

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019, AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE FLORENCE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 775 N. MAIN STREET, FLORENCE, ARIZONA.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Walter called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Tara Walter, John Anderson, Bill Hawkins, Karen Wall, Kristen Larsen, Michelle Cordes, Judy Hughes.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Walter called for a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Walter 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 upcoming special events from February to April 2019. (Alison Feliz)

Ms. Alison Feliz, Recreation Coordinator, provided an overview of upcoming events, which include:

- Concerts in the Park
 - Fridays in February
 - 5:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - Padilla Park
- Home Tour
 - Saturday, February 9, 2019
 - Theme is "Small Town, Big History – Living within Adobe Walls"
 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - Historic Downtown Main Street
 - Expecting 1,000 visitors

- Pooch Party
 - 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 - Saturday, February 23, 2019
 - Central Bark Park
 - Vaccinations and Licensing for \$15.00
 - Pet adoptions available for \$50.00
 - Partnering with Pinal County
- Easter Eggstravaganza
 - Saturday, April 13, 2019
 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 - Heritage Park
 - Partnering with Pinal County Resource Fair
 - Pinal County Mounted Posse will do a pancake breakfast
 - Partnering with the Mosaic Church
 - Will have 12,000 prize filled Easter eggs
- Road to Country Thunder
 - Saturday, April 6, 2019
 - Historic Downtown Main Street
 - 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - Food Vendors & Beer Garden
 - Will have four bands
- Movie in the Park
 - Saturday, April 27, 2019
 - Disney's "Coco"
 - Aquatic Center Multi-Purpose Fields
 - Sundown approximately 7:00 p.m.
- Upcoming Events at Aero Modeler Park
 - January 12, 2019: Florence Desert Fly In
 - February 9, 2019: Florence Model Air Show
 - March 9, 2019: Warbirds over Florence
- Upcoming events at rodeo grounds
 - February 10, 2019: Prison Run
 - February 23 -24, 2019: Queen Creek Jr. Rodeo
 - March 31, 2019: Arizona High School Rodeo
 - March 16, 2019: Ranch Rodeo
- Upcoming Events at Anthem Parkside & Sun City Anthem @ Merrill Ranch
 - February 2, 2019: Arts in the Park
 - March 2, 2019: Arts in the Park
 - March 23, 2019: Spring Festival
 - April 6, 2019: Anthem Triathlon
 - April 6, 2019: Arts in the Park
- February 9, 2019: Assumption Parish Church Festival
- February 16, 2019: Classic Car Show
- March 16, 2019: Fashion Show at Women's Club
- March 30, 2019: Little League Opening Ceremonies
- March 30, 2019: 75th Anniversary of GI Bill
 - Parade on Main Street
- April 6, 2019: Dino Dash

- Mini Make A Difference Day
 - January 26, 2019
 - Florence Teen Council, Florence K-8 Student Council and Florence K-8 National Jr. Honor Society will be cleaning up the Home Tour Route
 - 8:00 am – 10:00 am
- Country Thunder: April 11 to 14, 2019

Councilmember Hughes inquired if the events will be on the website.

Ms. Feliz stated that there are links to each of the events on the Town's website and they share information about all the events on the Town's social media sites as well.

Councilmember Hughes asked that the events be added to the community calendar.

Presentation of new GIS (Geographic Information System) interactive online map for traffic counts of various roadways in the greater Florence area.

Mr. Victor Cantu, GIS Coordinator, demonstrated the ESRI GIS software (geographic information system mapping tool) and how to use it. He explained that they use multiple resources to gather information. He provided a brief tutorial on how to use the system through the portal. He explained the following viewers are searchable by address or parcel numbers:

- Sign viewer
- Traffic volume viewer
- Utility viewer
- Zoning viewer

Mr. Cantu stated that the system is interactive in which it offers multiple functions that can be used such as measuring distances, inserting arrows, drawing, etc.

Councilmember Wall inquired if it can zoom in and out.

Mr. Cantu explained that you can zoom in and out. More information is provided as you zoom in.

Councilmember Hughes inquired if a redevelopment map, by sector, is available.

Mr. Cantu stated that their office can construct any type of map, so long as the information is available.

Councilmember Hughes asked that a redevelopment map be available to the public.

Discussion occurred on the different functions and what each of the functions do.

Councilmember Cordes inquired what the traffic sign module does.

Mr. Billingsley explained that it refers to traffic signs and retro-reflectivity of the signs, which is the condition of the sign. The intent is to create a data management software that will be able to generate work orders.

Councilmember Cordes inquired if there will be a tool to indicate road closures.

Mr. Billingsley stated that notification is provided on the Town's website, but not within an interactive GIS map/tool.

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. **Ratification of award of bid to Coolidge Engine & Pump, to brush, bail, clean, video, perforate and install new casing to Well #4 (CIP WU-84 Pump Inspection and Rebuild), in an amount not to exceed \$42,527.58. (Chris Salas)**
- b. **Approval to accept funds from Arizona Department of Homeland Security, to purchase an OPSG Vehicle to conduct Operation Stonegarden border enforcement activities, in the amount of \$82,018. (Jennifer Evans)**
- c. **Approval to purchase five public safety portable radios, from Motorola Solutions, in an amount not to exceed \$36,784.88. (Dan Hughes)**
- d. **Approval and ratification of the standard Terms of Engagement for legal services approved at the June 18, 2018 Council Meeting, as it relates to the expenditures for legal services with Attorney formerly working at Ryley Carlock & Applewhite, now engaged at Dickinson Wright PLLC, and Albert H. Acken, for legal representation of the Town of Florence, in regulatory matters, including administrative appeals and potential litigation with respect to Matters of Arizona Corporation Commission's Investigation of Johnson Utilities LLC, and Southwest Environmental Utilities. (Clifford Mattice)**
- e. **Approval of the December 3, 2018 Town Council Meeting minutes.**
- f. **Receive and file the following board and commission minutes:**
 - i. **September 20, and October 11, 2018 Arts and Culture Commission Minutes**
 - ii. **November 7, 2018 Historic District Advisory Commission Minutes**
 - iii. **October 18, November 15 and December 20, 2018 Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes**

On motion of Councilmember Hawkins, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and carried (7-0) to approve the Consent Agenda as written, with the exception of Item b.

- b. **Approval to accept funds from Arizona Department of Homeland Security, to purchase an OPSG Vehicle to conduct Operation Stonegarden border enforcement activities, in the amount of \$82,018.**

Vice-Mayor Anderson inquired what an OPSG vehicle is.

Mayor Walter stated that OPSG refers to Operation Stonegarden.

Mr. Daniel Hughes, Police Chief, stated that it is a fully-equipped SUV.

Vice-Mayor Anderson stated that there are a lot of requirements that the Town must adhere to and inquired if it was worth it.

Chief Hughes stated that the Town would receive approximately \$200,000 worth of equipment. The benefits of doing Operation Stonegarden are:

- They work on drug smugglers, which come through State Highways 79 and 77, which passes through Florence.
- Great opportunity for officers to get training and the opportunity to work with other agencies
- An opportunity for officers to work overtime.

On motion of Vice-Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, and carried (7-0) to accept funds from Arizona Department of Homeland Security, to purchase an OPSG Vehicle to conduct Operation Stonegarden border enforcement activities, in the amount of \$82,018.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 1686-19: Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE FLORENCE TOWN COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 22, 2019.

Ms. Lisa Garcia, Deputy Town Manager/Town Clerk, stated that the Council reviewed the Florence Town Council Rules of Procedure and requested modifications to the existing rules. The requests have been incorporated. If approved, they will go into effect on February 22, 2019.

On motion of Vice-Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Cordes, and carried (7-0) to adopt Resolution No. 1686-19.

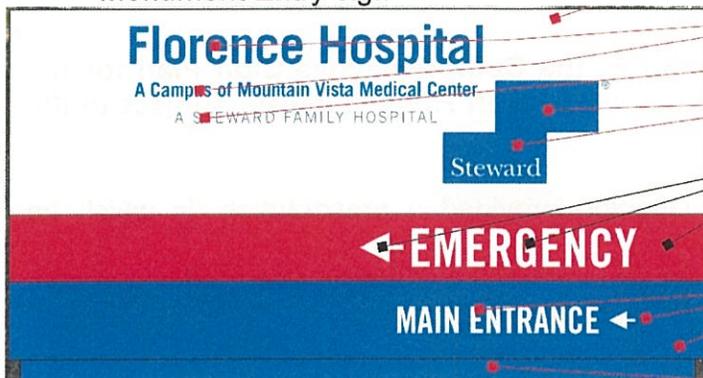
Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of PZ-18-36-DR, the Comprehensive Sign Plan for the Florence Hospital, APN 211-02-0340, located at 4545 North Hunt Highway, subject to the conditions noted in the staff report.

Mr. Larry Harmer, Community Development Director, provided a presentation, in which he outlined the following:

- Presented to Planning and Zoning Commission on January 3, 2019 and forwarded a favorable recommendation with stipulations, as noted in the staff report.
- Florence Hospital Comprehensive Sign Plan PZ-18-36-DR
 - § 150.122 SUBMITTAL AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS
 - C. (8) A PUD must submit a comprehensive sign package and may, through the comprehensive sign package, request deviations from the sign regulations only if the deviations are reviewed and recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission and approved by the Town Council
 - Request
 - Design Review application for a proposed Comprehensive Sign Plan for the Florence Hospital located south of the Southeast Corner of Hunt Highway and Franklin Road at
 - 4545 North Hunt Highway: APN 211-02-0340.

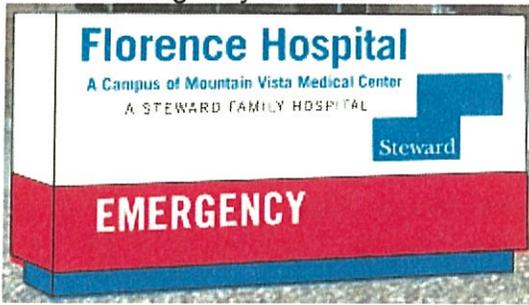


- Monument Entry sign



- 5'9" in height
- 54.2 square feet (sq. ft.) in area
- [48 sq. ft. allowed per AMR PUD]

- Emergency Directional



- 4'2" in height
- 26.8 sq. ft. in area
- [maximum allowed: 3' in height 6 sq. ft. in area]

- General Directional (2)

- 4' 0" in height
- 14.7 sq. ft. in area
- [maximum allowed: 3' in height 6 sq. ft. in area]

- Wall Signs – 3 Total

- Side of hospital: 68.5 sq. ft
- Front entrance: 150 sq. ft.
- Ambulance sign: 28.2 sq. ft

- All signs:

<u>Sign Type</u>	<u>Requested Height/Area</u>	<u>Allowable Height/Area</u>
Monument	5' 9"/54.2 sq. ft.	8' 0"/48 sq. ft.
Emergency Directional	4' 2"/26.8 sq. ft.	3' 0"/6 sq. ft.
General Directional (2)	4' 0"/14.7 sq. ft. (each)	3' 0"/6 sq. ft.
Wall Sign		
• #1	68.5 sq. ft.	
• #2	150.0 sq. ft.	
• #3	28.2 sq. ft.	
Total Wall Signs	246.7 sq. ft.	200 sq. ft. allowable

- Total sign area requested for the monument sign, the three on-site directional signs and the three wall-mounted signs is 357.1 sq. ft.
- Combined total of the individual 'allowable' signs area (including the Anthem at Merrill Ranch monument sign increase) is 266 sq. ft
- Total sign area allowed per the Town of Florence Development Code is 232 sq. ft.
- Total deviation requested is 125.1 sq. ft. greater than the current allowable sign area and up to 1' 2" for the height of the three Directional Signs.
- Signs are illuminated internally

- Analysis

- Hospitals are a unique land use
- Emergency situations
- Stressful for patients and visitors
- Commercial standards are not directly applicable

- The Planning and Zoning Commission determined that the request is in compliance with Town Codes and the deviations permitted through the Comprehensive Sign Package Design Review process.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Design Review for PZ-18-36-DR subject to conditions.

On motion of Councilmember Hawkins, seconded by Councilmember Wall, and carried (7-0) to approve PZ-18-36-DR, the Comprehensive Sign Plan for the Florence Hospital, APN 211-02-0340, located at 4545 North Hunt Highway, subject to the conditions noted in the staff report.

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to accept funds from Arizona Department of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$161,000 for overtime wages, benefits and vehicle mileage to conduct OPSG border enforcement activities.

Ms. Jennifer Evans, Management Analyst, stated that the Police Department is receiving \$161,000 to conduct boarder enforcement activities. Once the agreement is executed, the Police Department will have 10 months to expend the funds.

Mayor Walter inquired how many years the Town has participated in this grant.

Ms. Evans responded that the Town has participated in the grant for five years. She stated that the Police Department is instrumental in the success of the grant, which is why they were awarded so much money this year.

On motion of Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Cordes, and carried (7-0) to accept funds from Arizona Department of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$161,000 for overtime wages, benefits and vehicle mileage to conduct OPSG border enforcement activities.

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of entering into an employment agreement with Clifford L. Mattice for the position of Town Attorney.

Mr. Billingsley stated that Mr. Mattice has been with the Town since June 2015. If the contract is approved, the contract will begin on January 22, 2019 and will include the following:

- 5% increase in salary, which will be \$133,127 annually
- Three-year contract, with potential for two additional years
- \$100 per month increase for automobile allowance

On motion of Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Wall, and carried (7-0) to enter into an employment agreement with Clifford L. Mattice for the position of Town Attorney.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Billingsley stated that First Street Project has begun on January 21, 2019, with a completion date in May 2019. This is one of the most important streets for Florence, and one that is in the worst condition.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the 3rd Annual Teen Leadership Symposium is scheduled for February 23, 2019, at the Florence Library and Community Center. There will be four well-known speakers at this event.

Mr. Billingsley stated that he received an invitation for the CAG 23rd Annual Legislative Day on February 4, 2019. They will partner with Pinal County RTA and Sun Corridor MPO for a joint legislative day

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public comments.

CALL TO THE COUNCIL – CURRENT EVENTS ONLY

Councilmember Hughes stated that she held her “Let’s Talk” event at the library, in which they had great discussion, which turned into a brain storming session. People discussed their issues with others and found solutions to one another’s issues. Her next event will be held on February 13, 2019, from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

Councilmember Cordes stated that Rail 3 Ranch had their grand opening. She asked that everyone support the local businesses. She also attended the Women’s Club Rummage Sale and it was very successful. She stated that the Florence Unified School District puts on a “Say Yes to Prom” event, where they take donations of any type of formal wear as well as other items that one would use such as toiletries, makeup etc. Prior to prom, any student that is in high school can come and pick up some items for free. Prom can be expensive, and this can help many families. She will accept donations as well as Mount Athos and any of the schools.

Councilmember Wall encouraged anyone wishing to serve on the Library Advisory Board to apply to the Town Clerk’s Office.

Councilmember Hawkins stated that there was a fire within the overflow parking lot in the Florence Gardens community. The fire was a result of someone working on an electrical item that caught fire, resulting in three RV’s and a pickup truck were burned.

Vice-Mayor Anderson stated that he met with Senator McSally and discussed the issue with the Joint Use Agreement for the National Guard. He explained to her that the land is owned by the State, and the Town would like to see the National Guard get title to the land. Both he and Mayor Walter received two memorandums from Senator McSally’s Office stating that they are escalating the issue to the national level.

Mayor Walter stated that Councilmember Hughes will serve on the Pinal Partnership Board.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion and possible action to authorize the holding of an Executive Session during the Council Meeting for the purposes of discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body and/or legal counsel pursuant to A.R.S. Sections 38-431.03 (A)(3), (A)(4), and (A)(7) to consider its position and instruct its representatives and/or attorneys regarding:

Discussion or consultations regarding the Town of Florence intervention in the matter of the Arizona Corporation Commission's investigation into the billing practices and water quality issues of Johnson Utilities, LLC before the Commission or in regard to any matters involving the Commission's review, public participation, investigations into the operations of Johnson Utilities, LLC and its affiliates including but not limited to Southwest Environmental Utilities and Case Numbers: WS-02987A-17-0392; WS-02987A-18-0151; WS-0987A-18-0050; WS-20878A-18-0330; WS-02987A-18-0329; WS-02987A-06-0667.

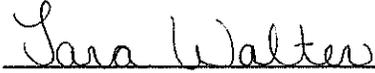
On motion of Councilmember Hawkins, seconded by Vice-Mayor Anderson, and carried (7-0) to adjourn to Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, and carried (7-0) to adjourn from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice-Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Wall, and carried to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.



Tara Walter, 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 22, 2019, and that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.



Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk