

Minutes of the Town of Florence Council Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., in the Florence Town Council Chambers, located at 775 N. Main Street, Florence, Arizona. The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rankin called the meeting to order at 6:04 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.

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation on the Arizona Ranger Program by Jim Huber.

Mr. Jim Huber, Arizona Ranger Program, provided a brief presentation of what the Arizona Ranger Program is and what their mission and goals are. He provided a brief history of how the first regional law enforcement effort in Arizona occurred in 1901 when the Territory Governor organized Arizona. The force entailed no more than 26 individuals at any given time. He stated that they were dis-banned in 1909 and then reorganized in 1957 by some of the original Arizona Rangers. He stated that 22 years later, due to various concerns, the Arizona Highway Patrol was instituted as a branch of the Arizona Highway Department, and it began with the Arizona Rangers. The Arizona Rangers were officially recognized in 2002 when then Governor Jane Hull signed Legislative Act 41.

Mr. Huber stated that the goal of the Arizona Rangers is to provide help, relief, and offer their support, especially to small towns. They have provided support to the Town of Hayden during

their 100 Year Anniversary of the Catholic Church and to the Town of Kearny for their Pioneer Days event as well as the Kearny river fire.

Mr. Huber stated that his purpose for presenting at the Council meeting is because they know small towns are having financial problems and the Police Departments are looking at them for support. He stated that they survive solely on donations and a portion of the donations received are given back to various charities as well as to support families that are struggling.

Mr. Huber stated that all of the Rangers are volunteers and offer law enforcement support and assistance civilian auxiliary for the State of Arizona. They work cooperatively at the request and under the direction, control, and supervision of established law enforcement agencies. They also provide support and community service to preserve the tradition, the honor, and the history of the original Arizona Rangers. He stated that he has met with Police Chief Daniel Hughes.

Presentation by the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce recognizing The Fudge Shop, as the Business of the Month.

Mr. Jim Gilloon, Executive Director, Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce, recognized The Fudge Shop (Florence Fudge Shop) as the Business of the Month. He said that they are very involved in the community, especially with the Loveworks Pregnancy Center. He said the money raised from the business benefits the Mosaic Church.

Ms. Doretta Allison, General Manager, thanked everyone for their support and the Town for allowing them the privilege of the location for their restaurant in the historic hotel. She stated that they offer great customer service. She said the money from the restaurant does not benefit the Mosaic Church but supports Loveworks Pregnancy Center which is also in Florence. She thanked the Chamber for their recognition.

Presentation from the 150th Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. Bryan Hughes, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that the Ad Hoc Committee has met twice and have invited community members, business leaders and Councilmembers to attend the meetings. He stated that the first meeting entailed an idea gathering session. They narrowed the ideas on the second meeting and focused on the existing events to make it more of a marketing effort. He said new events were discussed including a Native American Rodeo, Classic Car Show, Military Appreciation Day and a New Year Eve Spectacular. He said some of the new events are not budgeted for and will require sponsorship. Approximately 70 letters were sent out to potential sponsors.

Mr. Hughes stated that logos were discussed and forwarded to Council for consideration. The logos were also released to the local newspaper for publication in this week's edition. The Committee is also trying to generate revenues through the sale of banners that would go up on street poles throughout Florence, Anthem and Florence Gardens. He stated that merchandising is also a consideration for generating revenue. The Masonic Lodge and Sons of the American Legion attended the meeting and are interested in assisting, specifically with the Military Appreciation Day. The Mounted Posse is interested in assisting with the Native American Rodeo. He stated that the Committee has good partners and there may be others as well as they progress.

Mayor Rankin inquired about social media.

Mr. Hughes stated that the Committee formed a sub-committee to determine how they can reach people through social media in addition to traditional marketing resources.

Mayor Rankin stated that the Committee is planning a lot of things and is trying to accomplish them through donations. He asked the Committee to follow-up with a phone call to those who letters were sent to. He stated that the next meeting will be January 28, 2016. It is his goal is to have an awesome New Year's event.

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 Coolidge-Florence Elks Lodge 2350 Special Event Liquor License applications to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for their Special Events to be held on January 23, 2016, from 3:00 pm to 12:00 am, at Anthem at Merrill Ranch Union Center, 3925 N. Sun City Boulevard, Florence, Arizona, and on February 14, 2016, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, at Charles Whitlow Memorial Rodeo Grounds, 4900 S. Highway 79, Florence, Arizona.

Approval of the Pinal County Historical Society's Special Event Liquor License applications to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for their Special Events to be held on February 26, 2016, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and on March 3, 2016, from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm, at the Pinal County Historical Museum, 715 S. Main Street, Florence, Arizona.

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 Spring Fling Fundraiser to be held on February 20, 2016, from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm, at 3520 S. Dakota, Florence, Arizona.

Approval to suspend the Town of Florence Special Event Vendor Permit rules for the Road to Country Thunder event and allow the 100 Club to coordinate the vendors for a fundraiser on April 2, 2016.

Approval of the Pinal County Property Use Agreement for use of the vacant lot located at 383 N. Main Street for the Road to Country Thunder event on April 2, 2016.

Approval of the Town of Florence 2016 General Plan Amendment application and hearing schedule.

Approval of the December 7, and December 21, 2015 Council minutes.

Receive and file the following board and commission minutes:

November 19, 2015 Planning and Zoning Commission minutes.

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On motion of Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Walter, and carried to approve the consent agenda, as written.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public comments.

CALL TO THE COUNCIL – CURRENT EVENTS ONLY

Councilmember Anderson encouraged citizens to get involved in the community by volunteering to be on a committee as it is very rewarding and educational. He thanked Mr. Mark Cowling for the good publicity and encouraged everyone to subscribe to the newspaper.

Councilmember Guilin thanked the employees and administration for the hard work they are doing on the budget. She stated that she receives routine updates and they are doing a fantastic job.

Councilmember Hawkins stated that the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce had their new book published. It is aesthetically pleasing and he liked the pictures that were included.

Councilmember Wall encouraged citizens to make sure they are registered to vote. She stated that there is a Presidential Preference Election as well as other elections coming up and you will not be able to vote unless you are registered.

Vice-Mayor Walter stated that there are many events in the near future and asked everyone to get involved as well as patronize local businesses.

Mayor Rankin thanked staff for working together. He stated that there are three elections this year. The May 17, 2016 election is very important because it is to ensure that we have the finances available to continue to provide the services.

Mayor Rankin stated that Council and staff will go out and inform the public about the elections.

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 Town Attorney and designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives and Town Attorney regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property.

To provide the annual evaluation of the Town Clerk/Deputy Town Manager pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A)(1).

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

ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Guilin, seconded by Councilmember Anderson, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm.



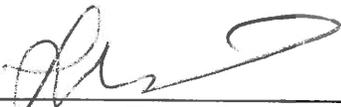
Tom J. Rankin, Mayor

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 January 19, 2016, and that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.



Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk