February or March 2025.

Motion to approve the purchase of Fitness Court and National Campaign Resources from National Fitness Campaign, under Clifton Town Ordinance 33.02 Exclusive Service for \$113,410.00 made by Vice-Mayor James second to the motion made by Council Member Carrillo

Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members: Dorrell, James, Crump-Frye, West, and Carrillo

Motion Carries

Motion to convene into Executive Session made by Council Member West, second to the motion made by Council Member Carrillo.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members: Dorrell, James, Crump-Frye, West, and Carrillo

Motion Carries

Executive Session began at approximately 9:20am

Executive Session

Executive Session Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A) for discussion or consideration of employment of the Town Manager: Annette Padilla and Tina Babaletakis.

- a. Interviews with Town Manager Applicants.

Executive Session ended and Regular Session Reconvened about 12:44pm

New Business

Discussion and/or action regarding Town Manager Interviews

Council noted that both candidates would be a great addition to the Town.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to negotiate a contract with applicant Tina Babaletakis made by Council Member West, second to the motion made by Vice Mayor James

Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members: Dorrell, James, Crump-Frye, West, and Carrillo

Motion Carries

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Council Member Carrillo, second to the motion made by Council Member West

Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members: Dorrell, James, Crump-Frye, West, and Carrillo

Motion Carries

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:48 pm