

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Regular Town Council Meeting
June 11, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

Members Present

Felix Callicotte, Mayor
Luis Montoya, Vice Mayor
Barbara Ahmann, Council Member
Ray Lorenzo, Council Member*
Roy Tyler, Council Member
B. Waddell Reyes, Council Member
Ray West, Council Member

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: First to address the Council was Jacques Bergmans, Clifton resident, inquired on the status of the proposed parking lease agreement between the town and Rode Inn Motel management.

Danny Cervantez commented on the final meeting of the Clifton Unified School District.

Abigale Miller presented the Clifton Town Council with a certificate of appreciation for their recent approval to donate funds towards the National Barrel Horse Association of Greenlee and Graham Counties.

Walter Mares commended the Clifton Unified School Board for their professional decorum at the final meeting of the district which will be dissolved effective June 30, 2015.

Council Reports: Mayor Callicotte welcomed Ian McGaughey on board as the new Town Manager.

Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya also provided an update on the recent actions of the Clifton Unified School Board regarding the closure of the school and its direct effect to the town. He explained that now that the property is no longer a school facility, the property tax classification will be taxable thus affecting the town's property tax revenues in FY 2017.

Council member West had no report.

Council member Roy Tyler recommended that the town develop a graffiti abatement task force.

Council member Barbara Ahmann invited everyone to attend the town's Splash Park event on Saturday, June 20, 2015 beginning at noon.

Council member B. Waddell Reyes noted the sale of the Commemorative Clifton Swimming Pool Tiles.

Consent Agenda: Council member Ray West made the motion to approve the following consent agenda items as presented:

1. Approval of the May 14, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes;
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of May 2015 Demands.

Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya. Motion carried.

New Business

Visitor's Center Report – Jeanette West: Members of the Council were provided with an information packet on materials and events provided by the Visitor's Center. Mrs. West acknowledged volunteers who assist her in assuring the Visitor's Center is open to tourists and visitors. She also reported that the location was certified as a Visitor's Center by the Arizona Office of Tourism in December 2014. (The facility had to meet Americans with Disabilities Act criteria to be certified).

Also addressing the Council on behalf of the Visitor's Center was Kimberly Henderson who addressed the many positive changes that have occurred around town while she has been away. She attributed those changes to Jeanette West's efforts and involvement in the community.

Discussion and/or action to approve a Certificate of Appreciation form: Town Manager, John Schempf explained that this certificate will be presented to individuals as recommended by Department Supervisors or volunteer organizational leaders.

Council member Ray West made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appreciation form as presented. Second to the motion was made by Council member Roy Tyler. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the submittal of a grant application to the Tohono O'odham Nation as prepared by the Clifton Police Department: Chief Omar Negrete proposed to submit the grant to seek funding for Simunition Conversion Kits for police training exercises.

Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya made a motion to authorize the submittal of a grant application to the Tohono O'odham Nation for Simunition Conversion Kits for police training. Second to the motion was made by Council member Roy Tyler. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Arizona – Department of Revenue and the Town of Clifton related to the Administration of Transaction Privilege Tax: Town Manager, John Schempf explained that the Arizona Department of Revenue together with city/town representatives have developed a uniform administration, licensing, collection and auditing of transaction privilege taxes imposed by the State or cities and towns. He further explained that recent state legislation now requires the Department of Revenue to administer the TPT for all cities and towns and to enter into an IGA.

Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the IGA between the State of Arizona – Department of Revenue and the Town of Clifton related to the Administration of Transaction Privilege Tax. Second to the motion was made by Council member B. Waddell Reyes.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members Montoya, Reyes, Ahmann, West and Callicotte. Opposing the motion was Council member Tyler. Motion carried.

Discussion on the following Arizona Department of Transportation projects: Town Manager, John Schempf reviewed the status of the following items:

- a. **FY 2016 Planning Assistance for Rural Areas Program (PARA) Grant Award:** Informed the Council of the recent grant award notification. This project entails planning stage to restore Zorrilla St. Bridge.
- b. **FY 2014 HSIP Traffic Sign Replacement Project – Signing Procurement:** Mr. McGaughey reported that he had responded to additional questions related to this project and hoped that the purchase of these signs can be accomplished soon.
- c. **Traffic Calming/drainage Project – Schedule a Workshop Date:** Mr. Schempf noted that the Public Hearing on the traffic calming/drainage project has been scheduled for June 25, 2015 at 4:30 at the town’s Community Center. He recommended council meet in work session to “reach a consensus or unify their thoughts” prior to the public hearing.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the town to participate in the National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program: Mr. Schempf explained that the League of Cities and Towns has partnered with Utility Service Partners, Inc. to offer this program.

After a lengthy discussion on the proposed program it was the consensus of the council not to support the program for the town.

Council member Barbara Ahmann made a motion that the town NOT participate in the program. Second to the motion was made by Council member Roy Tyler. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to adopt “Splash Pad” Rules: Town Manager, John Schempf reported that the rules are not ready as of this meeting. He explained that although the town has obtained guidelines and rules for consideration from other towns he recommends waiting to finalize the rules to determine what works best for our splash pad.

Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya made a motion to allow the staff to develop the guidelines and later be formalized by the Council. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West. Motion carried.

Manager’s Report: Town Manager, John Schempf provided information on the following projects and activities:

- *Ward Canyon Concrete Fix Project continues with minor changes to the project.
- *Splash Pad Restroom and Landscaping contractors are on site
- *Roofing projects at Town Hall/Police Department; Splash Pad Restrooms and Sewer Plant are just about completed.
- *Briefed the Council on recent meeting with FMI. Discussions included their future plans to build a new sewer plant which potentially could involve Clifton’s Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- *Notified the Council that NO bids were received on the Park Avenue Swale Project.
- *Informed the Council that refrigerator magnets were ordered which provide emergency notification information on the flood warning sirens.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Council member Ray West. Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:35 p.m.