

MINUTES OF THE FLORENCE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015, 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 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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.

Mr. Bruce Fenstermaker, 365 N. Princeton Court, Florence, Arizona, introduced himself as a Commissioner on the Planning and Zoning Commission. He requested that items h. and i. of the Consent Agenda be tabled and reconsidered so that he can produce more information for the Town Council. He requested an executive session, should the Town attorney approve it. He said it is downright disrespectful to tell him as a Commissioner what he is (inaudible) that the information that he is requesting is "too much" and "let's move on". He said when staff does that to him he cannot make an informed decision. He said he has all the documents with him at this meeting. He hopes the Council considers tabling items h. and i. that refers to Anthem and halt construction.

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 Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 1 Board.

Discussion and possible approval authorizing the District Manager to execute an Officer's Certificate, relating to Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 1 and the Indenture of Trust and Security Agreement dated July 1, 2012, to which it is a party, necessary for omitting the requirement of the Indenture Trustee to transfer certain monies to the Prepayment Account.

Mr. Michael Cafiso, Attorney with Greenburg Traurig, stated that in 2012 a bond transaction occurred for Assessment Area Five, and pursuant to the terms of the Indenture of Trust and Security Agreement, any proceeds remaining after three years were to be applied to the retired bonds. He stated that the work had been completed by Pulte Homes and the acquisition of infrastructure should have occurred with funds being distributed. The Trustee, Wells Fargo Bank, N. A., has requested the attached Officer's Certificate to accomplish the change in distribution of funds. The Officer's Certificate authorizes the Trustee to disburse certain monies as otherwise required by the Indenture instead of transferring the monies to the Prepayment Account to retired bonds.

Chairman Rankin inquired as the amount of funds that are left from the bond and was the omission on the part of the District and Pulte.

Mr. Cafiso stated that the amount is approximately \$250,000. He explained that it was Pulte's responsibility to collect their money; however, the District also receives reports on the bond accounts and no one inquired why there were still funds sitting on a three year old account. He stated that there are approximately 15 assessment areas in the District. Each bond for each area requires a plethora of paperwork. Pulte must convey each area to the District, and to have only one bond get overlooked is actually a complement to how well the process is working.

Chairman Rankin inquired if a process has been put in place to track all bonds to ensure that his type of oversight does not occur again.

Ms. Garcia, District Clerk, stated that staff is working with Pulte to develop a process that will better track all bonds.

On motion of Boardmember Guilin, seconded by Vice-Chairman Walter, and carried to approve and authorize the District Manager to execute an Officer's Certificate, relating to Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 1 and the Indenture of Trust and Security Agreement dated July 1, 2012, to which it is a party, necessary for omitting the requirement of the Indenture Trustee to transfer certain monies to the Prepayment Account.

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

On motion of Boardmember Woolridge, seconded by Vice-Chairman Walter, and carried to adjourn from Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 1 Board.

PUBLIC HEARING AND PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Garcia read Resolution No. 1562-15 by title only.

Public Hearing on a Minor General Plan Amendment to amend the Town of Florence's 2020 General Plan Future Land Use Map to change the land use designation from Open Space to Employment/Light Industrial on approximately a nine acre site that is located along the subject site's Diversion Dam Road frontage, which is generally bounded by Diversion Dam Road to the south, the Bonnybrooke Road alignment to the north, Padilla Road to the west and the Quail Run Road alignment to the east. Resolution No. 1562-15: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE BONNYBROOKE SOLAR PROJECT MINOR GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FOR CASE PZ-15-47-MGPA.

Mr. Mark Eckhoff, Community Development Director, stated that the amendment would change the land use designation on nine acres located along the subject site's Diversion Dam Road frontage from Open Space to Employment/Light Industrial in order to support a companion PUD zoning request for a proposed photovoltaic solar facility. He stated that staff has only received supportive comments and letters in favor of the change. The Planning and Zoning Commission has sent a favorable recommendation to Council.

Mayor Rankin opened the public hearing. There being no comments, Mayor Rankin closed the public hearing.

On motion of Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Walter, and carried to adopt Resolution No. 1562-15.

Presentation by Chris Knutsen, Assistant Superintendent, Florence Unified School District, regarding the Proposed Partial Consolidation and Plan for Coolidge/Florence School Districts.

Mr. Chris Knutsen, Assistant Superintendent, Florence Unified School District, stated that on the November 3, 2015 ballot will be a unique opportunity for the voters to consolidate portions of the Coolidge Unified School District (CUSD) located in the San Tan Valley into the Florence Unified School District (FUSD). Mr. Knutsen introduced Ms. Charie Wallace, Superintendent, CUSD to better explain the reasoning behind the request for consolidation.

Ms. Charie Wallace stated that the CUSD believes it would be a better use of public monies by detaching from their portion of the San Tan Valley schools and have FUSD absorb them due to declining enrollment and engagement of common culture. She stated as fiscal agents of the taxpayer's money, it is CUSD's responsibility to publicly report budget data and identify inefficiencies and based on the population of Coolidge, CUSD should only have one high school of 1000 students instead of two, one middle school of 800 students instead of two and two elementary schools of 800 students each instead of three. However, this model is not practical because of the 25 miles and the 45 minute drive between the Coolidge and San Tan Valley. She stated that due to economic restraint, CUSD has gone to a four-day school week which has had a negative effect on enrollment numbers which are down in the San Tan Valley schools.

Mr. Knusten stated that the FUSD has experienced significant increases in its enrollment numbers which is up to 8500 students. He stated that if the consolidation is approved by the voters, FUSD will inherit a \$16,000,000 debt that is owed for the construction of the schools in the San Tan area. If the consolidation is not approved, FUSD is conceptually approved to build a third high school to alleviate the overcapacity situation at Poston Butte High School which would most likely cost more than the debt CUSD would be transferring to FUSD. He stated with current growth in the Anthem area and the residential project south of Florence, the current schools in FUSD would experience at capacity or even overcapacity enrollment and the addition of the San Tan schools would alleviate the immediate need for a new high school and possible overcrowding at the current schools.

Ms. Wallace stated that if the consolidation is passed, the taxpayers in the Coolidge and San Tan areas transferring into FUSD would experience a reduction in their tax rate and the Florence taxpayers would experience an increase in their tax rate but the increase would be significantly less than what an increase would be for a newly built high school.

Councilmember Wall inquired as to how the enrollment numbers would be increased in the San Tan Valley schools and how transportation costs will be impacted.

Mr. Knusten stated that boundary lines would have be adjusted to alleviate the overcapacity enrollment at Poston Butte and with the consolidation, CUSD would be providing FUSD with 10 buses which will assist with student transportation.

Mayor Rankin inquired as to how far the FUSD District Office is from the San Tan Valley schools and what the assessed value will be of the FUSD if consolidated.

Mr. Knusten stated that the distance between the FUSD office and the San Tan Valley schools is 27 miles and currently they do not have the new assessed value rate and would provide that information to Council at a later date.

Mayor Rankin inquired how many out of boundary students FUSD has and what were the reasons for the decline in enrollment in the San Tan Valley schools.

Mr. Knusten stated that the FUSD has 200 out of boundary students this year.

Ms. Wallace stated that they believe there are three issues that caused the decline in enrollment:

- Changing to a 4-day school week
- Vass amount of competition for student enrollment from nearby public and private institutions
- The closure of Mount Vista middle school

Mayor Rankin stated that it was his understanding that all three areas; Florence Unified School District Boundaries, Coolidge Unified School District Boundaries and Coolidge San Tan Valley Transfer Area would need to approved the consolidation and inquired as to how much voting power the 36 square mile area of San Tan Valley had in the CUSD bond override election recently held.

Ms. Wallace stated that the area does not have the rooftops to control an election but they do have a strong voter response that allowed the voters in the San Tan area to control the last vote that denied the override even though the other districts did vote to approve it.

Mayor Rankin inquired as to what FUSD would have to do if the consolidation failed and the bond election failed for a new high school.

Mr. Knusten stated that the FUSD would have to bus kids into Florence High School, most likely busing from Copper Basin to Florence High School and maybe even from Walker Butte.

Mayor Rankin inquired if FUSD has to bus kids, would it look at reducing the number out-of-boundary kids it allows into the district each year.

Mr. Knusten stated that due to budget cuts over the last 8 years, the District needs the positive financial impact out-of-boundary students bring and because the K-8 schools are not at capacity, there is still space for the students. He stated that if the consolidation does not go through and the funding for a new high school is not approved in 2017, the District will be forced to look at all options to operate within the financial constraints it has been dealt and that could include closing school boundaries.

Mayor Rankin thanked Mr. Knusten and Ms. Wallace for attending the meeting and providing information to assist the voters of Florence with the upcoming election.

Presentation by the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce recognizing LB Cantina as the Business of the Month.

Mr. Jim Gilloon, Office Manager, Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Business of the Month, LB Cantina continues to support the community most

recently during the fire at the Desert Palm Apartments. He stated that the fire displaced three families totally 15 people. For three days following the fire, LB Cantina fed the families while they were finding safe housing and getting situated. He stated this selfless act and for their constant support of the community, the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce acknowledges LB Cantina as the Business of the Month.

Mr. Meehan, Owner of the LB Cantina, thanked Council, the Chamber of Commerce and the citizens of Florence for supporting the Cantina and allowing them to be a part of the community.

Mayor Rankin thanked LB Cantina staff for their positive contributions to the Town and their great food and service.

Acceptance of a 2015 Award of Merit from Arizona Forward for the Silver King Marketplace and Padilla Park Project.

Mr. Mark Eckhoff, Community Development Director, stated that staff and Ms. Bonnie Bariola attended the 35th Annual Environment Excellence Award Gala on September 12, 2015 where the Town of Florence and the Florence Preservation Foundation received on behalf of the Town, the Award of Merit for the Silver King Restoration and Padilla Park Development Project. He stated that the two projects were submitted as one comprehensive project and was one of 125 submittals with 48 winners.

Ms. Bonnie Bariola, Florence Preservation Foundation, stated that she was honored to represent the Florence Preservation Foundation and the Town of Florence at the Gala. She stated it took great effort on behalf of both groups to pull together the information needed to submit for the award including Environmental Planning Group, LLC, who consulted on the Padilla Park project. She stated that there were over 600 attendees at the award's ceremony where the project was showcased and covered in various media outlets.

Mayor Rankin thanked Ms. Bariola and Mr. Eckhoff for their work on the project and for representing the Town at the award ceremony. He stated that the restoration of the Silver King Hotel and the development of Padilla Park are an asset to the Town.

Presentation of Mayor's proclamation of appreciation.

Mayor Rankin presented to Ms. Bariola a proclamation of appreciation for her leadership in historic preservation within Florence for more than 25 years. He stated that Ms. Bariola was instrumental in applying for and receiving the first Arizona Heritage Fund Grant for the Chapel of the Gila Restoration project in 1990 and devoted more than 20 years to the restoration of the Silver King Hotel ensuring political and financial resources were available to complete the project. He stated that Ms. Bariola is a founding member of the Florence Preservation Foundation and represents the Town of Florence in historic preservation matters on a statewide level that includes membership

on the Arizona Preservation Foundation Board of Directors and the Arizona Heritage Alliance Board of Directors.

Mayor Rankin stated that Ms. Bariola has voluntarily submitted complex grant applications that resulted in more than \$1,000,000 in grants to restore historic buildings within Florence and on behalf of Town Council he wished to express their appreciation for the many dedicated years of service to the Town of Florence.

Mayor Rankin proclaimed September 25, 2015 as Bonnie Bariola Day and presented Ms. Bariola with the proclamation.

Ms. Bariola stated that she appreciated the unexpected award and acknowledgement.

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.

- a. **Authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Corrections Corporation of America, Central Arizona Detention Center and Florence Correctional Center to provide guidance to both the Florence Fire and Police Departments in the event of an incident that requires an emergency response.**
- b. **Authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement to participate in Pinal County Narcotics Task Force's ACJC Grant # DC-16-010 for the reimbursement of overtime and related expenses.**
- c. **Approval of the resignation of Shawn Gibson from Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.**
- d. **Approval of the resignation of Judy Hughes from the Industrial Development Authority.**
- e. **Recommendation of approval of the Coolidge-Florence Elks Lodge #2350 Special Event Liquor License Application for the Hell's Angels Demolition Derby, on Sunday, October 4, 2015, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, at the Charles Whitlow Rodeo Grounds.**
- f. **Recommendation of approval of the Coolidge-Florence Elks Lodge #2350 Special Event Liquor License Application for a community event for the Anthem at Merrill Ranch community, on Friday, October 16, 2015, from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at Anthem at Merrill Ranch Union Center.**
- g. **Recommendation of approval of the 100 Club of Arizona's Special Event Liquor License Application for the Anthem Celebrates the Arts event, on**

Saturday, November 14, 2015, from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm, at 3313 N. Anthem Way, Florence, Arizona.

h. Resolution No. 1563-15:

Ms. Garcia read Resolution No. 1563-15 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY ARIZONA, APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR MERRILL RANCH UNIT 53; 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.

i. Resolution No. 1564-15:

Ms. Garcia read Resolution No. 1564-15 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY ARIZONA, APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR MERRILL RANCH UNIT 50; 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.

j. Approval of the August 3, August 10, August 17, and August 24, 2015 Council minutes.

k. Receive and file the following board and commission minutes:

- i. July 9 and August 13, 2015 Arts and Culture Commission minutes.**
- ii. June 25, 2015 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes**
- iii. August 6, 2015 Planning and Zoning Commission minutes.**

On motion of Councilmember Woolridge, seconded by Vice-Mayor Walter, and carried to approve the Consent Agenda, as written, with the exception of item 7h. and 7i.

h. Resolution No. 1563-15: Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY ARIZONA, APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR MERRILL RANCH UNIT 53; 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.

Councilmember Anderson inquired if the one-year completion timeline starts from the date of this action or from the date of when the original plat was approved.

Mr. Eckhoff stated that when a preliminary plat is submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission for approval, the developer has one year to submit their civil engineering plans and their final plat application. Once all paperwork is submitted the civil engineering plans are approved, grading permit is issued and the final plat goes before Council for approval. He stated that a traditional subdivision insurance format is the use of Bonds or a Letter of Credit that are usually tied to a one-year completion stipulation. He stated that Pulte is utilizing a Certificate of Occupancy (C of O) hold which stipulates that the subdivision infrastructure will not receive its C of O until all subdivision improvements have been completed. He stated once the improvements are completed, the Town Engineer reviews the work and certifies the work has been completed per the warranty process.

Mr. Eckhoff stated that the process can be lengthy when developing a subdivision as it can take six months to a year for the preliminary plat process, another six months to a year for the final plat process and then the completion of the improvements. He stated that the work can begin during these phases with permits before final plat comes before Council which allows the developer to stay ahead of the process and meet their one-year deadline. He stated that normally a project is completed within a year of the final plat approval. What is unique with this request is that Unit 53 had been approved by Council prior but Pulte is requesting modifications to the plat to adjust to the uncertain housing market. He stated since Unit 53 Plat has not been recorded with Pinal County, the modification to the plat will replace the plat that was approved prior. He stated that Pulte will have the subdivision completed within a year from this approval.

Councilmember Hawkins inquired if the modification to the plat was reducing the number of homes and increasing lot sizes.

Mr. Eckhoff confirmed that Councilmember Hawkins was correct.

Councilmember Anderson requested that any type of plat requests going forward are not placed on the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Rankin instructed staff to place plat requests as a separate item on the agenda and not to include them in future Consent Agendas.

On motion of Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Walter, and carried to adopt Resolution No. 1563-15.

- i. **Resolution No. 1564-15: Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY ARIZONA, APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR MERRILL RANCH UNIT 50; 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 Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Walter, and carried to adopt Resolution No. 1564-15.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 635-15:

Ms. Garcia read Ordinance No. 635-15 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, EXTENDING AND INCREASING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 9, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 7, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, BY ANNEXING THERETO CERTAIN TERRITORY CONTIGUOUS TO THE EXISTING TOWN LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, ARIZONA, (BONNYBROOKE SOLAR PROJECT ANNEXATION NO. 2015-02). (First reading September 8, 2015)

Mr. Eckhoff stated that the next three items on the agenda are in regards to the Bonneybrooke Solar Project. He stated that the first item is the final step in the annexation process required by State Statute. The second item amends the Town of Florence Zoning Map by changing the zoning classifications of certain parcels of land from Pinal County General Rural Zone to Town of Florence Single-Residential Ranchette Zoning District. He stated that the third item; approving the Bonneybrooke Solar Project Planned Unit Development (PUD), will immediately replace the second item allowing for the solar project after a 30-day waiting period.

On motion of Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Woolridge, to adopt Ordinance No. 635-15.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Anderson: Yes
Councilmember Woolridge: Yes
Councilmember Hawkins: Yes
Councilmember Wall: Yes
Councilmember Guilin: Yes

Vice-Mayor Walter: Yes
Mayor Rankin: Yes

Motion Passed: Yes: 7; No: 0

Ordinance No. 636-15:

Ms. Garcia read Ordinance No. 636-15 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE TOWN OF FLORENCE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND FROM PINAL COUNTY GENERAL RURAL ZONE TO TOWN OF FLORENCE SINGLE-RESIDENTIAL RANCHETTE ZONING DISTRICT.

On motion of Vice-Mayor Walter, seconded by Councilmember Guilin, to adopt Ordinance No. 636-15.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice-Mayor Walter: Yes
Councilmember Guilin: Yes
Councilmember Anderson: Yes
Councilmember Hawkins: Yes
Councilmember Wall: Yes
Councilmember Woolridge: Yes
Mayor Rankin: Yes

Motion Passed: Yes: 7; No: 0

Ordinance No. 637-15:

Ms. Garcia read Ordinance No. 637-15 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE BONNYBROOKE SOLAR PROJECT PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (CASE PZ 15-48-PUD). (First reading September 8, 2015)

On motion of Councilmember Woolridge, seconded by Councilmember Wall, to adopt Ordinance No. 637-15.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Woolridge: Yes
Councilmember Wall: Yes
Councilmember Hawkins: Yes
Councilmember Anderson: Yes

Councilmember Guilin: Yes
Vice-Mayor Walter: Yes
Mayor Rankin: Yes

Motion Passed: Yes: 7; No: 0

Ordinance No. 639-15:

Ms. Garcia read Ordinance No. 639-15 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE FLORENCE TOWN CODE BY STRIKING SECTION 10.15 AND 30.45 TO 30.51 AND CREATING NEW SECTION 10.15 AND 30.45 to 30.53 ENTITLED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS. (First reading September 8, 2015)

On motion of Councilmember Woolridge, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 639-15.

Resolution No. 1561-15:

Ms. Garcia read Resolution No. 1561-15 by title only.

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE FLORENCE TOWN COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 21, 2015. (Item reviewed September 8, 2015).

On motion of Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Guilin, and carried to adopt Resolution No. 1561-15.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Councilmember Hawkins inquired if the Cuen Building project is on task and will the project meet the timeline stated in the deed restrictions.

Ms. Garcia stated that the project has exceeded the 100 day deed restriction and that Mr. Smallidge has been advised if the stabilization portion of the restoration project is not completed by the next regular Council meeting, the item will be brought to Council to advise staff on how Council would like to proceed. She stated that staff would like to see the project succeed and eager to work with Mr. Smallidge but there are deed restrictions and timelines that must be met and at this time, they are not.

Councilmember Anderson stated that he would be in support of having a work session to discuss the Town's position on incorporation and asked that a session be scheduled.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments.

CALL TO THE COUNCIL – CURRENT EVENTS ONLY

Vice-Mayor Walter thanked those in attendance at the meeting as there was a great deal of information provided regarding the upcoming FUSD consolidation election.

She welcomed the business owners of the Bonneybrooke Solar project to Town and stated that she would be working with the Mayor and Council regarding signage to assist with bringing patrons to the downtown area.

Mayor Rankin agreed with Vice-Mayor Walter that signage is very important to help drive traffic to local businesses. He reminded everyone that the Open House at the Community Center/Library facility would be on October 3, 2015 starting at 10:00 am. He asked citizens to submit their ideas to Town Hall for the 150th birthday celebration of the founding of Florence.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session will be held during the Council Meeting for legal matters pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4) as follows:

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 the consolidated litigation: Hollins v. Town of Florence, et al; Pinal County Superior Court Case No. CV2014-02265/02266; Dantico v. Town of Florence, et al; Pinal County Superior Court Case No. CV2014-02327.

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 the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona: Association of Florence Fire Fighters, International Association of Fire Fighters Local 4512 v. Town of Florence. (Case No. CV-15-00327-PHX-SPL)

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 2015-0001325.

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 regards to pending litigation in the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona: (Case No. CV-14-01304-PHX-DMF) Walt Hunter and Jarris A. H. Varnrobinson Von Zombie v. Town of Florence, et al.

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

ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Hawkins, seconded by Councilmember Anderson, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm.

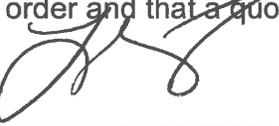


Tom J. Rankin, Mayor

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 September 21, 2015, and that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.



Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk