

**Minutes of the Town of Florence Council Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 1, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., in the Florence Town Council Chambers, located at 775 N. 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.**

Ms. Cathy Adam, Florence Resident, stated that the new library is invaluable and a wonderful gathering place for the Town. She attended the following events at the library: Pedro Guerrero's PBS Screening Special, the Town Hall sponsored by Police Chief Daniel Hughes, and an American Music Appreciation event. She stated that unfortunately, the Town Hall event was not well attended, and she commended Chief Hughes for sponsoring a wonderful event and for having his team present. She stated that Chief Hughes outlined his policing strategies and discussed Town problems. She hopes the Town Hall meetings will continue and encouraged the community to attend.

Ms. Adam stated that she is on the Home Tour Committee; the team has been working hard for the entire year, and have an excellent Home Tour planned.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Years of Service Award presented to Herb Padilla III, for 20 years of dedicated service.**

Mayor Rankin stated that Mr. Padilla has been assisting the youth for over 20 years and had been a Town volunteer with the Parks and Recreation Department for several years prior to starting his employment with the Town. He thanked Mr. Padilla for all that he has to done for the youth of our community.

Mr. Erasmo Mendivil, Recreation Programmer, stated that Mr. Padilla has been overseeing the Open Gym event for the Parks and Recreation Department for well over 20 years. He is an invaluable asset to the Town and his work is much appreciated. He congratulated Mr. Padilla for his years of service.

Mayor Rankin presented Mr. Padilla III with a plaque and a gift card as a token of appreciation for his service to the Town.

### **Presentation on Arizona City and Town Budgets: Your Input Matters!**

Mr. Gabe Garcia, Finance Director, played a video from the League of Cities and Towns, for the Council and the public to inform the public that their input matters when developing the budget. The video also explains how a budget is created.

**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.**

**Approval of the Caliente Casa Del Sol Property Owners Association's application for their Special Event Liquor License application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for their Casino Night event to be held on February 26, 2016, from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm, at the Caliente Clubhouse, 3543 Caliente Boulevard, Florence, Arizona.**

**Approval of the San Tan United Sports Academy's application for their Special Event Liquor License application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for their Spring Fling Community event to be held on March 5, 2016, from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm, at the Anthem at Merrill Ranch Community Park, 3313 N. Anthem Way, Florence, Arizona.**

### **Approval of Resolution No. 1577-16:**

Ms. Lisa Garcia, Deputy Town Manager/Town Clerk, read Resolution No. 1577-16 by title only.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE MAP OF DEDICATION FOR GENERAL DRIVE, 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.**

**Approval entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Town of Florence Fire Department and Central Arizona College for Fire Service Excellence and the State of Arizona for the Firefighter I & II Program.**

**Approval of accepting the register of demands ending December 31, 2015, in the amount of \$3,940,444.52**

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On motion of Vice-Mayor Walter, seconded by Councilmember Guilin, and carried to approve the Consent Agenda as written.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Board and Commission appointments to and authorization to continue to accept applications until all seats are filled.**

Ms. Lisa Garcia stated that the Clerk's Office has been advertising for the various boards and commissions vacancies since October 2015. She stated that all applications that have been submitted to date have been processed. There is an appointment process that is set up through the Town Code; however, there were not multiple applicants received for each of the vacant seats so staff has brought the applications to Council for direct appointment.

**Appointment of Chris Reid, Lynn Smith, Betty Wheeler and K. Natasha Schmidt to the Historic District Advisory Commission with terms to expire December 31, 2018.**

On motion of Councilmember Woolridge, seconded by Councilmember Wall, and carried to appoint Chris Reid, Lynn Smith, Betty Wheeler and K. Natasha Schmidt to the Historic District Advisory Commission with terms to expire December 31, 2018.

**Appointment of Denise Kollert to the Joint Library Advisory Board with a term to expire December 31, 2017.**

On motion of Councilmember Woolridge, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins and and carried to appoint Denise Kollert to the Joint Library Advisory Board with a term to expire December 31, 2017.

**Appointment of Don H. Pinson to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with a term to expire December 31, 2018.**

On motion of Councilmember Woolridge, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins and and carried to appoint Don H. Pinson to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with a term to expire December 31, 2018.

**Appointment of Gary J. Pranzo, Larry Putrick and Carl Bell to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term to expire December 31, 2018.**

On motion of Councilmember Woolridge, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins and carried to appoint Gary J. Pranzo, Larry Putrick and Carl Bell to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term to expire December 31, 2018.

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Brent Billingsley, Town Manager, recognized and congratulated the following employees:

- Mr. Jason Joynes, who will serve in a temporary capacity as the Wastewater Treatment Superintendent for both wastewater plants.
- Mr. Mark Eckhoff, Community Development Director, who was appointed to the Population Technical Advisory Committee at Maricopa Association of Governments.
- Mr. Jason Penrod, Senior Building Inspector, for passing the ICS 100, ICS 200, and ICS MAG 300 exams.
- Officer Kyle Kaker for 10 years of dedicated service.
- Sergeant William Tatlock for 10 years of dedicated service.

Mr. Billingsley announced that Ms. Rosemary Bebris, Library Director, has returned to work from her absence.

Mr. Billingsley recognized the Fire Department for their mutual aid response with the Coolidge Fire Department in which they assisted them in freeing individuals that were trapped in a vehicle which was in a running river.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the Diversion Dam Road project has started. The contractor, R. K. Sanders, mobilized on January 25, 2016. The project is multi-phased and the first phase is upgrading the local road to a major collector that will include widening of the road, turn lanes, lighting, drainage and curbs and gutters. The phase will take approximately five months to complete.

Mr. Billingsley stated that an event occurred two weeks ago at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant in which one of the effluent pumps malfunctioned. This caused an electrical failure which caused backflow onto a property. He stated that he is very proud of the response that was provided by the Public Works staff. He thanked the staff for their quick and professional response.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the Southwest Gas project for reconstructing and upsizing gas lines throughout Florence is ongoing. They will be in Florence for a number of months doing upgrades.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the Town is doing three different housing rehabilitation projects. He said he was present at the event where the property owner was handed the keys to her newly expanded home. He said this had to be the neatest event that he has ever attended in his 20 year of service in government. He commended everyone for their work on this project.

Mr. Billingsley provided a status update on the other two housing rehabilitation projects. One house is expected to be completed within one month and the other has completed demolition and is scheduled to begin pouring concrete this week.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Community Development**

**Courts**

**Finance**

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**Fire  
Library  
Parks and Recreation  
Police  
Public Works**

The Department Reports were received and filed.

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no public comments.

### **CALL TO THE COUNCIL – CURRENT EVENTS ONLY**

Councilmember Wall stated that the events at the library have been well organized and very informative, educational, and entertaining. She encouraged everyone to attend the events.

Councilmember Anderson thanked Mr. Billingsley and Mr. Joynes for the tour of the wastewater facilities.

Vice-Mayor Walter invited everyone to attend the Home Tour on February 13, 2016. She stated that the committee is still seeking volunteers for the event. She wished Sergeant Pankey well on his retirement and commended him for all that he has done for the community.

Mayor Rankin stated that plans are being formulated for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. He invited the public to attend the meetings and provide input for the events. He stated that the meetings will be advertised.

### **ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An Executive Session will be held during the Council Meeting for the following reasons:

For legal matters pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4) 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 legal matters pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4) 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 a Community Facilities District Application.

For legal matters pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A)(3), (A)(4) and (A)(7) for the purpose of discussion and consultation with the Town Attorney and designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives and the Town Attorney regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property.

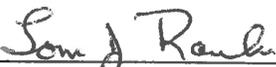
On motion of Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins and carried to adjourn to Executive Session.

**ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilmember Woolridge, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm.

  
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Tom J. Rankin, Mayor

**ATTEST:**  
  
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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 February 1, 2016, and that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

  
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Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk