

MINUTES OF THE FLORENCE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013, 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 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Rankin, Smith, Celaya, Hawkins, Montañó, Walter, Woolridge

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) for discussion of the public body regarding the requirements of Resolution No. 1273-10 – Council Rules of Procedure, Section 17 - Code of Ethics.

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

ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION (Approximately 6:00 p.m.)

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

INVOCATION PERFORMED BY PASTOR DALE STORM, FLORENCE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Dale Storm, Florence Baptist Church, performed the invocation.

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 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.

Pastor Dale Storm, Florence Baptist Church, thanked Mayor Rankin and Town Manager for their assistance in November and December 2012 with the Florence Food Bank. They will continue to operate three days per week.

Ms. Denise Kollert, Resident, stated that she wants to start a Bountiful Basket Food Co-op in Florence in the Town core, as it will be a great way for residents to purchase fresh fruit and vegetables. She has received permission to use the Senior Center as the bi-weekly pick-up location. She said the Co-op has a pick-up location in Anthem. She said she needs approximately 15 individuals to sign up.

Pastor Don Woolridge, Florence Baptist Church, stated that it is important that leaders guard their character and take responsibility for any and all decisions. It is important to be consistent, do the right thing, and to demonstrate that you are reliable and worthy of trust. He said those on the Council need to be someone who wants to positively influence other people and model a consistent character and demonstrate solid trust. He said honest communication is also very important and you have to value transparency. He said one must also exemplify humility and demonstrate support of others.

Pastor Woolridge acknowledged Jess Knudson, Assistant Town Manager, for the excellent job he has done. He expressed distaste in what has transpired with regards to the Council and stated that he has been approached by citizens regarding a recall and stated that he supports a recall.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on a text amendment application by the Town of Florence amending the Town of Florence Code of Ordinances; and First Reading of Ordinance No. 593-13: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY ARIZONA, AMENDING THE TOWN OF FLORENCE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE XV LAND USAGE, CHAPTER 150 DEVELOPMENT CODE, SECTIONS 150.031 DEFINED WORDS, 150.047 DISTRICT USE REGULATIONS TABLES (A), 150.047 DISTRICT USE REGULATIONS TABLES (B), 150.048 RURAL AGRICULTURAL (RA-10), 150.049 RURAL AGRICULTURAL (RA-4), 150.064 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LI) AND 150.065 HEAVY INDUSTRIAL (HI).

Mr. Mark Eckhoff, Community Development Director, said the changes include: official some land use interpretations with regards to correctional facilities and similar uses, clarifying conflicting definitions and lack of definitions in the Code, providing clarification regarding church uses and public schools land uses, and removing redundancy in the Code.

Councilmember Celaya inquired how many more amendments need to be made.

Mr. Eckhoff said future amendments will include code regulations pertaining to fences and walls with clarification on the age for manufactured homes and adult businesses. He said staff may request a work session for Council direction on what other areas in the Code they would like improvements and/or clarifications.

Mayor Rankin opened the Public Hearing. There being no public comment, Mayor Rankin closed the Public Hearing.

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.

***Approval of accepting the register of demands ending February 28, 2013, in the amount of \$1,248,612.76.**

***Approval of a motion to Rescind Resolution No. 1379-13:**

Ms. Lisa Garcia, Deputy Town Manager/Town Clerk read Resolution No. 1379-13 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, DECLARING AS A PUBLIC RECORD THAT CERTAIN DOCUMENT FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK AND ENTITLED "2013-2023 LAND USE ASSUMPTIONS, INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND IMPACT FEE STUDY FOR THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, ARIZONA".

***Approval of Resolution No. 1389-13:**

Ms. Lisa Garcia, Deputy Town Manager/Town Clerk read Resolution No. 1389-13 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, DECLARING AS A PUBLIC RECORD THAT CERTAIN DOCUMENT FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK AND ENTITLED "2013-2023 LAND USE ASSUMPTIONS, INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND IMPACT FEE STUDY FOR THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, ARIZONA".

***Adoption of Resolution No. 1385-13:**

Ms. Lisa Garcia, Deputy Town Manager/Town Clerk read Resolution No. 1385-13 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE RE-SUBDIVISION OF FELIX FARMS; REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ASSURANCE OR WITHHOLDING OF RECORDATION TO SECURE THE SATISFACTORY CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND DEDICATION OF REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS; ESTABLISHING A DEADLINE FOR REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS TO BE COMPLETED; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION BY THE TOWN MANAGER OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.

***Adoption of Resolution No. 1387-13:**

Ms. Lisa Garcia, Deputy Town Manager/Town Clerk read Resolution No. 1387-13 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR ANTHEM AT MERRILL RANCH UNIT 22A; REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ASSURANCE OR WITHHOLDING OF RECORDATION TO SECURE THE SATISFACTORY CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND DEDICATION OF REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS; ESTABLISHING A DEADLINE FOR REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS TO BE COMPLETED; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION BY THE TOWN MANAGER OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.

***Adoption of Resolution No. 1388-13:**

Ms. Lisa Garcia, Deputy Town Manager/Town Clerk read Resolution No. 1388-13 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR ANTHEM AT MERRILL RANCH UNIT 22B; REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ASSURANCE OR WITHHOLDING OF RECORDATION TO SECURE THE SATISFACTORY CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND DEDICATION OF REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS; ESTABLISHING A DEADLINE FOR REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS TO BE COMPLETED; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION BY THE TOWN MANAGER OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.

On motion of Vice-Mayor Smith, seconded by Councilmember Montaño, and carried to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as written.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of a notice of intent to increase water and sewer fees and the development of new fees associated with deposits, connections fees, service fees, utility rates and fees.

Ms. Becki Guilin, Finance Director, stated that Economists.com had provided a Utility Rate Study in 2009 for utility rates and fees to the end of Fiscal Year 2016-2017. She said they did another Utility Rate Study in 2011, and it reaffirmed the fees. The Town is required by State Statute to declare an intention to increase utility rates and set a date for a Public Hearing.

Ms. Guilin said the rate increase for residential will be 5% or \$.07 cents per 1,000 gallons, and the base meter charge will increase 5% or \$1.02. Residential sewer rates will increase 10% or \$.36 per 1,000 gallons, and the base meter charge will increase

10% or \$1.54. She said the premise of the increase was to not make it difficult on the residents because of the amount needed for infrastructure projects that need to be funded and completed. She said the rates are set to accommodate debt service. She said the water revenue will realize a \$145,000 increase and the sewer revenue will realize a \$303,000 increase.

Ms. Guilin provided examples of what the increase may be to residents based on various water consumptions. She requested that Council adopt a notification of intention to increase fees and development of new fees associated with deposits, connection fees, service fees, utility rates and fees.

On motion of Councilmember Walter, seconded Councilmember Celaya, and carried to adopt a notice of intent to increase water and sewer fees and the development of new fees associated with deposits, connection fees, service fees, utility rates and fees.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Manager's Report
Department Reports
Community Development
Finance
Fire
Library
Parks and Recreation
Police
Public Works

Councilmember Hawkins inquired if a directory of when the Boards, Commissions, and Council meetings will show on Channel 11.

Councilmember Montaña complimented the Public Works Department for cleaning up the tumbleweeds on the west side of Town. He requested that the Town contact the landowner(s) regarding maintaining their property.

Discussion occurred on property owners maintaining their properties.

Mr. Ray Hartzel, Parks and Recreation Director said the Fishing Derby has been rescheduled for April 5, 2013. He attended the events that took place over the weekend in Florence, and all the events were well received.

The Department Reports were received and filed.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Presley Barnett and Ms. Ashley Warren stated they came to the Town Council meeting to experience a public meeting as part of their government class at Combs

High School, in which they attend as seniors. They requested to take a picture with the Council as verification of their attendance, which Council obliged.

CALL TO THE COUNCIL

Vice-Mayor Smith thanked the people in the Town who supported the Pinal County Historical Museum yard sale. He thanked the Town staff, Parks and Recreation Department, Fire Department, and Police Department for their assistance with the car show. He said the event was well received. They had 65 car entries and it will become an annual event.

Councilmember Woolridge thanked the community for supporting the Council's decisions and the decisions that she has made. It is very encouraging to know that she has the community support.

Mayor Rankin stated that he attended all four functions on Saturday, which included: Aero Modelers Fly Over, Car Show, Spring Festival and Town of Florence basketball event. He said it is nice to see community events and to see Florence on a positive growth. He said all the Council is working for growth in Florence.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

For the purpose of discussion of the public body with the Town Attorney and to receive legal advice from the Town Attorney regarding Ordinance No. 583-12 pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(4). And for the purpose of discussion of the public body to meet with the Town Manager to discuss organizational structure and roles and responsibilities pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1).

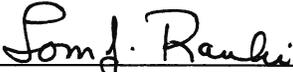
On motion of Councilmember Hawkins, seconded by Councilmember for Woolridge, and carried to adjourn to Executive Session.

ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

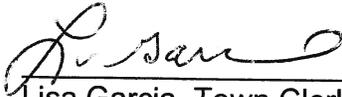
ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice-Mayor Smith, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.



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 March 18, 2013, and that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.



Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk