

ACTION MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE FLORENCE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015, AT 5:00 PM, IN THE CHAMBERS OF TOWN HALL, LOCATED AT 775 NORTH MAIN STREET, FLORENCE, ARIZONA.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session, pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A)(1)(3) and (4) to discuss the following:

- 1. Position of Town Attorney**
- 2. Position of Town Manager**

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

4. ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

5. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD.

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

- a. Public hearing to receive public comment on the Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 1 Budget; and for Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Resolution No. MR CFD1 130-15: A RESOLUTION OF THE MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016.**

Chairman Rankin opened the public hearing. Chairman Rankin closed the public hearing.

On motion of Boardmember Woolridge, seconded by Boardmember Hawkins and carried to adopt Resolution No. MR CFD1 130-15.

- b. Public hearing to receive public comment on Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 1 Property Tax Levy; and second reading of Ordinance No. MRCFD1 112-15: AN ORDINANCE OF THE 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 \$100 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, 2016, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (First reading on July 6, 2015)

Chairman Rankin opened the public hearing. Chairman Rankin closed the public hearing.

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

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

7. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2 BOARD.

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

- a. Public hearing to receive public comment on the Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 2 Budget; and for Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Resolution No. MRCFD2 228-15: A RESOLUTION OF THE MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016.

Chairman Rankin opened the public hearing. Chairman Rankin closed the public hearing.

On motion of Boardmember Woolridge, seconded by Boardmember Guilin to adopt Resolution No. MRCFD2 228-15.

Roll Call:

Boardmember Woolridge: Yes
Boardmember Hawkins: Yes
Boardmember Guilin: Yes
Boardmember Anderson: No
Boardmember Wall: Yes
Vice-Mayor Walter: No
Mayor Rankin: Yes

Motion Passed: Yes: 5; No: 2

- b. Public hearing to receive public comment on Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 2 Property Tax Levy; and second reading of Ordinance No. MRCFD2 212-15: AN ORDINANCE OF THE 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 \$100 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 2016, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (First reading on July 6, 2015)

Chairman Rankin opened the public hearing. Chairman Rankin closed the public hearing.

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

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

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Public hearing to receive citizen comments on the property tax levy of the Town of Florence, and second reading of Ordinance No. 630-15: 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 \$100 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 2016, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; and roll call vote to consider a motion to levy the increased property tax on July 27, 2015. (First reading on July 6, 2015)

Mayor Rankin opened the public hearing. Mayor Rankin closed the public hearing.

On motion of Vice-Mayor Walter, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, to place Ordinance No. 630-15 for adoption on the July 27, 2015 agenda.

Roll Call:

Vice-Mayor Walter: Yes

Councilmember Hawkins: Yes

Councilmember Anderson: Yes

Councilmember Wall: Yes

Councilmember Woolridge: Yes
Councilmember Guilin: Yes
Mayor Rankin: Yes

Motion Passed: Yes: 7; No: 0

- b. **Public hearing to receive citizen comments on the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget; and for Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Resolution No. 1528-15: A RESOLUTION OF THE OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016.**

Mayor Rankin opened the public hearing. Mayor Rankin closed the public hearing.

On motion of Councilmember Hawkins, seconded by Councilmember Anderson, to adopt Resolution No. 1528-15.

Roll Call:

Councilmember Hawkins: Yes
Councilmember Anderson: Yes
Councilmember Wall: Yes
Councilmember Guilin: Yes
Councilmember Woolridge: Yes
Vice-Mayor Walter: No
Mayor Rankin: Yes

Motion Passed: Yes: 6; No: 1

- c. **Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to enter into an employment agreement with Clifford L. Mattice for the position of Town Attorney.**

On motion of Councilmember Woolridge, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, and carried to approve entering into an employment agreement with Clifford L. Mattice for the position of Town Attorney.

- d. **Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of entering into a separation agreement and the terms thereof with the Town Manager.**

On motion of Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Woolridge, to enter into a separation agreement and the terms thereof with the Town Manager.

Roll Call:

Councilmember Anderson: Yes
Councilmember Woolridge: Yes
Councilmember Wall: Abstained

Councilmember Guilin: Yes
Councilmember Hawkins: Yes
Vice-Mayor Walter: No
Mayor Rankin: No

Motion Passed: Yes: 4; No: 2; Abstained: 1

e. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of appointing an Interim Town Manager.

On motion of Mayor Rankin, seconded by Councilmember Guilin, and carried to appoint Lisa Garcia as interim Town Manager.

10.MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1 AND 2 BOARD.

On motion of Councilmember Woolridge, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, and carried to adjourn to Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 1 and 2 Board.

a. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session, pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for discussion with the Community Facilities District Attorney related to contract matters.

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

b. ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Boardmember Walter, seconded by Boardmember Guilin, and carried to adjourn from Executive Session.

11.MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1 AND 2 BOARD.

On motion of Boardmember Walter, seconded by Boardmember Hawkins, and carried to adjourn from the Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 1 and 2 Board.

12.MOTION TO 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 Maricopa County Superior Court: Town of Florence v. Florence Copper, Inc. CV 2015-0000325.

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

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

14. 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 Hawkins, seconded by Councilmember Anderson, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Posted this 15th day of July, 2015, on the Town of Florence website at www.florenceaz.gov by Maria Hernandez, Deputy Town Clerk.