

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Town Council Regular Meeting
December 11,2025
2:00 p.m.**

Town Council Members

Shane Kennedy, Council Member

Chad Brown, Council Member

Anthony James, Vice Mayor

Laura Dorrell, Mayor

Raymond Lorenzo, Council Member

B. Waddell Reyes, Council Member

Barbara Ahmann, Council Member

***Excused**

****Participated via telephone**

A quorum was present.

The Town's legal counsel, Matt Schuimo participated via telephone**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Laura Dorrell at 2:05 p.m. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to the Public

Akos Kovach with the Tourism Council reported to the Council that the first two sessions for the Community Calendar were highly successful, noting strong levels of engagement. Akos emphasized the goal of engaging 'disenfranchised' groups, including smaller churches and local organizations. By fostering a spirit of cooperation, the initiative aims to help these groups expand their reach and achieve greater success through collective action. The next meeting will be held at Duncan High School on December 15th at 2:00 p.m.

Council Reports

Council Member Kennedy thanked the community for making the Fall Fiesta a success, noting that despite minor issues with bees and advertising, the turnout was excellent. He then brought a pressing matter to the Council's attention: a new radar station at the three-way roundabout. Community members are concerned about the unit's advanced cameras, which appear to track license plates and count passengers. Kennedy highlighted that these features raise serious constitutional questions regarding the 4th and 14th Amendments. He informed the Council that a future vote may be necessary to regulate or prohibit this type of surveillance technology in our city.

Council Member Brown shared his appreciation for both the Fall Festival and the Festival of Lights.

Vice Mayor James congratulated the team on their first-place win in the Festival of Lights Parade, noting that it was his first year participating in the event. He also announced an upcoming ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the new mural on the Valley Telecom building.

Council Member Ahmann felt honored to participate on the float for the Festival of Lights Parade. She enjoyed the experience and extended her gratitude to everyone involved for their hard work.

Council Member Waddell Reyes recognized Theresa Greenwell for her years of dedicated service in decorating the Chase Creek light poles and Christmas tree, noting that Ms. Greenwell will be departing in February. Council Member Waddell Reyes also shared her enjoyment of the Festival of Lights. She apologized for her absence from the parade, explaining that traffic prevented her from returning in time to participate. Finally, she expressed how much she enjoyed the Fall Festival and shared her hope for similar events in the future.

Mayor Laura Dorrell thanked Council Member Kennedy for organizing an excellent Fall Festival. She also extended her gratitude to everyone who helped construct the float and thanked the Town Manager for inviting all council members to participate in the parade. Additionally, the Mayor announced that the Chamber of Commerce will host a dinner where the Police Department will receive a grant for their CAD software.

Town Manager Report

Town Manager Cindy Blackmore opened her report by thanking the Administration Office for their contributions to the Fall Festival and the town float. She commended Code Enforcement Officer David for his initiative in developing interactive maps for the RV park and cemetery, noting that this work went above his typical responsibilities to significantly improve operational efficiency. Regarding departmental updates, the Parks staff is currently winterizing facilities and decorating Fernandez Park and the Train Depot. The Manager also praised Leslie, the Visitors Center Manager, for her dedication to creating a welcoming atmosphere at the center. She welcomed Akos Kovach, who now volunteers on Sundays from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and noted that the center is always seeking additional volunteers. Furthermore, Public Works staff were recognized for their vital efforts in maintaining safe roadways following recent storms and addressing hazardous sidewalks. In the Library Department, the new Director, Cathy, is settling into her role with great enthusiasm. Finally, the Manager highlighted the Chase Creek Bridge replacement project; the plan involves installing a new bridge while preserving the existing structure as a pedestrian walkway. The project is expected to go out to bid in May, with construction potentially beginning by year-end.

Consent Agenda:

The following items of a non-controversial nature have been grouped together for a single vote without Council discussion. The Consent Agenda is a time-saving device and Council members received documentation on these items for their review prior to the open meeting. Any Council member may remove any item from the Consent Agenda for discussion and a separate vote as deemed necessary. The public may view the documentation relating to the Consent Agenda at the Clifton Town Hall; 510 N. Coronado Blvd., Clifton, Arizona.

1. Approval of the November 13, 2025 CDBG Public Hearing Minutes; November 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of November 2025 Demands

Motion to approve the following items listed under the consent agenda was made by Council Member Waddell Reyes and seconded by Council Member Brown.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Kennedy, Brown, James, Dorrell, Lorenzo, Waddell Reyes, and Ahmann.

All in favor.
Motion carries.

Old Business

Presentation- Project update on Brownfield Properties, by Dave Laney of Stantec

Blackmore informed the Council the presenter was unavailable to attend the meeting.

Motion made by Council Member Kennedy to table the Brownfield Properties presentation; seconded by Council Member Lorenzo.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Kennedy, Brown, James, Dorrell, Lorenzo, Waddell Reyes, and Ahmann.

All in favor.
Motion carries.

Executive Session

Motion made by Council Member Kennedy to enter into Executive Session Seconded by Council Member Ahmann

Executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) Discussion of employment matters related to the Town Magistrate.

Executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03(A)(3) and (7) Discussion regarding the Town's purchase of certain real property identified by Greenlee County Assessors Number 200-67-056A, and to authorize the Town Manager and

Town Attorney to take all actions and execute all documents necessary to complete the acquisition.

Executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03(A)(1) and (3) Discussion regarding the employment agreement between the Town of Clifton and Cindy Blackmore for Town Manager.

3:30 back in regular session

New Business

Discussion and possible action regarding the Town Magistrate contract.

Town Manager received direction from the Council.

Discussion and/or possible action to adopt Resolution 2025-12 approving the Town's purchase of certain real property identified by Greenlee County Assessors Number 200-67-056A, and to authorize the Town Manager and Town Attorney to take all actions and execute all documents necessary to complete the acquisition.

Council Member Ahmann made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-12 approving the Town's purchase of certain real property identified by Greenlee County Assessors Number 200-67-056A, and to authorize the Town Manager and Town Attorney to take all actions and execute all documents necessary to complete the acquisition with the amendments discussed. Seconded by Waddell Reyes.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Kennedy, Brown, James, Dorrell, Lorenzo, Waddell Reyes, and Ahmann.

All in favor.
Motion carries.

Discussion and possible action regarding the employment agreement between the Town of Clifton and Cindy Blackmore for Town Manager.

Motion made by Council Member Kennedy to hire Town Manager at the discussed amount in Executive Session, Seconded by Council Member Ahmann.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Kennedy, Brown, James, Dorrell, Lorenzo, Waddell Reyes, and Ahmann.

All in favor.
Motion carries.

The meeting concluded at 3:30 p.m. following a motion for adjournment by Council Member Brown, which was seconded by Council Member Lorenzo.

