

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Town Council Regular Meeting
November 14, 2024
2:00 P.M.**

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 Town's legal counsel, Trish Stuhan, participated via telephone. Clerk Jernigan also participated via teleconference

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

Call to the Public:

Daniel Cervantez, Clifton Resident attended Freeport McMoran Inc quarterly CPP meeting at the Morenci club. He commented that Clerk Jernigan did an excellent job presenting and representing the Town. He is proud of the Town staff and the Mayor and Council.

Council Reports:

Council Member Carrillo appreciates the Clerk and Chief for filling in as Town Manager.

Congratulations to newly elected officials, looks forward to working with them. Thank you to Public Works and Code Enforcement for their hard work they have been very visible lately.

Vice-Mayor James the Town Manager recruitment committee met and interviewed candidates and will be making decisions soon. The Town will be working on their float entry soon for the Festival of Lights.

Mayor Dorrell updated on the status of Council Member Ray Lorenzo, he had a stroke last month and is now at home recovering and doing well. We hope to have him back at next month's meeting.

Consent Agenda:

The Motion to approve the following items as listed under consent agenda was made by Council Member Carrillo, seconded by Council Member West

1. Approval of the October 10, 2024 Minutes
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of October 2024 Demands.

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

Motion Carries

New Business

Discussion and/or action to approve State Contract # Pima County-MA_PO22-203-00 Quote #QTE0039970 from Arizona Emergency Products, Inc for the upfitting of the 2025 Police Tahoe for \$27,195.86

Chief Negrete explained that the Council had previously approved the purchase of the Tahoes and this agenda item will convert the Tahoes to police vehicles.

Motion to approve State Contract # Pima County-MA_PO22-203-00 Quote #QTE0039970 from Arizona Emergency Products, Inc for the upfitting of the 2025 Police Tahoe for \$27,195.86 made by Vice-Mayor James, 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

Discussion and/or action to approve State Contract # Pima County-MA_PO22-203-00 Quote #QTE0039772 from Arizona Emergency Products, Inc for the upfitting of the 2025 Police Tahoe Chief's Unit for \$26,686.72

Motion to approve State Contract # Pima County-MA_PO22-203-00 Quote #QTE0039772 from Arizona Emergency Products, Inc for the upfitting of the 2025 Police Tahoe Chief's Unit for \$26,686.72 made by Council Member Carrillo second to the motion made by Vice-Mayor James

Chief Negrete explained that this is for the second Tahoe purchased which will be his vehicle, it is slightly cheaper, because the vehicle will remain a solid color and will not have the police wrap on the exterior

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

Motion Carries

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to sign the effluent agreement between the Town of Clifton and Freeport McMoRan Inc

Clerk Jernigan presented the agenda item and informed the Council that the agreement has been being worked on by the legal departments on both sides for several months as well as the Environmental Department from FMI and Diana Kelts. Council Member West asked how the rate was determined is the rate in the agreement comparable to the average going rate for effluent. Clerk Jernigan stated that while the rate was already agreed upon by both sides prior to her taking over discussions, she believes the agreement is fair and beneficial to the town. Vice-Mayor James asked how the funds received would be distributed. Clerk Jernigan informed that the monies will be put into the Sewer enterprise fund.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the effluent agreement between the Town of Clifton and Freeport McMoRan Inc made by Vice-Mayor James 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

Interim Manager and Town Clerk Report

Clerk Jernigan thanked the Council for allowing her to attend the meeting remotely today. Updated the Council on the timeline for the new Council to be seated. At the December meeting, the 2022-2024 Council will close

out and the meeting will end and reconvene immediately with the 2024-2026 being sworn in. Jernigan updated the Council on the Town Manager search, the recruitment committee interviewed two candidates, originally the plan was to interview four candidates, however two cancelled near the last minute. The committee was impressed with both candidates interviewed and will be inviting both candidates to be interviewed by the Council.

The land exchange agreement has been finalized, the lift stations at both Paradise and Ward Canyon have been replaced and are operational. Construction will still be taking place on the exterior of the pump stations

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 ended at approximately 2:23 pm