

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016, AT 5:00 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 5:02 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

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 2015-000325.

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 Arizona Department Environmental Quality proceedings.

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 the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona: (Case No. 2:14;cv-01304-PHX- BSB) Walt Hunter and Jarris A. H. Varnrobinson Von Zombie v. Town of Florence, et al.

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 regards to an application to the Community Facilities District and related procedures.

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

ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

Public Hearing on a Conditional Use Permit request by Chris Newman, on behalf of the property owner, John Offt, to allow for an indoor commercial recreation facility within the Downtown Commercial Zoning District at a property located at 301 North Main Street, Florence, Arizona, AKA, APN 200-49-003B; and Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to adopt Resolution No. 1581-16.

Ms. Lisa Garcia, Deputy Town Manager/Town Clerk, read Resolution No. 1581-16 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR AN INDOOR COMMERCIAL RECREATION FACILITY WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT AT A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 301 NORTH MAIN STREET, FLORENCE, ARIZONA, AKA, APN 200-49-003B(PZ-16-22 CUP). (Mark Eckhoff)

Mayor Rankin opened the public hearing.

Mr. Jim Tchida, Florence Resident, stated that he is in favor of the resolution and felt that the service was a good fit for the Town of Florence. He stated that Highway 79 is the heart of Main Street; 8th Street needs attention, Ruggles Street is fine and 1st Street is a disaster. He stated that 8th Street is a major artery coming from Highway 79 and that with all of the correctional officers working east of Highway 79, 8th Street needs to be nice coming to Main Street.

Mayor Rankin stated that there was discussion about competition between the Town and private enterprise; however, there is no competition. He stated that the services offered at their facility are not the same as those offered by the Town. He stated that he is familiar with the program as a family member has utilized the services and thinks it is an outstanding program.

Mayor Rankin closed the public hearing.

On motion of Councilmember Hawkins, seconded by Councilmember Guilin, and carried to adopt Resolution No. 1581-16.

Public Hearing to receive public comments on the Alternative Expenditure Limitation/Home Rule Option and First Reading of Resolution No. 1582-16.

Ms. Garcia read Resolution No. 1582-16 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, PROPOSING AN ALTERNATIVE EXPENDITURE LIMITATION/HOME RULE OPTION. (Gabe Garcia)

Mr. Gabe Garcia, Finance Director, stated that tonight is the first of two public hearings in preparation for the August election. Cities and towns contemplating the adoption of an alternative expenditure limitation/Home Rule are required to hold two public hearings for comments on the proposed action. The Home Rule option will allow the Town Council to set its own expenditure limitation for a four year period beginning Fiscal Year 2017/2018 through Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

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

Resolution Copper Presentation by Andrew Taplin, Project Director. (Brent Billingsley)

Mr. Brent Billingsley, Town Manager, stated that an article was published in the local paper, approximately six weeks ago discussing a facility that Resolution Copper plans to build in the future. He stated that the facility will not be located within the Town's municipal boundary or planning area. Meetings were held with Resolution Copper for further clarification. Resolution Copper requested to come before the Council to provide an update.

Mr. Andrew Taplin, Project Manager, Resolution Copper, provided a presentation, in which he discussed the following:

- Safety performance on the project
 - Safety is their number one priority
 - Recognized by the National Mining Association with the Centennials of Safety Award
 - Nationally acknowledged for safety performance by the National Mining Association
 - Had three injuries (that required medical treatment and employees are back to work at full capacity)
 - Have had a good injury-free period since
- Permitting process for the project
 - Project is being developed on federal land
 - Are required to follow the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA)
 - Prior to commercial mining and prior to the exchange of 2,400 acres of land, they are required to go through a full NEPA evaluation.
 - Submitted mine plan of operations in November 2013
 - Rigorous review over a 12 month period
 - Completed December 2014

- March 18, 2016, the Federal Register had an entry indicating that the Forest Service will commence the public comment process for the Resolution Copper Project
- Public scoping meetings have commenced
- Comments will be accepted through May 17, 2016
- Four meetings to been held
 - Queen Valley - last week
 - Superior – April 4, 2016
 - Globe – April 5, 2016
 - Gilbert – April 6, 2016
- Four ways the public can get involved during the comment period
 - Mail comments to the United States Forest Service
 - Email comments
 - Comments can be submitted on the website
 - Fax/voice mail comments
- Will be in NEPA process for five years
- Will provide continual updates
- Proposed filter plant site
 - Owns approximately 550 acres that has been identified as a potential filter plant site
 - Currently zoned as residential and employment land
 - Going through the process to rezone as employment which is required for the type of development that they are proposing
 - Optimal location due to proximity to railway and marker corridor
 - Located approximately seven miles northeast of Magma Junction and accessed via Skyline Road or Highway 79
 - Will take approximately two years to complete
 - Will employ approximately 100 employees during construction
 - Will employ approximately 30 people at the filter plant during the 40-year life of the mine

Mr. Taplin explained the mining process from extraction to transport of final product. He stated that the crushed copper ore will be a mixture, including approximately 35% water, and will reduce the moisture to content to approximately 8% before transporting it via rail. He stated that there will be mostly buried concentrate pipeline from Superior to the plant site. At maximum capacity, there will be approximately 110,000 tons of dried concentrate in a covered storage facility at the location. There will be a number of environmental protections associated with the facility. The facility will be fully enclosed to prevent airborne emissions and will be regulated by the Pinal County Air Quality Control Department. Cars will be loaded inside buildings to prevent dust and reduce noise. Storm water containment ponds will be required for all contact water on the property and facilities and will be regulated by Arizona State Aquifer Protection Program. He stated that there will be several prevention plans in place as well.

Councilmember Anderson inquired about the return pipe.

Mr. Taplin stated that there will be a concentrate pipe which goes down the marker corridor from Superior to the filter plant. There will a small diameter return water line that will go down the

same railway corridor and return the water back up to the processing facility for reuse. He stated that there is also a requirement for potable water for the workforce.

Councilmember Anderson inquired if there will be any residue or runoff left at the plant.

Mr. Taplin stated that any water that comes in contact with the footprint of the installations will be caught and returned for recycling.

Councilmember Hawkins stated that ponds will be strictly used for storm water collection and not hold solutions from the process.

Mr. Taplin confirmed that the ponds will be used for storm water collection. He stated that the process that will be used will be mechanical and explained the process that will be used.

Councilmember Wall inquired if the pipe would go under US 60 and State Route 79.

Mr. Taplin stated that the pipe would be mostly underground except for a few areas due to the terrain.

Councilmember Wall inquired if there would be pumping stations to move the concentrate.

Mr. Taplin stated that there will be pumping stations to move the concentrate.

Presentation by Moore and Associates on the Central Arizona Regional Transit System and the development of a Five-Year Transit Development Plan. (Jess Knudson)

Mr. Jess Knudson, Assistant Town Manager, stated that Florence is a member of the Central Arizona Regional Transit System (CART). The Town is in partnership with Central Arizona College, Pinal County, and the City of Coolidge to provide transit services to residents in the region.

Mr. Knudson stated that CART was awarded a grant, through ADOT, to review operations and where they want to be in the next five years. He stated that Mr. Moore of Moore and Associates, will present his findings and solicit comment from the Council on the CART system and how they want to progress.

Mr. Jim Moore, Moore and Associates, stated that his firm was retained to develop a Transit Development Plan, which is a five year business plan for the continuing development of the CART Program. He provided a presentation, in which he discussed the following:

- Project Goals
 - Objective, comprehensive evaluation of CART and Cotton Express performances
 - Blueprint for future service development
 - Identify potential future funding opportunities
 - Recommendations for future CART governance
- Community Engagement
 - Direct mail survey to 1,500 households

- 15% Response of household surveys
- Stakeholder roundtables: Casa Grande, Coolidge, Florence
- Mobile outreach: 10 locations throughout service area
- Project webpage
- Article in local newspapers
- Initial Community Input (CART)
 - More frequent service (weekdays)
 - Weekend service
 - Increase marketing/outreach activities
 - Express/peak-hour (weekday) service to employers in Casa Grande
 - Florence - Expand/introduce service to:
 - San Tan Valley
 - Eleven Mile Corner Road
 - Arizona City
 - Florence - Anthem and Florence Gardens
 - Randolph Road
 - Imagine Charter School
 - CAVIT
 - Coronado Apartments
 - Youth Center
 - Arizona Training Center
- Additional Community Feedback
 - Establish local circulators in Florence or Casa Grande
 - Develop partnership with larger employers in Casa Grande (to support express/peak-hour service)
 - Investigate partnership with Gila River Indian Community
- Governance Analysis – CART
 - IGAs with Coolidge, Florence, Pinal County, and Central Arizona College
 - IGA expires in September 2016
 - Other governance options
 - Expand IGA to include additional partners
- Next Steps
 - Finalize service evaluation
 - Present initial recommendations to IGA partners
 - Develop Preferred Service Plan
 - Prepare Financial and Capital Plans
 - Present draft report to the community
 - Finalize project report

Councilmember Anderson stated that the hope is to get people from outside communities to utilize the water park and it would be great if transportation were available.

Mr. Moore stated that transportation to the water park has been discussed and is being considered for some of the routing recommendations.

Vice-Mayor Walter inquired if the surveys were sent to the three distinct populations in Florence.

Mr. Moore stated that the surveys were sent to residents in Anthem, Florence Proper, and Florence Gardens. More surveys were sent to the Florence residents than the other areas. He stated that the survey was available in English and Spanish and the mailer included a postage-paid response envelope to encourage participation.

Vice-Mayor Walter inquired if there were ways that feedback could be provided by those who were not solicited for that survey.

Mr. Moore stated that the survey is available online and the project webpage is still being maintained and will remain in place until the project is complete. He added that they have received many surveys online from throughout Pinal County. They have also received several comments and questions about the project through the online project webpage.

Vice-Mayor Walter inquired if the information could be included on the Town's website should residents wish to complete the survey. She stated that she shares the same concerns as Councilmember Anderson and would like to see local and regional transportation combined.

Mr. Moore stated that the recommendation made thus far is to have the CART end near the Holiday Inn Express area and then have a separate bus that would only focus on Florence, Florence Gardens, and the Anthem area that would make time connections with the bus by the Holiday Inn Express. This would provide more service in the Florence area and still be able to maintain on-time performance with the long line service. He stated that this is one of the first recommendations being offered.

Vice-Mayor Walter inquired how much was the ADOT grant.

Mr. Moore stated that he does not know how much the grant was for but their fee is approximately \$150,000 and is inclusive of all costs.

Mr. Knudson stated that Mr. Moore will be unveiling the five year plan and recommending potential additional services for the Florence area. He stated that the costs for the additional services will need to come before Council. He stated that the renewal of the IGA will come before Council on the April 18, 2016 Town Council meeting.

Mr. Knudson stated that there is a link to the survey on the Town's website and on its Facebook page.

Mayor Rankin inquired as to why Casa Grande is not a member when the service runs to different locations within their municipality.

Mr. Knudson stated that the CART service goes into Casa Grande, partly due to some sponsorship as well as County services that are identified within Casa Grande. He stated that meetings have taken place with the City of Casa Grande and they are renewing conversations with them and are hopeful to bring them in as an additional partner.

Mayor Rankin inquired if more buses will need to be purchased if Casa Grande joins.

Mr. Knudson stated that in the short term the system would be the same; however, in the long term there could be some changes that would take place to increase the number of buses and ridership.

Mayor Rankin inquired if the plan is adaptable to change.

Mr. Moore stated that the most interesting or beneficial aspect of the study is that it provides a variety of service enhancements that can be implemented singularly or collectively. It can also be done on a phased basis in response to demand or funding.

Presentation from the 150th Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee. (Mayor Rankin and Bryan Hughes)

Mr. Bryan Hughes, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that the Road to Country Thunder event was successful. He stated that many residents and visitors attended the downtown event. He thanked the Council, Country Thunder, KMLE 107.9 and everyone for their assistance in making it a great event.

Mr. Hughes stated that upcoming events include the Movies in the Park at Padilla Park which will feature the movie Inside Out on April 16, 2016. There will also be a Water Safety Day event at the Aquatics Center on April 30, 2016. Both events are free.

Mr. Hughes stated that the Committee is continuing to look at new events for the fall and are pleased to be working with many community organizations. The Committee continues to seek sponsorship for the various events. They currently have approximately \$200,000 available and an equal amount in in-kind services. They are still selling their memorabilia and the banners.

Mayor Rankin stated that they have one camper who utilized the dry camp this week. He is hoping that more campers will utilize this service in the future. He stated that there was only one incident at the Road to Country Thunder event. He stated that he was pleased to see everyone who attended the 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.

- a. **Authorization to purchase two Barnes 6XSHDK4044 influent submersible pumps, for the Utilities Department, from Pump Systems, in an amount not to exceed \$28,868.84. (Jason L. Joynes)**
- b. **Approval of Amendment No. 3 to extend the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona State Parks Board and the Town of Florence for McFarland State Historic Park operations. (Jennifer Evans)**

- c. **Proclamation declaring April 2016 as Fair Housing Month in the Town of Florence. (Jennifer Evans)**
- d. **Authorization to reenter into a Cooperative Agreement with the State Forester, superseding all previous Memorandums of Understanding and Cooperative Agreements for the protection of its forests and wildlands. (David Strayer)**
- e. **Approval of accepting the register of demands ending February 29, 2016, in the amount of \$1,538,301.83. (Gabe Garcia)**

On motion of Vice-Mayor Walter, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins and carried to approve the Consent Agenda, excluding item b.

- b. **Approval of Amendment No. 3 to extend the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona State Parks Board and the Town of Florence for McFarland State Historic Park operations. (Jennifer Evans)**

Councilmember Anderson stated that a Jr. Ranger Program was added and inquired what that program entailed.

Ms. Jennifer Evans, Management Analyst, stated that the Jr. Ranger Program is a program through Arizona State Parks and each park participates in it. The program is specific to each park. State Parks will work with local staff members to develop the Jr. Ranger Program specifically for McFarland State Park. The program will include special activities for the children where they have the opportunity to earn a badge at the end of their visit.

Councilmember Anderson inquired about the additional costs for the construction of a wall and other improvements.

Mr. Evans stated that the improvements will be funded by Arizona State Parks.

On motion of Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Walter, and carried to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona State Parks Board for McFarland State Historic Park operations.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of the Town Council Argument in favor of Proposition 408 to be placed in the Special Election Publicity Pamphlet. (Lisa Garcia)

Ms. Garcia stated that this is an opportunity in which to review the argument one more time prior to voting on it. She stated that this is the argument that Council will submit for the publicity pamphlet. She stated that the Town has placed four advertisements to date for arguments to be received; however, no arguments, either in favor or against, have been received. Anyone wishing to submit an argument has until April 20, 2016 in which to do so. The argument must include a \$200 deposit.

Vice-Mayor Walter stated that the packet states that arguments for or against ballot measures may be filed with the Town Clerk no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, April 18, 2016.

Ms. Garcia stated that April 18, 2016 would be the correct date; however the deadlines states April 20, 2016. She will correct the typographical error.

On motion of Vice Mayor Walter, seconded by Councilmember Wall, and carried to approve the argument in favor of Proposition 408.

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of authorizing the Town Manager to negotiate and enter into a contract with Holbrook Asphalt Company to provide HA5 high density mineral bond pavement preservation treatment, striping, crosswalks, and other lines and symbols on Merrill Ranch Parkway, in an amount not to exceed \$175,139.81. (Jess Knudson)

Mr. Knudson stated that the item is for pavement preservation for Merrill Ranch Parkway from Hunt Highway to Felix Road. The product to be used is called HA5, which is a very dark product. The contract includes striping, symbols and traffic control on Merrill Ranch Parkway. The product was applied in other areas in the Anthem community and has held up nicely. The Town is piggybacking off of the competitive bid pricing with El Mirage's contract. The total includes a 10% owner's contingency.

On motion of Councilmember Guilin, seconded by Councilmember Wall, and carried to authorize the Town Manager to negotiate and enter into a contract with Holbrook Asphalt Company, to provide HA5 high density mineral bond pavement preservation treatment, striping, crosswalks, and other lines and symbols on Merrill Ranch Parkway, in an amount not to exceed \$175,139.81.

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of authorizing the Town Manager to negotiate and enter into a contract with Cactus Asphalt, through a Pinal County cooperative contract, to provide polymer modified asphalt paving, in an amount not to exceed \$208,059.28. (Jess Knudson)

Mr. Knudson stated that the Town is requesting to piggyback off of Pinal County's contract as well as some work that is going on in Pinal County for paving. The Town can save on mobilization and other project management costs because they are already mobilized in the area. The project will be for 2.7 miles of roadway inclusive of Dogwood Road, Butte Avenue east of Highway 79, Adamsville Road from Main Street to west of Tohono O'odham Village and Orlando Street in front of the Florence K-8 school. The total includes a 10% owner's contingency.

Councilmember Anderson inquired what is being done for 1st Street and 8th Street and other roads in the downtown area.

Councilmember Hawkins stated that the roads that are being proposed in the request are in bad condition and worse than the roads that Mr. Tchida referenced in his comments.

Councilmember Anderson inquired if the proposed roads to be repaired are worse than 1st Street.

Councilmember Hawkins stated that the roads are worse than 1st Street. He stated that 1st Street is not breaking up like Dogwood Street.

Councilmember Anderson stated that he was inquiring about what is being done to improve the downtown area and that nothing is being done to improve that effort.

Councilmember Hawkins stated that quite a bit of work has been done in the downtown area in the last few years, including the crosswalks and sidewalk curb variations.

Mayor Rankin stated that 1st Street and 8th Street are within the Town's plan. He stated that Florence Heights Road needs to be addressed as it may be the worst street in Town. He inquired if the application to the streets will be different than what will be used in the Anthem area.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the application and materials that will be used on the roads is high volume. He explained that the application and materials must be put on certain types of streets with a certain type of condition, with a certain amount of structure underneath those streets and a certain type of damage. Florence Heights Road is seriously being considered and hopes that the Town is in a financial position to come before Council next year with a comprehensive solution for Florence Heights. Florence Heights has some major issues including right-of-way and drainage. The Town must be mindful of those items from an engineering perspective before the Town spends money on trying to fix the road. He stated that he saw an engineering concept of Florence Heights Road last week and has met with an engineer that did some design on it years ago from a hydrology perspective.

Mr. Billingsley stated that 1st Street is another priority and is complicated because utilities need to be repaired before they can repave 1st Street. It has drainage problems and massive failures as a result of utilities' trenches. The technology being utilized will not be helpful on 1st Street because of these issues. This project will require significantly more money, time and engineering to repair. He stated that 1st Street is also a top priority.

Mayor Rankin asked for some type of beautification work to be done on 1st and 8th Streets along with the street sweeper going through the area periodically.

Councilmember Anderson is not disputing the work that is being proposed but would like to see more things done in a faster time frame.

Vice-Mayor Walter stated that this is why it is important for the plan to come into play with regards to identifying which roads are going to be repaired and how they will be repaired. She discussed the various roads in the Anthem area that are in need of repair.

Mr. Billingsley stated that he has worked with staff to determine where the highest priorities in the Anthem area are in terms of seal coat. He explained that the second priority is Parcels 9

and 11, as determined by field work. The area has been crack sealed twice. A price quote was sought to utilize HA5 in that area; however, it was cost prohibitive. He explained that there is another area that needs to be completed before this area and they are hoping to have the resources to do it next year.

Councilmember Anderson inquired what funding source will be used.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the funding will be from the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF).

On motion of Councilmember Guilin, seconded by Vice-Mayor Walter, and carried to authorize the Town Manager to negotiate and enter into a contract with Cactus Asphalt, through a Pinal County cooperative contract, to provide polymer modified asphalt paving, in an amount not to exceed \$208,059.28.

Discussion regarding potential treatments at intersections on North Main Street and adjoining crosswalks, to properly accommodate equestrian traffic. (Brent Billingsley)

Mr. Billingsley stated that a number of things have occurred regarding the intersections on Main Street, including:

- Saw cutting of asphalt and concrete
- Decorative concrete
- Application of an epoxy-based coloring substance and cure added to those area which resulted in challenges with parades and slickness after rain storms
- Abrasive course (aluminum silicate) was placed in crosswalks to reduce the opportunity for slippage in the crosswalk areas.

Mr. Billingsley stated that he is looking at potential solutions. He stated that testing was done to sandblast panels that contained the product to see if it would be appropriate for horses. The subsurface of the street is concrete and the removal of the slick surface would expose the concrete. A sample is available for review for Council's future consideration of sandblasting the decorative areas.

Mayor Rankin stated that the sandblasting will cause some loss of color; however, it is for safety reasons. He stated that you will not be able to dance on the area once it is sandblasted because it will wear out the bottoms of shoes.

Councilmember Anderson stated that he is concerned about people's safety with regards to utilizing the crosswalks when the crosswalks are wet.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the area will turn black once the sealant is removed because of the tires driving across it.

Councilmember Anderson suggested that the outside edges be painted.

Mayor Rankin requested that the area be fixed.

Councilmember Hawkins stated that he was unaware that epoxy was going to be applied. His understanding was that more stain was to be added and that concrete can be stained once it is poured. He stated that adding the epoxy was a mistake.

Councilmember Guilin stated that the repairs need to be made.

Vice-Mayor Walter asked that the Council be kept abreast of how the repairs will be made.

Councilmember Hawkins asked that staff contact the City of Scottsdale to find out what it is they use on their crosswalks.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the epoxy product used on the Town's streets is the same to what was used in the City of Scottsdale. He does not know if they have issues with horses or slippage.

Vice-Mayor Walter asked staff to investigate more on the product being utilized in Scottsdale and to provide alternatives before a decision is made.

Councilmember Wall stated that the public is used to seeing a clearly delineated crosswalk. If the Town elects to only do the sandblasting, the cross walks will look just like the roadway. She would like to see the crosswalks marked the way the public is used to seeing them.

Mr. Billingsley stated that there are three different colors, even if they sandblast it:

- One color in the intersection
- One color where you walk
- Gray concrete sections that would constitute the lines under a typical street, similar to Scottsdale, Glendale, Peoria and Mesa without striping on top.

Mr. Billingsley stated if the Town elects to sandblast, he suggested that Council look at it after the fact to determine if it is clearly delineated. He stated that if they are not clearly delineated, staff can add a thermal plastic to those areas.

Mayor Rankin stated that painting on concrete wears faster than painting on asphalt.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Billingsley read a letter received, which read:

"On behalf of the Arbor Day Foundation, I write to congratulate Florence on earning recognition as a 2015 Tree City USA. The residents of Florence should be proud to live in a community that makes planting and caring of trees a priority. Florence is more than one of 3,400 Tree City USAs with a combined population of 140 million people. It started in 1976. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation and partnership with the US Forest Service and the National Association of Foresters.

It is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year. In honor of this milestone, a National Public Awareness Campaign is being executed across the country, including a strong emphasis on

media relations and social media contests, which are referenced in a tool kit received by your state coordinators.

As a result of your commitment and effective urban management, you already know that the trees are vital to the public infrastructure of cities and towns throughout the country, providing numerous environmental social and economic benefits. In fact, trees are the one piece of the community infrastructure that actually increases in value over time.”

Mr. Billingsley read an email from Mr. Harvey Krauss, Eloy City Manager, which stated:

“Brent,

Thank you for allowing your staff to arrange a tour of your recreation and library building on Wednesday morning. It is a very impressive facility and I am sure that your Mayor and Council, staff and citizens are all very proud of it.

Mayor Rankin and your Councilmembers were very gracious and hospitable. On behalf of Mayor Belloc, Councilmember Galindo and staff, I want to express our appreciation for the time that Bryan, Lisa and Rose took out of their busy schedules to visit with us. Thanks again.”

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Community Development

Courts

Finance

Fire

Library

Parks and Recreation

Police

Public Works

Councilmember Anderson stated that there was a comment about updating the Chicken/Fowl rules in the Community Development Report. He wants to ensure that this does not conflict with any HOA rules. He inquired if the parking citations can be broken down separately in the Police Report.

Mr. Daniel Hughes, Police Chief, stated that they will break down the parking citations by quantity and by area.

The Department Reports were received and filed.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public comments.

CALL TO THE COUNCIL – CURRENT EVENTS ONLY

Councilmember Anderson stated that renovations have started on the apartments in the downtown area. The residents are excited about the renovations.

Councilmember Guilin stated that 1st Street and 8th Street are unsightly and does not believe that it has to do with the roadways, but rather with the private property owners. She stated that this needs to be addressed soon because it is a terrible sight down those streets, especially 8th Street, where there is a beautiful church and park.

Councilmember Hawkins thanked staff and everyone involved in making the Road to Country Thunder a success.

Councilmember Wall stated that it was nice to see so many people on Main Street having a great time.

Vice-Mayor Walter stated that she really enjoyed speaking and singing Happy Birthday to the Town of Florence at the Road to Country Thunder event. She stated that there are many exciting things coming up, including an important election. The Council has several speaking engagements that are for the entire community. She stated that there will be a speaking engagement on April 6, 2016, at Sun City, April 12, 2016, at Anthem Parkside and a budget Worksession on April 11, 2016.

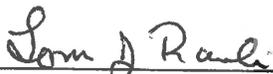
Vice-Mayor Walter stated that staff did an amazing job with the Road to Country Thunder event. She thanked the staff and volunteers for doing a tremendous job.

Vice-Mayor Walter stated that there are three Council seats and the Mayoral seat up for election should anyone wish to run. Packets are available in the Clerk's Office.

Mayor Rankin stated that there was a small brick building, which housed an adobe structure, in near proximity to the Pinal County Administration No. 1 building. Pinal County was preserving the adobe structure and SHPO had even made comments about the preservation of the building even though it is outside of the Historical District. He stated that Pinal County tore the structure down on Saturday, April 2, 2016. He stated that he does not understand why the building was leveled and is concerned that Pinal County did not reach out to the Town or to the Historic District. He would like communication with Pinal County with regards to the historical properties.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Hawkins, seconded by Vice-Mayor Walter, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.



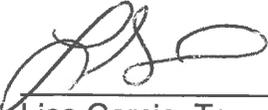
Tom J. Rankin, Mayor

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 April 4, 2016, and that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.



Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk