

**Agenda
Town of Clifton
Town Council - Work Session
August 5, 2014
1:00 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.

Discussion: Arizona Department of Transportation Issues - Bill Harmon, Safford District Engineer: Arizona Department of Transportation Representatives were available to review information on results of two studies affecting speed limits and crosswalks within the Town of Clifton. A reference map was provided to each member of the council showing the current speed limits and also the recommended changes.

ADOT Traffic Engineer, Scott Beck explained the methods used in obtaining the radar samples to collect data to justify their recommendations. He noted that the samples were obtained during mid-day traffic activity. He stated that National Guidelines are used by ADOT.

Of concern to members of the Clifton Town Council was the recommendation to increase the speed limit from 25 mph to 30 mph on traffic on Highway 191 from Ward Canyon Road through Copper Mountain Drive Thru. Comments from the Council were that the recommendations were not what they expected. The initial request from the Town was to have ADOT consider reducing the speed due to the increase in mine employees/traffic.

Relating to crosswalks, the ADOT representative stated that no new crosswalks are recommended after the onsite survey. ADOT staff explained that they had monitored potential sidewalk locations to include 2nd Street and HWY 191 and Chase Creek at Circle K. The times monitored were at 6:25 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. It was explained that crosswalk recommendations require 10-11 pedestrians crossing during the monitoring period and these sites did not meet the requirements.

Comments from the council included concern that the onsite monitoring should have been conducted during peak traffic flow occurring within the town. Peak traffic flow occurs at employee shift change for Freeport MacMoRan (FMI). Council members expressed their disappointment at the recommendations. It was the consensus of the council to consider contacting the next level of ADOT Officials to reconsider the recommendations as presented.

Additional concerns from the Council was the spacing of the Wards Canyon Road delineators. Mayor Callicotte stated that the current spacing is wide enough to allow small vehicles to pass through the delineators. He requested that those gaps might be narrowed. Also, requested was that ADOT post signage cautioning traffic of the Big Horn Sheep.

Final Comments from Bill Harmon, ADOT summarized the following results of the discussion:

1. Council requesting more delineators to at Wards Canyon Road;
2. Install caution signs to watch out of Big Horn Sheep, with the town to follow up with maintenance on the signs;
3. Acknowledges that no crosswalks are recommended per the study;
4. Acknowledges that the speed limit recommendations will confer with the study results.
5. Acknowledges that the Clifton Town Council is not in agreement with the recommendations as presented.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:09 p.m.

Approved:

Felix Callicotte, Mayor

Attest:

Esperanza Castaneda, Town Clerk