

MINUTES OF THE FLORENCE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2015, AT 6:00 PM, 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 6:02 pm

ROLL CALL:

Present: Rankin, Walter, Woolridge, Hawkins, Guilin, Anderson, Wall

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 comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing on Annexation No. 2015-02, more commonly known as the Bonnybrooke Solar Plant Annexation, area encompasses a land area of approximately 312.97 acres. The subject area is generally bound by the Bonnybrooke Road alignment to the north, Padilla Road to the west, the Quail Run Road alignment to the east and existing irrigation canals and the CAP Canal to the south.

Mr. Mark Eckhoff, Community Development Director, stated that the public hearing is for Annexation 2015-02, the Bonnybrooke Solar Project, requested by Solar Star Arizona VII, LLC, a subsidiary of SunPower Corporation System (SunPower) on behalf of the property owners MLC Farms, LLC, and the Clark Family Trust. He stated that staff filed the annexation packet with the Pinal County Recorder on July 29, 2015, and that the Town is required by Arizona State Statute to hold a public hearing within the last ten days of the thirty-day waiting period and was noticed per State statutes.

Mr. Eckhoff stated that the annexation consists of farm land with the intent to develop a 50 watt solar farm on the subject site which will have a positive fiscal impact to the Town. He stated that in September 2015, staff will request a Minor General Plan Amendment and a Planned Unit Development zone change that will permit this type of use. He stated that the annexation, General Plan Amendment and zoning change are

occurring concurrently allowing the project to move swiftly into the review of construction plans and into construction of the solar farm.

Councilmember Anderson inquired what the building was in the subject area.

Mr. Eckhoff stated that the building was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark which will be torn down if the annexation and solar farm are approved.

Mayor Rankin opened the public hearing.

There were no comments.

Mayor Rankin closed the public hearing.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments.

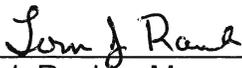
CALL TO THE COUNCIL

Councilmember Anderson expressed his appreciation to the Town for allowing Council to attend the League of Cities and Towns Annual Conference where he learned about what projects and issues other municipalities are working on and was somewhat embarrassed as they are way ahead of Florence. He stated he would like to see Council focus more on how to move the Town forward, encouraging industrial and residential growth. He stated he heard a lot of great ideas on how to get the youth of Florence involved and more citizen agreement with Town business.

ADJOURNMENT

Council may go into Executive Session at any time during the meeting for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Town's Attorney(s) on any of the agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

On motion of Councilmember Woolridge, seconded by Vice-Mayor Walter, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 pm.



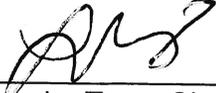
Tom J. Rankin, Mayor

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 August 24, 2015, and that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.



Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk

