

**MINUTES OF THE FLORENCE TOWN MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 1, 2013,
AT 6:00 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 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Rankin, Smith, Hawkins, Montaña, Walter, Wooldridge

Absent: Celaya

**INVOCATION PERFORMED BY REVEREND JOHN JOHNSON, FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC.**

Reverend John Johnson, First Presbyterian Church, PC., performed the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rankin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Rankin asked for a moment of silence in honor of the fallen firefighters that lost their lives in the Yarnell, Arizona fire.

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.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITY DISTRICT
NO. 1 BOARD.**

On motion of Councilmember Montaña, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, and carried to adjourn to the Merrill Ranch Community Facility District No. 1 Board.

Ordinance No. MRCFD1 110-13:

Mr. Charles A. Montoya, District Manager, read Ordinance No. MRCFD1 110-13 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, LEVYING THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT SUBJECT TO TAXATION OF CERTAIN SUM UPON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF VALUATION SUFFICIENT TO RAISE THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED TO BE RECEIVED FROM FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES EXPENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE 2014 (First Reading June 3, 2013, second reading June 17, 2013).

Mr. Mike Farina, District Treasurer, stated that the ordinance is to adopt a secondary ad valorem property tax levy in an amount of \$3.55 per \$100 of Net Assessed Valuation (NAV) for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014. The total levy consists of \$3.25 per \$100/NAV, estimated at \$435,426 for debt service for General Obligation Bonds and \$0.30 per \$100/NAV, estimated at \$40,193 for operations and maintenance. The total to be levied is \$3.55 per \$100/NAV, or \$475,619.

On motion of Boardmember Walter, seconded by Boardmember Hawkins, and carried to adopt Ordinance No. MRCFD1 110-13.

MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD.

On motion of Boardmember Walter, seconded by Boardmember Montaño, and carried to adjourn from the Merrill Ranch Community Facility District No. 1 Board.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITY DISTRICT NO. 2 BOARD.

On motion of Councilmember Walter, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, and carried to adjourn to the Merrill Ranch Community Facility District No. 2 Board.

Ordinance No. MRCFD2 209-13:

Mr. Charles A. Montoya, District Manager, read Ordinance No. MRCFD2 209-13 by title only

AN ORDINANCE OF MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, LEVYING THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT SUBJECT TO TAXATION OF CERTAIN SUM UPON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF VALUATION SUFFICIENT TO RAISE THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED TO BE RECEIVED FROM FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES EXPENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE 2014 (first reading June 3, 2013, second reading June 17, 2013).

Mr. Mike Farina, District Treasurer, stated that the ordinance is to adopt a secondary ad valorem property tax levy in the amount of \$3.55 per \$100 NAV for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. The total levy consists of a \$3.25 per \$100/NAV, estimated at \$332,414 for debt

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service for General Obligation Bonds, and \$0.30 per \$100/NAV, estimated at \$30,684, for operations and maintenance. The total estimated revenue from the levy will be for \$3.55 per \$100/NAV, or \$363,098.

On motion of Boardmember Montaño, seconded by Boardmember Walter, and carried to adopt Ordinance No. MRCFD2 209-13.

MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITY DISTRICT NO. 2 BOARD.

On motion of Boardmember Montaño, seconded by Boardmember Smith, and carried to adjourn from the Merrill Ranch Community Facility District No. 2 Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 596-13:

Mr. Charles A. Montoya, Town Manager, read Ordinance No. 596-13 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, LEVYING THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF FLORENCE SUBJECT TO TAXATION OF CERTAIN SUM UPON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF VALUATION SUFFICIENT TO RAISE THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED TO BE RECEIVED FROM FUNDS FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL EXPENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE 2014, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (First Reading June 3, 2013, Second Reading June 17, 2013).

Mr. Mike Farina, Finance Director, stated that the Town of Florence levies a primary property tax annually. The rate that was levied last year was \$1.0517 per \$100 NAV. The current property tax rate is \$1.0963 per \$100 NAV to raise the same amount of property tax levied last year. The proposed property tax levy for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 is \$814,526 which includes new construction of \$29,456 or 2% increase over the current levy. The rate has increased this year by levying the maximum allowable. The increase is \$2.19 per \$100 of home valuation.

Mr. Farina stated that the Town levies an ad valorem or secondary property tax for the Merrill Ranch Streetlight Improvement Districts No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3. This year, due to an adequate fund balance, there will be no property tax levy.

On motion of Councilmember Walter, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, to adopt Resolution No. 596-13, declaring an emergency.

Mayor Rankin inquired if the need to increase property tax is due to the lower valuation of property.

Mr. Montoya responded that the increase in property tax due is to the lower valuation of property.

Mayor Rankin would like to see the tax rate below \$1.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Rankin: Yes
Vice-Mayor Smith: Yes
Councilmember Hawkins: Yes
Councilmember Montaña: Yes
Councilmember Walter: Yes
Councilmember Woolridge: Yes

Motion Carried: Yes: 6; No: 0

Resolution No. 1403-13:

Mr. Charles A. Montoya, Town Manager, read Resolution No. 1403-13 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, ADOPTING THE 2013 – 2023 LAND USE ASSUMPTIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF FLORENCE DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2013.

Mr. Mike Farina, Finance Director, stated that this plan is part of the basis for the calculation of the impact fees. The Town engaged Duncan Associates to conduct a study and develop the plan so that the Town could be in full compliance with the new State Legislation, Senate Bill 1525, regarding impact fees. A draft of the plan has been available for review for several months and was discussed in detail at a Council Work Session in February 2013. It was also discussed during a public hearing on May 20, 2013. The resolution is for adoption of the plan.

Mr. Clancy Mullen, Duncan Associates, stated that they had previously provided a presentation at the workshop and the public hearing.

Mayor Rankin inquired what the probability is of the legislature being changed again this year.

Mr. Mullen stated that he is not aware of any upcoming changes.

On motion of Councilmember Walter, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, and carried to adopt Resolution No. 1403-13.

CONSENT: All items indicated by an (*) 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 accept a \$5,000.00 donation to the Florence Police Department Canine program.**

***Approval of accepting donations of \$1,500 from National Bank of Arizona, \$1,500 from Johnson Utilities, \$1,000 from Pulte Homes, and \$1,500 from Southwest Value Partners, for a total of \$5,500, for the creation of an economic development marketing brochure.**

***Approval of the Special Event Liquor License for the Chamber of Commerce to hold the Annual Casino Night Event on July 27, 2013.**

***Approval of the June 3, 2013 and June 17, 2013 Town Council minutes.**

***Approval of accepting the register of demands ending May 31, 2013, in the amount of \$1,942,133.12.**

On motion of Councilmember Walter, seconded by Councilmember Montaño, and carried to approve the Consent Agenda, as written.

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CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public comments.

CALL TO THE COUNCIL

Councilmember Walter thanked the donors who generously gave to the Town for the Canine Program and Economic Development marketing brochure. She invited the public to the Freedom Fest events on July 4, 2013.

Councilmember Montaño stated that there were issues with the garbage cans. He asked those who have issues to contact Right Away Disposal.

Vice-Mayor Smith stated that he is aware that there may be minor issues with the change over of sanitation services. Some residents do not have containers. He asked

that they contact the appropriate personnel to resolve the issues. He said overall RAD did a good job. He added that the Town has advertised the change in sanitation service.

Mayor Rankin reminded everyone to enjoy their July 4th events. He said the Coolidge Little League Park is hosting Devon White, who is doing a motivational talk and throwing the first pitch for the Little League.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

For the purpose of discussion and consultation with the Town Attorney pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4) regarding pending litigation with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ).

On motion of Councilmember Montaña, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, and carried to adjourn to Executive Session.

ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Walter, seconded by Councilmember Montaña, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 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 July 1, 2013, and that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.



Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk