

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 6, 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 6:04 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.

PUBLIC HEARING AND PRESENTATION

Public hearing on an application received from Kevin Arnold Kramber, Green Tree Inn & Suites, located at 240 W. Highway 287, Florence, Arizona, for a transfer of a Type 7 Beer and Wine Liquor License, and for Council recommendation for approval or disapproval of said license.

Ms. Lisa Garcia, Deputy Town Manager/Town Clerk, stated that staff has posted this location for 20 days prior to tonight's meeting. Staff is requesting that Council postpone the public hearing to the June 20, 2016 Town Council meeting.

Ms. Garcia stated that staff is working with the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control, as well as the applicant, with regards to licensing before staff can make a proper recommendation.

Mayor Rankin opened the public hearing.

Ms. Garcia stated the the facility, previously known as the Holiday Inn, is asking for a personal transfer underneath the Title 7 license versus a Title 11 license. She stated that there are different requirements that need to be met. The Town will meet with the State on June 14, 2016, to find out if the transfer is a person-to-person transfer and the location is not considered, or whether or not the Town Council is supposed to consider the location and all rules associated with the location.

Councilmember Hawkins stated that he thought that the hotel had not applied for a license previously because of their proximity to the high school.

Ms. Garcia stated that the facility currently has a beer and wine liquor license. The application before the Council is for an applicant-to-applicant transfer and the applicant is the same. The only change is for the business name which changes from Holiday Inn to Green Tree. She said the original license was approved in 2013 by both the Town Council and the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.

Discussion occurred with regards to the proximity of the Florence High School and nearby churches.

Ms. Garcia stated that she will include a map with distances in the upcoming Council packet. She noted that inspectors will be onsite at the meeting.

On motion of Vice-Mayor Walter, seconded by Councilmember Guilin, and carried to table the application to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control to the June 20, 2016 Council meeting.

Public Hearing on the use of Fiscal Year 2016 Community Development Block Grant Regional Account/State Special Project funds, as required for submission of the grant application.

Ms. Jennifer Evans, Management Analyst, stated the Town is eligible to apply for \$278,483 from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Regional Account (RA) Funds through the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH). The Town applies for these funds every two years and partners with the City of Winkelman who split the ability to apply every other year. She stated that the Town is wrapping up the 2014 Fiscal Year funds in which the Town was able to complete the rehabilitation of four homes.

Ms. Evans stated that they are soliciting input from the public on the use of 2016 CDBG Funds. She stated that the first properly noticed public hearing was held at Town Hall on August 11, 2015, and they received input from two residents who were supportive of doing additional housing rehabilitation projects. Another resident supported doing commercial rehabilitation projects on Main Street. There was also staff input that included improvements to the Florence Senior Center as well as the new library.

Ms. Evans stated that tonight is the second and final public hearing. She stated at the June 20, 2016 Town Council meeting, staff would like to forward a resolution to Council

for approval to use the funds for a specific project. The following projects have been proposed by the citizens and Town staff:

- Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation in the Town of Florence
- Infrastructure Improvements – Fire Hydrant and Water Line Replacement

Councilmember Anderson inquired about the additional \$300,000 in funding.

Ms. Evans responded that the \$300,000 is a separate fund as part of the CDBG program, and that application cycle occurs in the early spring months. She stated that typically, there is approximately \$300,000 available to apply for similar types of projects.

Councilmember Anderson stated that it is his understanding that there are problems with the Senior Citizen van and that there is money available through grants for transportation, handicap, and disability needs.

Ms. Evans stated that a senior citizen van has been mentioned before; however, she would need to check the eligibility requirements. There are funding priorities that are established by ADOH and their allocation priorities are 41% for public infrastructure projects; 29% for housing rehab, and smaller portions that the Town would have to find how it would fit in one of the categories.

Mayor Rankin stated that the funding is very competitive for the State Special Projects (SSP) funds.

Mr. Brent Billingsley, Town Manager, stated that if the Town wants to purchase an elderly and persons with disabilities van, there is a grant source called Section 5310 Program and the Town should be applying to that program for the van. It is a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Formula fund.

Mayor Rankin opened the public hearing.

Ms. Evans stated that she received input from the public this morning, and read into the record an email she received from Bonnie Bariola, President, Florence Preservation Foundation:

“On behalf of the Florence Preservation Foundation, I am requesting the Town designate some of the CDBG Funds to assist owners of downtown commercial buildings - both occupied & unoccupied - to bring their buildings up-to-code so they can be occupied or made safer. Do not make it really difficult for the owners to utilize the funds - for example, if a Business Plan is needed, the grant monies could pay for the Business Plan. Perhaps emphasize fire protection be done for the buildings since that seems to be the biggest issue the Town is having with the owners now.

The Silver King Marketplace needs to have the bricks repointed and the Carriage House needs a complete rehabilitation so funds could also be made available for these

purposes. Some of the interiors of the four suites also need additional updates, too. Utilizing the funds for these purposes would benefit all residents of the Town.

This would provide Economic Development for the Town to have additional businesses open plus would encourage tourism if more buildings had a viable business in them, and I believe Historic Preservation is one of the suggested things CDBG funds can be used for. Those buildings would be "open to the public" which I believe is required for the funds.

Bonnie Bariola, Florence Preservation Foundation"

Mayor Rankin inquired how many homes were provided services in the last cycle. He also inquired if there are still names of people on the list who have qualified or could qualify in the upcoming cycle.

Ms. Evans responded that four homes were rehabilitated. She stated that she believes a new qualification process needs to be done as there were two additional families who qualified; however, there were not enough funds available to finish their projects. There are potentially two more homes that may qualify as well. If the Town wanted to do housing rehabilitation it would be beneficial to open the process back up to the public and re-qualify everyone because the standards have changed slightly.

Mayor Rankin inquired if public infrastructure can be considered as a project.

Ms. Evans stated that public infrastructure can be considered as a project.

Mayor Rankin inquired how much can be done with the \$278,000 with regards to replacing the fire hydrants, water lines, etc. in order to get sufficient water supply to the hydrants.

Mr. David Strayer, Fire Chief, stated that Main Street is problematic due to the flow and there are low flow areas in the downtown area. He said he would defer the costs to Mr. Billingsley to answer.

Mayor Rankin inquired if Mr. Strayer considers where the water is not flowing properly to be a health, safety and fire hazard for the community,

Mr. Strayer stated that under the current arrangement, the Town needs to do something about the low flow for those buildings. He stated that there are other options available and will provide a presentation to the Council when the time is right to discuss the options in terms of drastically improving the fire safety of the downtown area.

Mayor Rankin stated that under the CDBG item, he would like to see the presentation.

Mr. Billingsley stated that a number of things are being considered at this time. He stated that if Council votes to have staff move forward with infrastructure, it is important to point out that there is a prioritization associated with what the funds can be used for.

Some infrastructure is easier to fund than others. He stated that he has done two fire improvement projects in Maricopa with CDBG funding inclusive of a hydrant replacement project, specifically, the competitive funds and a portion of a water tank and water line improvement project.

Mr. Billingsley stated, in terms of Florence, there are three specific things that are very important, which include. The three specific items include:

1. Undersized waterlines in this Town: In terms of fluid dynamics, the larger the pipe, the more flow and pressure you can generate; it also assists with storage in the system. In terms of duration of flow where the amount of time and amount of water pressure can be fed to a building. You are not supposed to have, under current standards, a fire hydrant on a line that is smaller than six inches. He said the Town has a number of lines in Town that are three and four inches that have hydrants. There is a whole number of water lines that could be replaced for fire flow requirements for public safety.
2. Fire Hydrants and infrastructure: the Town, through the Fire Department, had done a study and flow tests on all public fire hydrants in Florence, including those that are with Johnson Utilities. Staff is currently assembling data for private hydrants. Any owners of private hydrants are required to do flow tests once per year. They are going to present that data to the Chief and the information will be put into the Town's GIS system. The Town will have that data available in the fire trucks as part of the dispatching. There are a number of areas where the Town has lower flows and old hydrants that need to be replaced. In addition, in some portions of Town, we can certainly utilize an upgraded booster system to boost pressures to assist in fighting fires. Staff has already talked about the need for the booster project at Well # 5, or where the old water tower is. The fact that the booster is set up is archaic could certainly be part of an infrastructure upgrade.
3. Provision of Infrastructure in the Historic Downtown to assist in trying to save those buildings: There are opportunities not only to take a look at the infrastructure that is downtown, but to provide things like common risers. In order to get taps to those mains behind those buildings and install the infrastructure. If the Town were to provide taps for fire sprinkler systems for all of the buildings downtown or common risers for the buildings downtown, it would significantly reduce the costs to the property owner to sprinkle those buildings.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the above are some samples of the projects that could be completed based on that application. Staff would do that in a way to utilize the funds that are available and give ourselves the opportunity to ask Council for additional funds through RCIP.

Chief Strayer stated that staff has a good idea of where the problem areas are and have a high confidence level of what needs to be done.

Mayor Rankin stated that he would like to see a presentation prior to making a decision. Council needs to have all the information they can prior to making a decision on the CDBG application.

Mayor Rankin closed the public hearing.

Ms. Garcia stated that staff is requesting direction as to which project(s) Council is requesting in order to draft the resolution for Council's consideration at the next Council meeting. She inquired if Council would prefer that staff provide two resolutions with options for Council to consider on the floor. Staff needs to prepare the documents for the next meeting and add it to the agenda.

Mayor Rankin inquired when the deadline was to submit the application.

Ms. Evans responded that the grant application deadline is August 1, 2016.

Mayor Rankin inquired if Ms. Evans will have sufficient time to submit the application if the item is approved at the June 20, 2016 Council meeting.

Ms. Evans responded that she would have sufficient time.

Ms. Garcia stated that staff was planning on bringing a resolution forward at the June 20, 2016 Town Council meeting for adoption selecting their choice of project(s). Staff can prepare two resolutions: one for housing rehabilitation and one for infrastructure improvements, and Council can choose their preference by adopting one of the two resolutions.

Councilmember Wall requested to see an estimate of the cost for the rehabilitation and an estimated cost for the infrastructure improvement.

Vice-Mayor Walter inquired if there are any other grants that may assist with the fire hydrant and water line improvements so staff can go after both projects through two different entities.

Councilmember Guilin stated that she believed the funding for the fire hydrants and water line replacements are in the utility water fund. She added that she is not sure if they are still included or have been removed. She understood that the money for these types of projects was to be drawn from this fund. She stated that the risers for the fire suppression could be included in the grant; however, the other portion should be through the water fund.

Mr. Billingsley stated that it could be funded out of the enterprise funds for water, but staff was hoping to not impact the enterprise fund and utilize other funds so they can hold the balance for other projects.

Councilmember Guilin stated that the monies that are collected from the water user fees are supposed to be used for these purposes such as fire hydrants and water line replacements.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the Town has lots of projects and only \$5 million. It is estimated that the total for all the projects equates to approximately \$40 million. He stated that staff is trying to complete as many projects as possible.

Ms. Evans responded to Vice-Mayor Walter's question regarding grants. She stated that there may be other grants but she would need to verify funding possibilities.

Vice-Mayor Walter stated that Jake Sample is an avid grant writer and may be a resource to reach out to.

Mr. Billingsley stated that WIFA is another option; however, it would be for a loan. He stated that if the Town has money in the water fund, it would be better to spend our money rather than to take out a loan to do a project. He is not familiar with any other grants aside from SSP and CDBG to use for the infrastructure projects.

Vice-Mayor Walter stated that last owner-occupied housing rehabilitation project was done on a first come first serve basis. She inquired if that had changed to some type of rubric based on necessity.

Ms. Evans stated that the process needs to be re-evaluated and changes will need to be made.

Presentation from the 150th Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. Bryan Hughes, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that they have several events planned for the upcoming six months.

Ms. Alison Feliz, Recreation Programmer, stated that at the Fourth of July Freedom Fest event the pool will be open from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm with festivities starting at Heritage Park at 3:00 pm. There will be various tournaments, food vendors, a live band and the fireworks display will start at 8:30 pm.

Ms. Feliz discussed other upcoming events, which include:

- Movie in the Park
 - The Good Dinosaur
 - September 17, 2016
 - Aquatics Center Multi-Purpose Field
- Movie in the Park
 - Zootopia
 - October 15, 2016
- Halloween Fright Fest
 - October 31, 2016
 - Trying to get local organizations to run the game booths

- Food Vendors will be present
- Pumpkin Carving Contest
- Costume Contest
- Jr. Parada Parade
 - November 26, 2016
- Christmas on Main
 - December 2, 2016

Mr. Hughes outlined the proposed upcoming events, which include:

- Florence Carnival
 - The four-day carnival would lead up to the annual Halloween Fright Fest held on Halloween night.
 - Cost to the Town: \$500 for marketing only
 - Thursday-Sunday, October 27-30, 2016 at Heritage Park
- Military Appreciation Day
 - All present and past military personnel are invited to Heritage Park as we honor their service.
 - There will be various speakers from the community, food and merchandise vendors, music and activities lined up for all to enjoy.
 - Cost to the Town: Estimated \$3,500
 - Working with the American Legion and Masonic Lodge
 - November 5, 2016 at Heritage Park
- Barrel Racing and Roping Event
 - Coordinate with Pinal County Mounted Posse to bring a new barrel racing and roping event to the Whitlow Rodeo Grounds.
 - Cost to the Town: Estimated \$3,500
 - Date to be determined; however it will be at the rodeo grounds
- New Year's Eve Spectacular
 - This street festival will close out 2016 in style featuring live entertainment, food vendors, and more.
 - Wrap up the night with a small fireworks display
 - Similar to Road to Country Thunder event
 - Cost to the Town: Estimated \$10,000+
 - Saturday, December 31st @ Historic Downtown Florence

Financial Summary

- Revenues (Sponsorships) - \$23,135
- Expenditures: Year to date
 - Banners - \$4,404
 - Merchandise - \$1,176
 - Future Events
 - Carnival - \$500
 - Barrel Racing & Roping Event - \$3,500
 - Military Appreciation Day - \$3,500
 - Street Festival - \$10,000

Mr. Hughes thanked the sponsors for their generosity. He stated that the meetings take place on the fourth Wednesday of every month and the next meeting will be June 22, 2016 at 5:00 pm.

Mayor Rankin stated that the big event will be the New Year's Event which will be a family 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.

Ratification to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Florence and the Florence Unified School District #1, for joint-use of recreation facilities effective March 1, 2016, for a two year period.

Authorization for disposal of all items, as listed on the June 2016 disposal list, as set by policy.

Approval of accepting the register of demands ending April 30, 2016, in the amount of \$1,978,661.74.

On motion of Councilmember Woolridge, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, and carried to approve the Consent Agenda, as written, with the exception of Item A.

Ratification to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Florence and the Florence Unified School District #1, (FUSD) for joint-use of recreation facilities effective March 1, 2016, for a two year period.

Councilmember Anderson is pleased that the Town and the school are sharing facilities, but is curious as to what benefit the Town receives in the partnership.

Mr. Hughes stated the the Parks and Recreation Department utilizes space at the Florence K-8 and Anthem K-8 schools for the After the Bell Program. They also utilize the gymnasium at the Florence K-8 School for open gym, youth basketball and other similar programs. An analysis of the Town's use and FUSD's use was completed and the Town uses their facilities quite a bit more than the school uses the Town facilities.

Vice-Mayor Walter stated that it is a great opportunity especially when two governmental organizations can work together. It saves the taxpayers money.

On motion of Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Wall, and carried to approve entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Florence and the Florence Unified School District #1, for joint-use of recreation facilities effective March 1, 2016, for a two year period.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 1586-16:

Ms. Garcia, read Resolution No. 1586-16 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, CANVASSING THE VOTES AND DECLARING AND ADOPTING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON MAY 17, 2016.

Ms. Garcia stated that the Town has 4,687 registered voters. She stated for the May 17, 2016 election, 2,065 voters cast their votes, for a 44% voter turnout. She stated that of those voters, 1,460 voted yes, 464 voted no and 141 were under votes. Under votes means it is people who chose not to vote that ballot measure for that election. She stated that 76% of the voters that cast votes voted yes and 24% of the voters voted no. She said by majority, the election was successful and staff is recommending that Council adopt Resolution No. 1586-16.

On motion of Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Guilin, and carried to adopt Resolution No. 1586-16.

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of consideration of council member items requested for inclusion in the 2016-2017 tentative budget.

Mr. Gabe Garcia, Finance Director, provided a presentation on the additional items presented for consideration, which included:

- General Fund Budget Update

Estimated Fund Balance: June 30, 2016	\$5,237,668
Projected Revenues Fiscal Year 2016-2017	\$14,784,648*
Projected Expenditures Fiscal Year 2016-2017	\$14,716,584*
Estimated Revenues to Expenditure	\$68,064*
Estimated Fund Balance: June 30, 2017	\$5,259,189*

*These are estimated changes based on revised revenue estimates and more accurate personnel costs.

- Background Discussion

- Proposed tentative budget was presented to Council at a work session.
- After this session, staff received four additional requests that require Council direction.
- If all Council requested projects were added to the General Fund under a Council line item, the projected \$64,064 surplus would become a \$58,436 deficit that would require the use of Town savings to balance the budget.
- To aid in Council's decision, staff has looked at alternatives to ensure we maintain a balanced budget.

- Value of Council requests

Project Name	Amount
East Valley Partnership	\$2,500
Façade Program	\$50,000
Lighted School Zone Beacons	\$30,000
Intersections (Main Street)	\$40,000
Total Requests:	\$122,500

- Option to help maintain a balanced budget

General Fund	Effect
Add East Valley Partnership	\$ 2,500
Remove Pinal Governmental Alliance	(\$1,500)
Total change to General Fund	\$ 1,000

Grant Fund	Effect
Add Façade Program	\$50,000
Add Lighted School Zone Beacons	\$30,000
Total change to General Fund	\$0

Staff could search for grants for the Façade Program and the lighted school zone beacons in the upcoming fiscal year. Should no funding sources be available, both items can be budgeted for in the following fiscal year.

HURF Fund	Effect
Add intersection (Main)	\$40,000
Total change to HURF	\$40,000

- Revised projected revenue to expenditures

	Current Reserves	Revised Reserves
General Fund	\$68,064	\$67,064
Grants Fund	\$0	\$0
HURF	\$686,498	\$646,498

Councilmember Wall stated that she would prefer to use the word “reserves” rather than “surplus” and to not deplete its reserves.

Vice-Mayor Walter stated that she agreed with Councilmember Wall and inquired what are the pros and cons for the East Valley Partnership versus what the Town currently has.

Mayor Rankin stated that the value is economic value.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the Town is not and has not participated in the Pinal Governmental Alliance. He stated that there is a value in discontinuing that \$1,500 regardless of what Council chooses.

Councilmember Woolridge questioned the cost of membership. She stated that she saw the cost to be \$3,500 in the information packet provided.

Mr. Billingsley stated the fee is \$2,500 due to the Town's size and population.

Mayor Rankin stated that the information packet provided thoroughly explains the value it provides in being a member. He stated that the growth pattern of the community needs to be reviewed. The membership opens a lot of doors to organizations that the Town did not have access to before. He stated that the Town has seen many incentives by joining Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) such as refinancing and a street sweeper valued at \$175,000.

Mayor Rankin stated that he cannot elaborate on all of the benefits that the Town will reap from joining the East Valley Partnership; but he wasn't able to elaborate on the benefits of joining MAG were when the Town first joined them either. He stated that he believes the East Valley Partnership will be instrumental with regards to the North South Corridor.

Discussion occurred on how each of the items will be funded and the possibility of grants for some of the projects.

Discussion occurred on projects on Main Street and the possibility of extending them to south Main Street.

Councilmember Guilin stated that staff needs to prepare a policy on the façade program on how the monies will be awarded. She stated that there is a lot of technicalities involved and how much can be awarded to each individual.

Discussion occurred on a façade program, guidelines and legal issues.

Mr. Billingsley stated that he agreed with the need for a policy for the façade program. He stated that it could easily take six plus months to create the guidelines and work out the legal issues. He stated that it is against the Constitution of the State of Arizona, under the gift clause, to use General Fund monies for a façade program.

Discussion occurred on funding possibilities for a façade program.

Mr. Garcia explained how grant funding operates and how it is incorporated into the budget.

Vice-Mayor Walter inquired if the \$40,000 for the Main Intersection project will affect other budgeted projects, as there are several roads in dire need of improvement.

Mr. Billingsley explained how the HURF monies are utilized. He stated that it would not impact the other projects.

Mr. Billingsley explained how the \$40,000 total was derived and that the amount is not a do not exceed amount.

Councilmember Hawkins inquired if the provisions would be made to see if it is possible for the Public Works staff to do the work in house before it is contracted out.

Councilmember Guilin asked where the flashing beacons will be located.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the beacons will be located at the entrances to the school zones at the elementary school.

Mr. Jess Knudson, Assistant Town Manager, stated that it would be for four signs at Anthem K-8 and eight signs at Florence K-8.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the Town has approved the Manual for Uniform for Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), which are the federal standards for traffic control. Some of the equipment may not comply with the MUTCD, and would require an engineering design to ensure that it is correct and in compliance to protect the Town from liability.

Vice-Mayor Walter inquired if the Town has communicated with the Florence Unified School District (District) with regards to the beacons.

Mr. Billingsley stated that staff went on site with the District and discussed the school zones at length.

Discussion occurred on where the locations of the beacons would be.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the beacons would be in locations other than where cross guards are present. He stated that it was the District's perspective that they did not believe that there was a history of complaints or safety concerns from the parents. He stated that the beacons would be above and beyond what is required at school crossings.

Councilmember Anderson stated that the beacons would be in areas where there is school speed limit.

Councilmember Hawkins inquired why this project is being proposed since the schools are not having any problems nor did the District approach the Town. He inquired if the request was made by a Councilmember.

Mr. Billingsley stated that this project was proposed by a councilmember.

Councilmember Anderson stated that the problem is the parents. He stated that they are driving with children in the crosswalks and they have almost hit the cross guard on several occasions.

Discussion occurred on enforcement within the problematic areas as well as forwarding these issues to the District.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the District stated that they had received no complaints.

Councilmember Anderson stated that he has spoken with the two individual cross guards at the Anthem K-8 School and they have addressed their concerns to the principal.

Councilmember Hawkins stated that this project should be on hold until they get a request from the District.

Councilmember Woolridge stated that there will be people who speed through the school zones periodically. She stated that this project is a want and not a need and until the budget is in better shape, she believes this project can be put on hold.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the project is allowable under the MUTCD and there is a design standard for flashing beacons. The beacons would enhance the safety under the MUTCD. The idea of flashing beacons was not discussed with the District. They discussed the school zone, crosswalks, speed limits, the implementation and the desire to move locations of crosswalks for the students.

On motion of Councilmember Woolridge, seconded by Councilmember Guilin and carried to authorize the following to the Tentative Budget document:

General Fund:

Add East Valley Partnership membership	\$2,500
Remove Pinal Governmental Alliance	(\$1,500)
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Total change to General Fund:	\$1,000

Grants Fund:

Add Façade Program	\$50,000
Add Lighted School Zone Beacons	\$30,000
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Total change to General Fund:	\$ 0

Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF)

Add intersection (Main)	\$40,000
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Total change to HURF	\$40,000

Resolution No. 1588-16:

Ms. Garcia, read Resolution No. 1588-16 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, ACCEPTING A PROPERTY EASEMENT FOR TOWN DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF STATE HIGHWAY 79 AND THE MAIN STREET EXTENSION AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION BY THE TOWN MANAGER OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.

Mr. Mark Eckhoff, Community Development Director, stated that the request is for acceptance of an easement to allow for a Town directional sign on the northwest corner of where the new Main Street extension reaches State Highway 79. The sign will be two sided and work for traffic coming in both directions. Staff has worked with the property owners, Yole, LLC and they have provided an easement to the Town at no cost. A surveyor prepared a legal description for the site and marked where the sign would go. He stated that there is no time frame on the easement other than at some point they have other plans to develop the property and would notify the Town that the Town would a certain timeframe in which to remove the sign from the site. The Town does not foresee any eminent development on the property at this time.

Mr. Eckhoff stated that the directional sign will assist motorists in using the extension to get them into the central business district. Staff researched signage and has provided three options for Council to review. One option depicts the courthouse, the other a rodeo, and the last has the Town logo. The signs are constructed the same and the cost is similar in price. Along with the cost of the sign is an option to add solar electrical to each option for illumination. Staff recommends that the signs be lit.

Mr. Eckhoff discussed the similarities and differences of each of the three options. He stated that the cost may vary slightly; however, none of the options will exceed \$16,000.

Discussion occurred on the colors, styles, height, illumination, and wording of the sign.

On motion of Vice-Mayor Walter, seconded by Councilmember Guilin, and carried to adopt Resolution No. 1588-16.

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of approving a Central Business District directional signage at the northwest corner of State Highway 79 and the Main Street extension with (or without) external illumination for an amount not too exceed \$16,000.

Discussion occurred on the colors, styles, height, illumination, solar panel location and wording of the sign.

Mr. Eckhoff stated that external flood lights would be aimed at both faces of the sign.

Councilmember Wall stated that her option would be the logo option as it includes the symbols of the other two options.

Councilmember Woolridge and Councilmember Guilin agreed with Councilmember Wall's choice of options.

Councilmember Woolridge requested that the sign be illuminated. She asked the other existing monument signs be illuminated as well.

Mayor Rankin inquired where the funding will come from.

Mr. Eckhoff stated the sign will be paid for with the Economic Development Fund in the next fiscal year.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the Economic Development has approximately \$100,000 and this item, if approved, will be included in the tentative budget. He stated that \$0 has been budgeted in next year's budget.

Vice-Mayor Walter stated that she would like to see the Town signs be consistent and maintained.

Councilmember Hawkins inquired what the cost was for the monument signs that are located by National Bank of Arizona and the Green Leaf Hotel.

Mr. Eckhoff stated that the signs cost approximately \$20,000 each. The signs do not have solar connection because they were able to connect to electrical panels.

Mr. Billingsley stated that staff will come before Council for the proper wording and coloring of the sign at a later time.

Vice-Mayor Walter would like to see citizen input and inquired if an ad can be placed in the local newspaper to have the public go online to vote for the sign they would prefer to see.

On motion of Councilmember Woolridge, seconded by Councilmember Guilin, to approve Option D, with the logo, for a directional signage at the northwest corner of State Highway 79 and Main Street extension with external illumination for an amount not to exceed \$16,000.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Woolridge: Yes

Councilmember Guilin: Yes

Councilmember Anderson: Yes

Councilmember Wall: Yes

Councilmember Hawkins: No

Vice-Mayor Walter: No

Mayor Rankin: Yes

Motion carried: Yes: 5; No: 2

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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Billingsley read into the record a listing of candidates who have submitted all of their information necessary to be a candidate, which includes:

Mayoral Candidates:

Mr. Gem Cox
Mr. Tom Rankin
Ms. Tara Walter

Council Candidates:

Mr. Storm Cox
Ms. Michelle Duron
Mr. William Hawkins
Ms. Kristen Larsen
Ms. Karen Wall

Mr. Billingsley introduced Mr. Christopher Salas, Public Works Director/Town Engineer, who started with the Town ten days ago.

Mr. Billingsley stated there are several events taking place in the Town, which include:

- Summer Kids Club and Camp
- Aquatics Center is now open Tuesday through Sunday
 - Swim lessons
 - Shark Swim Team
 - Teen Pool Party last Friday of every month
 - Morning and even lap swim for adults
- Fitness Center has a variety of exercise classes for adults
- Senior Center has several day trips scheduled
- Library
 - Summer Ready Program
 - Showing of Zootopia Movie on June 10, 2016
 - Showing of Finding Nemo movie on June 17, 2016
 - Adult discussion on the film called "Who is Jim?"
 - June 11, 2016 Monthly Movie Presentation called "Race"

Councilmember Wall inquired about the person "Koko" that was referenced in the Department Report.

Mr. Billingsley stated that one of the challenges proposed by Council and the Budget Committee was to do more for the teens. In particular, Council wanted to know how staff interfaces with the teens and promotes their leadership while using their energy, expertise and knowledge to get the youth involved in contributing and volunteering in the Town. As part of that, the Town has enlisted Kim Hunter, also known as Koko, who has come out gratis, to assist with a number of events to gauge what Florence's teens are interested in and where they need help in terms of leadership.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the first event was held at the high school during lunch before school was released for the summer. There were approximately 20 students who signed up for the event. Koko attended the Pool Party on May 27, 2016 and an additional 25 students signed up who wanted to be part of the Teen Program. He stated that he and Ms. Garcia will speak about leadership at an event tomorrow afternoon at the Library. He noted that monies are earmarked in the budget to fund a teen program, should Council desire to do so. He thanked Mr. Hunter for his assistance.

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Mayor Rankin inquired about one of the Parks and Recreation Department staff member's receiving an award.

Mr. Bryan Hughes, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that American City and County Magazine had an article about young professionals making a difference in their community. The Parks and Recreation Department nominated Ms. Alison Feliz, Recreation Programmer, for the Inaugural Igniting the Flame Award. Ms. Feliz has worked for the Town since she was 15 years old and became a full time member when she was 20 years old. The criteria for the award were very specific to her situation. The Department is very proud of her and stated that you can vote for her online. The Department is very eager to see if she wins.

The Department Reports were received and filed.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Lisa Garcia, Florence Resident, stated that Second Chance Prom is a fundraiser being sponsored by the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce. It will be held on June 11, 2016 at the Windmill Winery. She invited everyone to attend and support the Chamber.

CALL TO THE COUNCIL – CURRENT EVENTS ONLY

Mayor Rankin stated that the Governing Board of the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority appointed him to be Chairman. He stated that they will be visiting throughout Pinal County presenting on the need to increase the property tax. The goal is to raise approximately \$660 million in the next twenty years.

Councilmember Wall commended Town staff and Councilmembers who participated in the communications regarding Proposition 408 and the success of passing the proposition.

Vice-Mayor Walter congratulated Ms. Feliz on the nomination and encouraged everyone to vote for her. She stated that you can vote once per day.

Vice-Mayor Walter stated that when she voted no for the sign it was not so much as what it was but rather to find consistency in the signs and where the signs are being placed. She supports the option chosen for the sign.

Mayor Rankin stated that the next election will be in August and the Council should be supporting the Home Rule to ensure that it passes. He asked the citizens to support the Council if they think the Council has done a good job. He stated that every vote counts.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice-Mayor Walter, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.



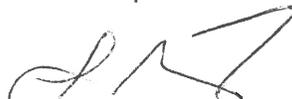
Tom J. Rankin, Mayor

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 June 6, 2016, and that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.



Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk