

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Town Council Regular Meeting
July 11, 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** (arrived late)
Council member Janeene K. Carrillo

**Participated via telephone

Quorum Present

The Town's legal counsel, Trish Stuhan, participated via telephone.

Call To Order:

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

Call to the Public:

Sheriff Sumner addressed the Council in regards to the agenda item from the June Meeting the IGA between Greenlee County and the Town of Clifton for 911 Dispatch Consolidation Center. He has concerns that the agreement was rushed through, he didn't get to see the agreement before it went to the Council, nor did anyone at the County. Sumner stated that he had obtained a copy of the meeting recording from the Town Clerk and during viewing it he heard multiple staff members suggest tabling the agreement until more information is obtained and more people can go over the agreement. Sheriff Sumner explained that he spoke with Greg Denton from the state and that an IGA is not required for the transfer of 911 calls, Sumner also explained that there seems to be some confusion in the agreement and in the discussion about the difference between the 911 consolidation and the dispatch consolidation. He is relieved that the agreement has not been signed yet and hopes that the Council will reevaluate their position on the agreement. He will send more information to the Clerk to send out for the Council to review. He asked the Council to read through the information and consider the fact that the agreement was pushed through too quickly.

Danny Cervantez, Clifton resident, spoke about an item on the agenda, and is sad to see that Council Member Montoya retire from the Council. He has known Mr. Montoya since he was superintendent at the school and Mr. Montoya gave him a job. He appreciates all of his years of service.

Delfina Pilgrim, Dispatch Supervisor, reported to the Council that testing took place this morning with all phone carriers and everything was successful. As of today, the County will be receiving all the 911 calls and will dispatch for Clifton PD and transfer the calls over to the dispatchers here.

Council Reports

Council Member Carrillo updated the Council on her research and hopes to have further discussions about the possibility of bringing a truck stop to Clifton. She has been meeting with FMI personnel, her senior supervisor Mike Sweester and Martha Lujan and will continue the conversations. She updated the Council on the staff recognition plaques that she is working on, and stated that she will work on ordering them after the budget is approved.

Mayor Dorrell informed those in attendance that further road construction is supposed to start on Monday, July 15th for HWY 191 through town and for people to drive with caution and be patient, it will be worth it.

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Approval of the June 13, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes and June 28, 2024 Special Session
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of June 2024 Demands.

Public Hearing on the FY 2025 Budget for the Town of Clifton

Public hearing was opened. Town Manager Perez stated that it was for the public to speak or ask questions on the budget. Resident Daniel Cervantez thanked everyone for their hard work on the budget and in town.

New Business

Discussion and/or action to adopt the Primary Property Tax Levy for FY 2024-2025 pursuant to A.R.S. §42-17107(A) 4

Town Manager Perez introduced and explained the Primary Property Tax Levy for FY 2024-2025 and explained that although there was an increase in the projected revenue, there was no requirement for a public hearing, because the Town is within the threshold of increase allowed.

Motion to adopt the Primary Property Tax Levy for FY2024-2025 was made by, Vice Mayor James second to the motion was made by Council Member West

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

Motion Carries

Discussion and/or action to adopt Resolution No. 2024-03: Adoption of the Budget for FY 2024-2025

Clerk Jernigan informed the Mayor that Council Member Crump-Frye joined the meeting.

Town Manager Perez presented the budget the total budget presented is \$12,395,814 the only change from the tentative budget to the final is the WIFA balance, previously the money spent this year was still left in the budget.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-03: Adoption of the Budget for FY 2024-2025 was made by Council Member Carrillo, second to the motion was made by Council Member Lorenzo

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

Motion Carries

Council Member Crump-Frye apologized for being late, the time changed on the calendar for her time zone

Discussion and/or action to adopt Resolution No. 2024-04: Designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for the Annual Expenditure Limitation Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Manager Perez explained that is an annual requirement and it is the Town Manager.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-04: Designating Town Manager Rudy Perez as the Chief Fiscal Officer for the Annual Expenditure Limitation Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 was made by Vice Mayor James, second to the motion was made by Council Member Lorenzo

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

Motion Carries

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to sign the new Participation Form for the Kroger Opioid Settlement

Town Attorney Trish Stuhan explained the process of the state of Arizona through the years has been combining with the state over the years to combine and enter into settlements through the states and counties as opposed to trying to sue the pharmaceutical companies on their own. As it is the Town would most likely not have a case on their own, nor would they be as successful going against the large companies by themselves. It is unknown at this time how much the Town of Clifton may receive when it is settled.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the new Participation Form for the Kroger Opioid Settlement was made by Council Member Carrillo, second to the motion was made by Vice Mayor James

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

Motion Carries

Discussion and/or action formally accept the resignation of Luis Montoya as a member of the Clifton Town Council and to provide staff with guidance on filling the vacancy

Motion to formally accept the resignation of Luis Montoya as a member of the Clifton Town Council was made by Vice Mayor James, second to the motion was made by Council Member Crump-Frye

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

Motion Carries

Clerk Jernigan stated the Council may not have to fill the position being that the Primary election is less than 30 days away

Manager's Report

The new generator has been installed and is operational. Everything is ready to go, the final step is the documentation for the permits to be submitted to ADEQ, Chad Crockett with Bowman Engineering is currently working on this. The Wastewater Treatment Plant cannot be turned on until permits are obtained.

Morenci Water & Electric will be working on pavement repair in the area of Comb and Castaneda streets sometime next week, does not have exact dates yet. He will update when he hears from them.

FMI has agreed to help pay the cost to pave the remainder of Park Avenue.

Mayor Dorrell asked for clarification on the WWTP and what is still needed to get it started

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Vice-Mayor James

Second to the motion was made by Council Member Lorenzo

Meeting ended at approximately 2:40 pm