

**Agenda
Town of Clifton
Regular Town Council Meeting
August 14, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

Members Present

Felix Callicotte, Mayor
Luis Montoya, Vice-Mayor
Barbara Ahmann, Council member
Mary Beager, Council member*
Raymond Lorenzo, Council member
Armida Moir, Council member
Ray West, Council member

*Absent

A quorum was present.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Felix Callicotte followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to the Public: Town Manager, John Schempf apologized to Council member Ray West and the rest of the Town Council for his outburst during last month's meeting.

Mr. Schempf also mentioned that each member of the council has been provided with personnel evaluation forms. Annually, the council should conduct an evaluation of the Town Manager. The completed forms should be turned into the Mayor.

Daniel Cervantez thanked the Council for formally appointing Omar Negrete as the Police Chief.

Council Reports:

Council Barbara Ahmann reported that she is working on fund raising ideas to cover the expense of the "Splash Pad" Grand Opening. She presented a calendar that the Winkleman Community had prepared and is considering something similar. She reported that she is also looking at other grants as well.

Mayor Callicotte reported that he is planning to implement an essay contest for local schools. The essay theme is "If I was Mayor..."

Vice Mayor Luis Montoya commended the public works department for their prompt response to debris removal resulting from recent monsoon rain. However, he mentioned that there is an abundance of weed growth also resulting from the rain.

Council member Ray Lorenzo stated that he had been monitoring the town's drains during the rains and noted that in some areas the debris runoff is causing the drains from running as intended. Suggests a plan to keep the drains free from buildup during a storm.

Consent Agenda: Vice Mayor Luis Montoya made a motion to accept the following items listed under Consent Agenda with the correction to the June 12, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes; Page 2.; Accounting Policies and Procedures; striking out the words "as procedures." Second to the motion was made by Council member Armida Moir.

1. Approval of the June 12, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes (with noted corrections); July 9, 2014 Work Session Minutes; July 10, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes; Joint Meeting of the Clifton Town Council-Planning and Zoning Commission-Board of Adjustment Training Session Minutes;
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of July 2014 Demands.

Mayor Callicotte recommended that staff provide a summarized payroll report as part of the demands. Motion carried.

New Business

Discussion and/or action to adopt the Primary Property Tax Levy for FY 2014-2015 pursuant to A.R.S. §42-17107.A.4.: Council member Barbara Ahmann made the motion to adopt the Primary Property Tax Rate at 2.4890. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members Ahmann, West, Callicotte, Moir, Montoya, and Lorenzo. There were no oppositions to the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to adopt a Resolution No. 2014-09: Adoption of the Budget for FY 2014-2015: Council member Armida Moir made a motion to adopt the FY 2015 Budget as presented totaling \$5,088,444.00. Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya. Motion carried.

Presentation regarding the Graham-Greenlee Serving Vet's Organization. - Margarita Chacon: Addressing the Council was Margarita Chacon. She invited the Council to the next meeting of the Graham-Greenlee Serving Vet's Organization to be held on September 3, 2014 at the American Legion Hall in Clifton. The event is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. The goal of this organization is to serve homeless and needy veterans.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute the following Agreements between the Town of Clifton and:

a. The Clifton House, LLC concerning the use of property parcels 200-78-015 and 200-78-016: Members of the Council expressed their concern that the town attorneys had not reviewed the proposed document.

Council member Ray West made a motion to table the item until the town's legal counsel has reviewed the document. Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya. Motion carried.

b. Heath Brown Engineering - Splash Pad Proposal: Town Manager John Schempf explained that Mr. Brown has work for the town before and is familiar with the Splash Pad development in Thatcher, Arizona.

Council member Barbara Ahmann made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement for Engineering Services related to the town's proposed Splash Pad. Second to the motion was made by Council member Armida Moir. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to initiate the process to amend the following town ordinances:

a. Amending Ordinance No. 01-2011; Medical Marijuana Terms-David Sanchez: Mr. Schempf reported that Mr. Sanchez has requested that the town amend the current ordinance to allow product delivery. Currently, the facility is allowed to dispense the product directly from the facility site. Prior to initiating the expense of legal fees associated with the ordinance amendment process, staff is seeking direction from the council.

Comments from the council included their concern about the current status of the local facility. They referred to the closure of the facility due to legal issues within the stake holders of the facility.

Council member Ray West made a motion to table the request until the internal issues are resolved. Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya. Motion carried.

b. Amending Ordinance No. 01-96; Historic Preservation-Barbara Reyes Historic Preservation Chairman: Barbara Reyes reviewed the proposed changes to the ordinance. Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya made the motion to initiate the process to amend the ordinance with the recommended changes. Second to the motion was made by Council member Barbara Ahmann. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to consider grant applications options as presented by Steve Ahmann:

a. FMI-Community Investment Grant Application to construct San Francisco River Birding/Nature Trail through Clifton: Addressing the Council was Mr. Steve Ahmann. He explained that there is a grant funding opportunity through The United Way to enhance a growing interest in "birding" for our community. He proposed that the funding would be utilized to build approximately 1 mile of trail. The grant requires matching funds to include "in-kind funds."

Comments from the council included concerns about the long term commitment since the town will be the applicant. Additional concern was the time commitment from the town's public works department who will essentially be involved in the project.

Council member Armida Moir made a motion to authorize Steve Ahmann to submit the application on behalf of the Town of Clifton. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray Lorenzo. Motion carried.

b. Town to sponsor the Community Garden in serving as a distributor of free seeds to town residents: Mr. Ahmann explained that these seeds are from a Newfield Grant which are coming from FMI. This grant requires no in-kind commitment from the Town. By authorizing the town's participation this grant allow the Community Garden in serving as the distributor of free seeds to local residents.

Motion to authorize the grant submission on behalf of the Town of Clifton for seeds to be distributed by the Community Garden was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the town to submit an application to FMI Community Investment Grant Application and commit town funds for the development of the old pool/new splash pad area: Town Manager, John Schempf explained that this grant application will seek funding to cover expenses outside the Splash Pad area.

Motion to authorize the town to submit the grant application was made by Council member Armida Moir. Second to the motion was made by Council member Barbara Ahmann. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to develop a plan of action regarding Arizona Department of Transportation issues to address speed signs and cross walks within the town: Mr. Schempf provided members of the Council with advice and options from the town's legal counsel on how to approach ADOT. Some options include having the town conduct its own study, however the cost us unknown at this time. Also suggested was for town officials to contact the Arizona Department of Transportation Board or State Engineer to address the town's concerns.

Mr. Schempf was directed to arrange for a meeting with the next level of Arizona Department Transportation representatives to address the town's concerns.

Discussion and/or action to initiate the bidding process for the Ward Canyon Road Mitigation Project as funded in part from the Governor's Emergency Funds: Council member Armida Moir made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to initiate the bidding process for the Ward Canyon Road Mitigation Project. Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to approve the new town flag as presented: Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya commended Council member Barbara Ahmann for her creativity in designing the flag. Motion to approve the new town flag as presented was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray Lorenzo. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to rescind current fire restrictions within the town: Council member Barbara Ahmann made the motion to rescind current fire restrictions within the town. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to auction the street sweeper: Town Manager, John Schempf reported that he has been in contact with an Elgin Representative, manufacturer of the sweeper. The representative advised him that this type of sweeper is not appropriate for our use. It really hasn't been functional and excessive dust is caused by the machine. He recommends returning the equipment to auction and utilizing proceeds from the sale of the sweeper to invest in a more appropriate model with the advice of the Elgin Representative.

Council member Armida Moir made the motion to auction the sweeper. Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya. Motion carried.

Town Manager's Report: Mr. Schempf reported on projects he has been working on to include finalizing the budget, Wards Canyon Road Mitigation Project and the FMI Community Investment Grant application to seek funding for the outside area of the Splash Pad.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Council member Armida Moir. Second to the motion was made by Council member Barbara Ahmann. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Approved:

Felix Callicotte, Mayor

Attest:

Esperanza Castaneda, Town Clerk