MINUTES OF THE FLORENCE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015, AT 5:00 P.M., IN THE CHAMBERS OF TOWN HALL, LOCATED AT 775 NORTH MAIN STREET, FLORENCE, ARIZONA.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rankin called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Rankin, Walter, Woolridge, Hawkins, Guilin, Anderson
Absent: Montaño

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

For the purpose of discussion and consultation with the Town's attorneys for legal advice and to consider the Town's position and instruct its attorneys in regard to pending litigation in Pinal County Superior Court: Town of Florence v. Florence Copper, Inc., CV 2013-02511. A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4).

On motion of Vice-Mayor Walter, seconded by Councilmember Guilin, and carried to adjourn to Executive Session.

ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Vice-Mayor Walter, seconded by Councilmember Anderson, and carried to adjourn from Executive Session.

INVOCATION

Mayor Rankin called for a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rankin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Call to the Public for public comment on issues within the jurisdiction of the Town Council. Council rules limit public comment to three minutes. Individual Councilmembers may respond to criticism made by those commenting, may ask staff to review a matter raised or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the Council shall not discuss or take action on any matter during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATIONS

Acceptance of two awards from the Arizona Chapter of the American Planning Association for the 2014 Distinguished Historic Landmark Award and 2014 Best Ordinance/Regulation Award.

Mr. Mark Eckhoff, Community Development Director, stated that the Town was honored with two awards at the 2014 Arizona American Planning Association Conference. The awards were for the Brunenkant Bakery Building Stabilization Project and for the Territory Square Zoning District Project. The American Planning Association recognized the creativity that went into creating a unique type of zoning district that has a strong focus on forum, character, sustainability and developing a true sense of place.

Mr. Eckhoff thanked the Council, Wayne Costa, Town Engineer, and Swan Architects for their work on the Brunenkant Bakery Building Stabilization Project and Swaback Partners for their assistance in developing the Territory Square Zoning District document.

Mayor Rankin stated that wining these types of awards is a rarity and to be honored with two in one year is astounding. He recognized everyone involved with the projects and their vision, encapsulating the history of the Town and its future.

CONSENT: All items on the consent agenda will be handled by a single vote as part of the consent agenda, unless a Councilmember or a member of the public objects at the time the agenda item is called.

Authorization to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with the Baxter Design Group, LLC.

Authorization to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Lee Engineering, LLC.

Authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Pinal County for Election and Recorder Services to conduct a May 19, 2015 special mail ballot election.

Authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Florence and the Town of Superior for the purpose of providing fire department dispatching services for the Superior Fire Department to include ambulance service.

Resolution No. 1491-15:

Ms. Lisa Garcia, Deputy Town Manager/Town Clerk read Resolution No. 1491-15 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, RENAMING WEST SPIRIT WAY, FLORENCE, ARIZONA, TO WEST SPIRIT LOOP, FLORENCE, ARIZONA.

Recommendation of Approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control on Florence Gardens Mobile Home Association's applications for a Special Event Liquor License for their Annual Style Show-Annual Fund Raiser on March 17, 2015.

Recommendation of Approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control on the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce's applications for a Special Event Liquor License for their First Thursday Mixer on February 5, 2015.

Approval of accepting the register of demands ending November 30, 2014 in the amount of $2,449,658.37.

On motion of Vice-Mayor Walter, seconded by Councilmember Guilin, and carried to approve the Consent Agenda, as written, with the exception of items 9b, 9d and 9h.

9b. Authorization to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Lee Engineering, LLC.

Councilmember Anderson inquired as to what services Lee Engineering will be providing.

Mr. John Mitchell, Interim Public Works Director, stated the agreement is to capture the work that Lee Engineering has already been providing the Town, establishing a procedure for approving and awarding individual projects through the use of the task orders, which is consistent with current purchasing policy procedures.

Mr. David Brueggemann, Lee Engineering, LLC, stated that the project for Fire Station 2 is to complete the plans for the emergency signal on Hunt Highway that were started approximately 1½ years ago. The second project is to conduct a study at the intersection of Hunt Highway and Attaway. There are Federal guidelines that require specific studies to be done before a signal light can be installed. The studies are being completed, and include the amount of curvature at the intersection and other safety aspects that need to be considered for a traffic signal.

On motion of Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Walter, and carried to approve item 9b of the Consent Agenda, as written.

9d. Authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Florence and the Town of Superior for the purpose of providing fire department dispatching services for the Superior Fire Department to include ambulance service.

Mayor Rankin inquired if the agreement is with the Town of Superior or if the Fire Department a district.

Ms. Lisa Garcia, Deputy Town Manager/Town Clerk, stated that the Fire Department is a department within the Town of Superior. She stated that the Superior Fire Department contacted the Florence Dispatch Center requesting fire dispatch services. The Florence Dispatch Center has the capability and capacity to regionalize and provide services to other public safety departments in addition to those of Florence Police and Fire. The Town of Florence will be indemnified in the contract and will be compensated for these services.

Mayor Rankin inquired if the Town of Superior responds to areas outside of its Town limits.

Mr. Mark Pryor, Town of Superior, stated that the Town covers a 70 square mile area that goes up to Gonzales Pass and down to Oaks Flats.

On motion of Councilmember Hawkins, seconded by Councilmember Woolridge, and carried to approve item 9d of the Consent Agenda, as written.

9h. Approval of accepting the register of demands ending November 30, 2014 in the amount of $2,449,658.37.

Councilmember Anderson inquired about the payment to Hills Brothers Corporation for the restock of sodium bisulfate.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the sodium bisulfate is used at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

On motion of Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, and carried to approve item 9h of the Consent Agenda, as written.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Garcia read Resolution No. 1492-15 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 19, 2015, IN AND FOR THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, ARIZONA, TO SUBMIT TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN THE QUESTION OF SHALL THE TOWN OF FLORENCE REGAIN LOCAL CONTROL AND EXCEED THE STATE-IMPOSED EXPENDITURE LIMITATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BY $15,000,000, TO ALLOW THE TOWN TO ADOPT A BUDGET NO GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT THAT WAS ADOPTED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015?

Ms. Garcia stated the resolution calls for a Special Election on May 19, 2015, for the purpose of asking the qualified voters of the Town of Florence if the Town shall regain local control and exceed the state-imposed expenditure limitation for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 by $15,000,000. She stated that if the voters authorize a specific amount in excess of the state imposed expenditure limitation, they would be providing the ability to

develop a budget that will maintain the current level of services that the citizens of Florence have come to expect in areas of police, fire, economic and community development, parks and recreation, water, wastewater and sanitation services. She stated if the voters do not pass the election, the Town will still receive but will not be able to spend the over $24,000,000 in revenue it will collect in the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year for the services stated.

On motion of Councilmember Guilin, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, and carried to adopt Resolution No. 1492-15.

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Board and Commission Appointments to and authorization for staff to continue to accept application until all seats are filled.

I. Appointment of Tom Celaya and Ann Rankin to the Arts and Culture Commission with terms to expire on December 31, 2017, assigning Tom Celaya as the Chair for a one year period as per code.

II. Appointment of Cathy Adam, Debbie Novotny, and Michael Fitzgerald* to the Historic District Advisory Commission with Terms to expire December 31, 2017.

III. Appointment of Alfred Celaya, Louis Henry Padilla, and Peter Villa Verde to the Industrial Development Authority with terms to expire December 31, 2020.

IV. Appointment of Sheree Berber, Eugene Horan and Talma Harman to the Joint Library Advisory Board with a term to expire December 31, 2016. Appointment of Trudy Kelm as Alternate to the Joint Use Library Advisory Board with a term to expire December 31, 2016.

V. Appointment of Shawn Gibson and Robert Smidt* to the Parks and Recreation Board with terms to expire December 31, 2017

VI. Appointment of Billie Jo Garcia and Bruce Fenstermaker to the Planning and Zoning Commission with terms to expire December 31, 2017.

Ms. Garcia stated that the Clerk's office began taking applications for the board and commission positions in October 2014. She stated that she, and Mayor Rankin, reviewed the applications on December 29, 2014 and did not have enough applicants to fill the open positions. They felt it was important to bring the applications to Council without interviews as there will still be open positions if the current applicants are approved.

Ms. Garcia stated that the Board and Commission members only serve on one committee which is the historical standard for the Town.

Councilmember Hawkins inquired on the amount of openings on the Industrial Development Authority and asked for confirmation on the length of the term.

Ms. Garcia stated that there are currently four openings on the IDA with a recommendation to fill three of those positions. She stated that the term for the committee is for five years, which is set by state statute.

On motion of Councilmember Woolridge, seconded by Councilmember Guilin, and carried to approve the appointments to the boards and commissions as stated and authorize staff to continue to accept applications for all open positions until filled.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Manager's Report
Department Reports
- **Community Development**
- **Courts**
- **Finance**
- **Fire**
- **Library**
- **Parks and Recreation**
- **Police**
- **Utilities**

The Department Reports were received and filed.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Mary Battle, Florence resident, stated the Florence Woman's Club will hold its annual Fashion Show Luncheon on January 17, 2015. All proceeds from the event will go to the Florence High School and the Poston Butte High School scholarship funds. Tickets are available at the Florence Visitor Center. She stated that the Mosaic Church is hosting a free concert at the Women's Club tomorrow night.

CALL TO THE COUNCIL

Councilmember Hawkins thanked the Community Development Department for their actions in resolving a residential home construction issue. Councilmember Woolridge stated that she would like to thank all those who volunteer for the boards and commissions and all of their hard work and efforts on those committees.

Councilmember Anderson stated that Mount Athos Restaurant was recognized in the AAA magazine this month. He said it was recognition for the restaurant and for the Town.

Vice-Mayor Walter wished everyone a Happy New Year. She encouraged residents to review the Parks and Recreation programs on the Town website and sign up for programs.

Mayor Rankin stated that the Town has many projects that will be completed this year including the library and aquatic center. He stated that his hope will be for Main Street extension to be completed as well. He thanked the staff for their hard work and dedication last year and looks forward to another great year, moving the Town forward as one cohesive community.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Hawkins, seconded by Councilmember Woolridge, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 pm.

Tom J. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk

I certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Florence Town Council meeting held on January 5, 2015, and that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk