

MINUTES OF THE FLORENCE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019, AT 5:00 P.M., IN THE FLORENCE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 775 N. MAIN STREET, FLORENCE, ARIZONA.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm

ROLL CALL:

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

WORK SESSION ON THE 2012 TECHNICAL CODES

Ms. Lisa Garcia, Deputy Town Manager/Town Clerk, stated that staff has been working on the 2012 Technical Code for 18 months. The Technical Codes were reviewed with Council at the April 15, 2019 Town Council meeting. Staff held a work session with the public and Town Council on January 29, 2018. She provided a presentation in which she outlined the following:

- Background
 - The One Stop Shop team has been actively working towards adoption of the 2012 Technical Codes for 18 months.
 - Council held a Work Session on January 29, 2018 to review the 2012 Codes.
 - Staff is recommending the adoption of the 2012 Technical Codes with an effective date of July 1, 2019.
- Adoption by reference
 - Adopts the Technical Codes by reference
 - One copy in Clerk's Office
 - Electronic copy on Town website
 - Adopts the amendments and modification by reference in Exhibit "A"
 - Recommend approval on April 15, 2019.
- Adoption of Technical Codes
 - Ordinance No. 674-19
 - Adopts the Codes by reference
 - Codifies the Code to include all amendments to the Technical Codes
 - Adoption recommended for May 6, 2019
 - Effective day July 1, 2019
 - Must be advertised after adoption and posted in three locations
- Board of Appeal Amendment
 - Ordinance No. 675-19
 - Each Technical Code has an appeal section with independent appeal requirements.
 - The amendments strike the appeal section and refers to Section 150.301 of the Town Code.
 - Suggested amendment includes:
 - Decision rendered in writing
 - Special Meetings held when necessary

- ¾ vote to overturn Code Official decision
- Codes being adopted
 - 2009
 - Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities ICC A117.1, 2009 Edition Standards
 - 2012
 - International Energy Conservation Code, 2012 Edition is voluntary
 - International Fire Code, 2012 Edition, with Appendix B, C, D, E, F, G, H & I
 - International Mechanical Code, 2012 Edition
 - International Building Code, 2012 Edition, with Appendix C & I
 - International Existing Building Code, 2012 Edition
 - International Fuel Gas Code, 2012 Edition
- Section 202 Definitions Amend by adding the following definitions as follows:
 - **ABANDONED.** A building that is no longer used or occupied by its owner or other legally permitted occupant and the building does not meet the definition of Unoccupied Structure as determined by the Building Official. Evidence of building being abandoned includes a vacant building with any two of the following: lack of visible activity or use; overgrown or dead vegetation; accumulation of trash, junk or debris; absence of furnishings; evidence of criminal mischief or criminal trespass; evidence of dilapidation, decay, damage, deterioration; nonpayment or disconnection of utilities.
 - **Unoccupied Structure.** A building with a documented Certificate of Occupancy that has maintained the appearance of the building, maintained the utilities as required for fire protection and security, and is actively seeking occupancy either through sale or lease through customary commercial methods. To maintain this status an owner must have owner-initiated inspections and approval from the Town of Florence building officials every 12 months for a period of no longer than 36 months from initial vacancy. If a building has an approved fire alarm or fire sprinkler system, the building may retain the classification of Unoccupied Structure beyond 36 months. Buildings that no longer meet the definition of Unoccupied Structure are either Vacant or Abandoned.
 - **VACANT.** A building that is no longer used or occupied by its owner or other legally permitted occupant. A building that no longer meets the requirement of an unoccupied structure as defined.

Mr. James Allen, Building Official, continued with the presentation, in which he outlined the following:

- Proposed Process of Unoccupied Structure (not included in Code, internal process only)
 - An extended time could be allowed for an Unoccupied Structure if the building complied with the following requirements:
 1. Building must have a documented Certificate of Occupancy (C of O) for the type of occupancy in current existence.
 - A Certificate of Occupancy (C of O)
 - identifies when the building was built
 - What Code it was built under
 - Occupant load - which determines how many exits are required
 - Fire resistance characteristics of how the building will perform in the event of a fire
 - How the walls are roof are constructed and what they are constructed of
 - Use of building.

- A. If an owner does not have a Certificate of Occupancy, one must be obtained prior to the building being vacated. (no permit fees). (This will assist in the Town's voluntary C of O compliance process.)
- B. Owner-initiated inspection with Code Officials and approval by Code Officials (Building and Fire Officials). This inspection will only address existing fire protection and life safety issues. An example would include the following: exit signs operational, exits not blocked or locked, fire extinguishers installed with current certifications, cooking equipment and hood vents and fire suppression systems operational and with current certification if applicable, unsafe exposed electrical, unsafe cords, or power strips, business is operating as permitted. Other items under typical annual inspection such as obvious life or fire safety items.
 - No permit fees – internal process only and there is no document for this process that will be available to the public.
 - Existing businesses that do not have an existing C of O will need to complete an application for a C of O in order to obtain a C of O and the Town's permit fee will be waived for this process only.

Mr. Clifford L. Mattice, Town Attorney, stated that the preference would be for something more than a sign on the building but allow for some flexibility for the owner and building official.

Vice-Mayor Anderson inquired if the signage will be addressed in the design code.

Councilmember Hawkins inquired if this pertains to commercial property only.

Mr. Allen confirmed that this only pertains to commercial buildings.

Mr. Larry Harmer, Community Development Director, stated that real estate signage is addressed in the sign code. He stated that real estate signs are allowed on private property.

Mr. Allen continued with the presentation, in which he outlined the following:

- Utilities required for fire protection and security must remain connected and usable.
- Building must be maintained as if occupied.
- Owner must be actively listing building for lease or sale through customary commercial methods.
 - Discussion occurred on what the minimum requirements are for listing the property for lease or sale (signs in windows, signs on property, listing in newspaper and/or listing with a realty company)
- An annual inspection by the Fire Department, must have been performed within 12 months prior to vacancy and resulting in a passed inspection.
- Owner-initiated inspection upon vacancy resulting in a passed inspection.
- Owner-initiated inspections are required annually by Code Officials and conducted no greater than 12 months between inspections for a period no longer than 36 months from initial vacancy.
- Buildings that does not have an approved fire alarm or sprinkler system and has been continuously unoccupied for more than 36 consecutive months the existing Certificate of Occupancy will be revoked.

- At any point a new tenant occupies the building, under the same occupant type and similar use, the building would require an initial inspection by the Code Officials (Fire and Building).
- If annual inspections of unoccupied buildings are not scheduled and do not remain current, existing Certificate of Occupancy will be revoked.
 - If fire alarm systems are installed, there may be an option to extend the Certificate of Occupancy past the 36 months.
- Important to Note:
 - The Town is continuing the no fee for application for a certificate of occupancy until December 31, 2019. Note: This does not apply to change of occupancy.
 - Buildings that are currently occupied, but do not have a certificate of occupancy, are required to obtain a certificate of occupancy.
 - At any point a buildings occupant classification or use changes the Certificate of Occupancy is revoked and building will be required to meet the required provisions of the adopted technical codes.
 - Anytime alteration work area exceeds 50 percent of the aggregate area of the building the building will be required to meet all provisions of the adopted technical codes.
 - Vacant or abandoned buildings that do not have a certificate of occupancy will require to meet all provisions of the adopted technical codes.
 - Individual cases are just that individual, each building may have varying compliance issues. This is not a one size fits all type of process.

Councilmember Hughes inquired if staff prepared a comparison between the 2006 and 2012 Codes.

Mr. Allen responded that the comparison was done and is included in the packet provided to Council.

Mr. Brent Billingsley, Town Manager, stated that staff worked diligently to provide a Code that was more lenient than the current code. Staff considered all comments that were presented at the last meeting. He thanked the Code Officials for their work in ensuring that the Town found ways to help the people while still staying within the confines of the law.

Vice-Mayor Anderson stated that Council may go into Executive Session at any time during the meeting for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Town's Attorney(s) on any of the agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3). One or more members of Council may appear for part or all of the meeting including Executive Session telephonically.

On motion of Vice-Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, and carried (6 - Anderson, Hawkins, Wall, Larsen, Cordes, Hughes; 0- Mayor Walter was not present) to adjourn to Executive Session.

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Walter called for a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Walter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Kevin McGinnis, Pastor of Mosaic Church of the Nazarene, stated that Florence has been his home for 12 ½ years. He has taken a position as the Windward Church of the Nazarene in Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii and will be leaving on June 11, 2019. He thanked Florence for welcoming him and the lifelong friendships he has made while here. He spoke highly of Florence and its residents. He said a prayer for the Council and staff for the work that they do.

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.

Mr. Jerry Ravert, Florence resident, stated that he served as Chairman of the Historic District Advisory Commission from 1985 -1991. He has worked for Arizona State Parks for 34 years. While employed with them he worked at six parks; three of which were historic parks and one of them was the McFarland State Park, where he worked nine of the 34 years. His home has been part of two federal stabilization grants that were sponsored by the Town of Florence.

Mr. Ravert stated that there was also a house on Bailey Street which received the grant, so there was no reason to tear it down. He said since 1983, Florence has lost nine historic buildings, four of which were in the last year. The Town leaves an alteration of the Town's historic Main Street. He inquired how often has the Council asked, listened to, or followed recommendations of the Historic District Advisory Commission. He stated that from his perspective, the Town is not doing what is expected of others to do and the Town needs to lead by example.

Mr. Ravert referenced an article in the Florence Reminder which the State Historic Preservation Officer Chris Cote told Tom and Lynn Smith not to plan too far ahead. He stated that the Town insists on placing an unreasonable deadline for completion of the project. After the building has been purchased and stabilize, the Town should not have any involvement other than support. The proper building permits should be issued as needed. The Town has received the Cuen building twice and both times, the Town's response is to demolish the building. There is now a person who wants to preserve the building and the Town is trying to control the project with a two year deadline, which even the Town could not accomplish.

Mayor Walter responded to Mr. Ravert's criticism by asking him to schedule a meeting with Mr. Benjamin Bitter, Assistant to the Town Manager, as many of his facts are incorrect and to get clarification.

Ms. Cathy Adam, Pinal County Historical Member, stated that the Pinal County Historical Society (PCHS) and Arizona Department of Correction have co-sponsored a special exhibition in celebration of the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADOC) 50th Anniversary from May 21-26, 2019. She invited everyone to learn about Florence's 111-year prison history from the Special Florence Town Council Meeting Minutes

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Exhibition showcasing all 12 ADOC sites, which will be displayed in large shadow boxes. PCHS will also dig deep into their archives to display rarely seen items such as contraband, Arizona State Prison Outlaw Rodeo, historic photographs of Stars behind Bars, prison sports and more. She stated that all of the proceeds from the tour will go towards the restoration of the 1937 Mack Jr. Fire Truck. Private tours of the prison will be offered as well.

Mr. Toby Haugen, Florence High School Principal, thanked the Town Council for their \$5,000 contribution towards the Grad Night Lock In, to be held at the Main Event. He stated that the attendance has been smaller the last few years and they hope that moving the event to the Main Event in Tempe, Arizona, will revive the event. He stated that only Florence High School graduates will have access to the event. He stated that the Florence Unified School District appreciated the Town Council's continued support.

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 new motel/hotel liquor license and for Council recommendation for approval or disapproval of said license.

Ms. Lisa Garcia, Deputy Town Manager/Town Clerk, stated that the Clerk's Office received the application and posted it for 20 days, as required by State Statute. The Clerk's Office did not receive any input, either in favor or against, the liquor license. The Clerk's Office and staff are making a recommendation for approval of said license.

Ms. Garcia stated that the members of Green Tree were invited to attend the public hearing.

Mr. Simon Risk, Green Tree Inn and Suites, stated that the Florence location is the sixth hotel that they own in Arizona. Their company started in 2015. He is from Montreal Quebec, Canada. He grew up in a small town as well, so he understands the importance of community and the need to work with the community. Their intent is to get to know all of the businesses in Town and to help Florence grow. It is his understanding the Florence is growing, so purchasing the business was a good choice. He hopes to receive the Council's approval for the liquor license application. He also hopes to enhance service and provide better service than what has been previously done at the hotel.

Mayor Walter opened the public hearing.

Councilmember Wall stated that she read the section of the State Statute regarding licensing and indicates that a hotel or motel would need to have a restaurant where food is served. She inquired if there is a restaurant at the Green Tree Inn and Suites.

Mr. Risk stated that the application is for a Type 12 license. They offer breakfast; however, it is not a full restaurant, and they also have a market, but is not a complete bar. Alcohol is served in the gift market shop. He stated the reason for the license is because of their proximity to the high school and they are limited on what they can serve.

A member of the Green Tree Inn and Suites stated that they also have hot meals that are microwavable and can be purchased for dinner.

Vice-Mayor Anderson inquired about the hotel being so close to a church, and church is held inside the facility on the weekends.

Ms. Garcia explained, that there are requirements of 300 feet within a church, excluding restaurant issues license pursuant to Section A.R.S. 4-205-2, which is the hotel license; that is the exclusion.

Mayor Walter closed the public hearing.

On motion of Councilmember Hawkins, seconded by Councilmember Larsen, and carried (7-0) to forward a recommendation of approval on an application received from Kevin Arnold Kramber, Green Tree Inn & Suites, located at 240 W. Highway 287, Florence, Arizona, for a new motel/hotel liquor license.

Proclamation of Appreciation issued for exceptional service to the Town of Florence.

Mayor Walter read the proclamation in which it outlined the many things that Mr. Kevin McGinnis has done for Florence's residents.

Mayor Walter stated that Kevin McGinnis is an important volunteer of the Town of Florence, making a difference in the lives of both Town employees and its citizens. He has served as Florence Police and Fire Department Chaplain since 2008; has trained Lifeguards through the Red Cross for the City of Casa Grande, Coolidge, and the Town of Florence; and has given his time to teach children and families how to swim and be safe around water. Mr. McGinnis has served on the PTA Board as the Recording Secretary; and is the CEO of the Florence Fudge Shop and Loveworks Pregnancy Resource Center. He has also established a food bank and weekly bread bank. She stated that he is always ready to serve anyone in need.

Mayor Walter stated that Mr. McGinnis and his family are being called to Hawaii to continue their work; and has been a valuable member of our community and will be missed by all.

Mayor Walter proclaimed May 6, 2019, as "Kevin McGinnis Day" and thanked him for all his outstanding volunteerism in the Town of Florence.

Mr. Dee Jones, Florence Resident, stated that Mr. McGinnis has played several roles while serving the community. He has been friends with Mr. McGinnis since 1986 and have an appreciation and love for one another. When he came to Florence, he planned on being highly visible in the community and has done a great job in doing so. He has successfully led his congregation in building a church family and community as well as a beautiful facility.

Mr. Jones stated that he is starting a new mission in Hawaii and there is lots of work to be done there. He congratulated him on a job well done, wished him God speed and offered him prayers for success. He stated that Mr. McGinnis does not like to be recognized for his accomplishments and quoted Mr. McGinnis' saying: "I find my identity in the Lord Jesus Christ". He stated that he will be deeply missed and the Town will never be the same. He will always have the key to come back to a better town than what he found it to be 12-1/2 years ago.

Ms. Lina Austin, Florence Resident, stated that she met Mr. McGinnis 11 years ago. Mr. McGinnis knows how to listen when he is called, which is how he came to Florence. She stated that he was listening when

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he was being called to Hawaii, which is justified and something that he needs to do. She stated that there is a saying that talent can be developed in solitude, but your character is only developed in societies, so when you go out into the community to do all of these things, you see if your talent can be put into practice. Mr. McGinnis has done that and he has done this over and over. He signed the Articles of Incorporation of the Future Forward Foundation eight years ago and was one of the original three incorporators and have stayed with the Future Forward Foundation for the full eight years. She stated that Mr. McGinnis being gone will be a huge loss to the Foundation.

Ms. Austin noted that Mr. McGinnis stated that he did it because it is his mission and that his mission extends out into the community to many others. She stated that he is very approachable and has incorporated the community to all facets of his life including vacations, his home and watching his family and children grow.

Ms. Austin read a quote written by nuns about a friend of theirs who feel exactly the way she feels about Mr. McGinnis:

"The sisters said that this gentleman implied a complete offer of intimacy without the slightest imposition of intimacy. He threw down all barriers without ever implying that you should throw yours down. He gave to every circle, the whole man. All his attention, knowledge, courtesy, charity were placed at your disposal. This total offer of himself, but without the tassel claim that so often accompanies such an offer made his friendship the least exacting in the world and explains the surprising width of his contacts. One kept on discovering the most unlikely people that loved him just as much as we did."

Ms. Austin stated that Mr. McGinnis has been a pillar in the community and will be missed. She asked that he remember the successes he had in Florence and that many will miss him.

Mr. McGinnis thanked everyone for the kind words and will miss everyone.

a. Proclaim May 6 – 11, 2019 as the 50th Anniversary of Municipal Clerk's Week.

Mayor Walter proclaimed May 6 – 11, 2019 as the 50th Anniversary of Municipal Clerk's Week.

Ms. Garcia stated that the Town Clerk's Office is made up of Maria Hernandez, Deputy Town Clerk, whose responsibilities include business licenses and public records requests; and Ms. Patricia Buchanan, Administrative Assistant, whose responsibilities include calendaring appointment for the Town Manager and Town Clerk, as well as scheduling use of the building.

Ms. Garcia stated that she appreciates the team. She stated that instances occurred which prevented them from attending the Council meeting.

Mayor Walter read the proclamation for the record and proclaimed May 6 – 11, 2019 as the 50th Anniversary of Municipal Clerk's Week.

Presentation on the design concept report for roundabout improvements to State Route 287 and State Route 79B and Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to enter into Amendment No. 1 to the Intergovernmental Agreement, JPA/IGA 12-541, A.G. Contract No P0012012001857, with the Arizona Department of Transportation, for proposed design, right-of-way acquisition and construction of a roundabout at State Route (SR) 287 and SR 79B (CIP T-14).

Mr. Chris Salas, Public Works Director, stated that the town project is being run by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT).

Mr. Trent Kelso, Project Manager for ADOT, provided a presentation on the design concept report for roundabout improvements to State Route 287 and State Route 79B, in which he outlined the following:

- Roundabout State Route (SR) 287 and SR 79B Intersection Improvement Study
 - Purpose and Need, Design Concept Report (DCR) / Environmental Document and Joint Project Agreement
- Background
 - Intersection provides local and regional access from the west along SR 287 and south along SR 79B
 - Intersection is the southern entrance to Florence
 - Rural-type intersection controlled by stop and yield signs that provides vehicular access to Florence
- Purpose and need
 - Address traffic operations – use total intersection capacity and delay as a main measure
 - In 2040, the delay times will be unacceptable if nothing is done
 - Address multi-modal operations
 - New intersection will be more accessible and ADA improvements would be included
 - Address driver expectancy – existing layout presents several unique high-speed conflict points
 - Convert rural type intersection to an urban-type intersection
 - Can handle much more traffic efficiently and effectively
 - Promote economic development
 - Improving travel times in to and out of a region can be a catalyst for attracting development and industry
- Design Concept Report (DCR)
 - Has been prepared by ADOT and Town staff
 - The DCR documents the development/evaluation of alternatives to address the project's purpose and need
 - Existing conditions
 - Environmental impacts
 - Alternatives development/evaluation
 - Recommendation
 - Study area - functional limits of the existing intersection, including Florence Heights Drive
- Alternatives
 - The DCR evaluates five alternatives:
 - No-Build
 - Four build alternatives:
 - Three roundabouts in various configurations
 - One signalized T-intersection
- Alternative #1
 - Single Roundabout
 - Combines main movements from SR287, SR 79B, and Florence Heights Drive into one large, multi-lane roundabout intersection

- Shifts SR 79B 100 feet to the west to allow for correct intersection layout
- Alternative #2
 - One multi-lane roundabout, near the Burger King facility, with a T-intersection at Florence Heights
 - Florence Heights shifted south to create storage area for southbound left-turn movement
- Alternative #3
 - Two Roundabouts
 - One main multi-lane roundabout, near the Burger King facility, and a single lane roundabout at a new intersection between SR 79B and Florence Heights Drive.
 - Florence Heights Drive is shifted further south to provide additional separation between roundabouts
- Alternative #4
 - Signalized T-Intersection, near the Burger King facility, with stop-controlled T-intersection at Florence Heights Drive
 - Florence Heights shifted south to allow extra left-turn storage
- Recommended Alternative
 - Alternative #3 with dual roundabouts
 - Major Decision Factors:
 - Shorter queue lengths
 - Roundabouts allow for more continual movement through an intersection
 - Shorter travel time through intersections
 - Accommodates Projected Year 2040 traffic volumes with less delay than other alternatives
 - Upcoming Tasks
 - Finalize DCR and environmental documents
 - Design
 - Right-of-way acquisition
 - Environmental Data Recovery
 - Construction of dual roundabout alternative to begin in Fiscal Year 2022
- Financial Impacts
 - The additional federal funds will be used for the Design, ROW Acquisition and Construction of the Project, including the construction engineering (CE) and administration cost.

	Federal (94.3%)	Local Match (5.7%)*	Local (100%)	Totals
Scoping/ Design	\$1,075K	\$65K	\$10K	\$1,150K
ROW Acquisition	\$236K	\$14K		\$250K
Construction	\$2,559K	\$155K	\$611K	\$3,325K
Totals	\$3,870K	\$234K	\$621K	\$4,725K

Mr. Kelso stated that \$3.87 million of federal money has been programmed for this; and staff is requesting approval of an additional \$42,750 in local match so ADOT and Town staff can start the design and right-of-way acquisition phase of the project. He stated that once the design and right-of-way acquisition phase is complete, ADOT will invoice the Town for construction local match. The State would advertise, bid, award, and administer the construction of the project.

Discussion occurred on the following:

- Various alternatives
 - T-intersection
 - Four way stops
 - Why is not being considered
 - Cost effective
 - Geometry does not allow for intersections and not considered safe unless you have tangents coming in
 - SR 287 and Florence Heights Drive do not line up and would require the use of the land where the church is located
- Purpose of the roundabouts
 - Causes confusion
 - Not conducive for businesses

Mr. Billingsley stated that volume, in terms of existing and projected amounts, at the intersection of SR 287 and Florence Heights Drive needs to be accommodated. There is also a sizable easement from San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District which has a tiled canal in the proximity. Access to businesses would also need to be considered.

Mr. Billingsley stated that ADOT has been working on this for a number of years, and staff has presented to Council before. ADOT has done a very detailed study on how to mitigate all of the factors and provide a safe and efficient intersection concept. The analysis and sensitivity analysis, provided by the engineering firm, recommends the preferred alternative, which is what is being presented.

Mayor Walter stated that ADOT has examined this for quite some time for effective and safe travel for the community.

Mr. Billingsley stated that this project has been in the works for 20 + years since they have been working on an improvement for this area. There was a fatality of a local student at the drive access of Burger King, shortly after it was built. Pinal County was asked to assist with a concept and this is when the original analysis was done on a multi-lane roundabout.

Discussion occurred on the preferred alternative

- How will two roundabouts speed up traffic
- How will pedestrians and bicyclists utilize the roundabouts
 - Continual traffic
 - No stop signs, no cross walks
 - Does not seem safer
 - Pedestrian and bike crossings are incorporated into the project
 - Traffic goes slower in roundabouts and drivers pay attention when they enter the roundabouts and yields for pedestrians
- Purpose of roundabouts is to slow traffic down, not speed it up

Vice-Mayor Anderson stated that he prefers Option 4.

Councilmember Larsen stated that she prefers Option 1 or 4. She likes roundabouts; however, she feels that two roundabouts can be confusing.

Councilmember Cordes stated that she is fine with the preferred option.

Councilmember Wall inquired about the cost comparison, as labeled in Table 23. She stated that based on the schematics of the four alternatives, it appears as though the recommended alternative is the most complex of the four, and yet, the estimated cost is less than the others. She also inquired if the Council has a choice as to which alternative is selected.

Mr. Kelso explained how the estimates were derived. He explained that some will have more right-of-way cost, earthwork costs, and others more drainage cost, etc. Council does have a choice as to which option they prefer.

Discussion occurred on the options for Council to consider and how a vote will affect the alternative chosen.

Mr. Billingsley clarified that the motion is to amend the Joint Project Agreement which is the ability to move forward on the design phase. Council is not selecting an alternative. This is an ADOT study on ADOT facilities and it is their choice in terms of the alternative. Council can provide feedback to ADOT. Council is considering to expend \$42,750 for the design phase of the project. The alternatives are concepts, and not the final design.

Councilmember Wall inquired if there will be public input as part of the process.

Mr. Billingsley stated that they can set up public input sessions for the alternatives, should Council choose.

Mayor Walter stated that there were opportunities for public input at the Florence Library and Community Center.

Mr. Billingsley stated that they are both ADOT highways. The deal that the Town made with ADOT, eight or nine years ago, was that ADOT would fund the design, which would include the design concept report, and the Town would be responsible for constructing the alternative. He stated that he believes ADOT would listen to the Town's preference, but ultimately, it is their engineers as well as operations and safety that will make the final decision.

Mayor stated that she cannot support an option that would take away a place of worship.

Mr. Chris Salas, Public Works Director, pointed out the following:

- Duration of project
- Option is determined by extensive analysis
 - Roundabout is determined to be the best possible option
- Major decision factors
 - Safety aspect
 - Alternatives had to be re-analyzed to determine which was best
- Alternative chosen has the highest level of service and safety

- Most efficient
 - By design standards nationally, this is the safest alternative
 - Used accepted criteria
 - Very little subject analysis was used in making the determination
 - Decision was made solely on the numbers of all the criteria including safety, level of service and the 24 alternative
- Councilmember Hawkin's request was analyzed previously
- Because of the geometrics, the church had to be demolished
 - Previous iteration study considered it to be a fatal flaw and was not carried forward

Vice-Mayor Anderson stated that the church can remain status quo in Alternative #4.

Discussion occurred on the various options and possible alternatives.

Mayor Walter stated that the Town will have open meetings for public comment on the design phase.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the request is to move forward on JPA and staff will have options for public comments on some of the alternatives.

On motion of Councilmember Larsen, seconded by Councilmember Cordes, and carried (5 - Walter, Wall, Larsen, Cordes, Hughes; 2: Anderson, Hawkins), to approve entering into Amendment No. 1 to the Intergovernmental Agreement, JPA/IGA 12-541, A.G. Contract No P0012012001857, with the Arizona Department of Transportation, for proposed design, right-of-way acquisition and construction of a roundabout at State Route (SR) 287 and SR 79B (CIP T-14).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 672-19:

Mayor Walter read Ordinance No. 672-19 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING TITLE XV – LAND USAGE, CHAPTER 150 AMENDING, SECTIONS § 150.280(C) (D) (G) (H) and (K), ADOPTING NEW IMPACT FEES PURSUANT TO ASSUMPTION AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PLAN, ADOPTED ON JANUARY 7, 2019, BY APPROVING RESOLUTION NO. 1685-19. (First Reading done on March 18, 2019)

Ms. Garcia stated that staff has worked on this project for two years. If the ordinance is adopted, staff will post in three locations as well as in the local newspaper and will have an effective date of August 1, 2019. This has been presented at three public work sessions, two public hearings and Council has adopted the resolution.

Mayor Walter commended everyone for participating in the public process and for the work went into this done.

On motion of Councilmember Wall, seconded by Vice-Mayor Anderson, and carried (7-0) to adopt Ordinance No. 672-19.

Resolution No. 1693-19:

Mayor Walter read Resolution No. 1693-19 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, DECLARING AS A PUBLIC RECORD CERTAIN TECHNICAL CODE DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK AND ENTITLED "2012 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE", "2012 INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE", "2012 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE", "2012 INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE", "2012 INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE", "2012 INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE", "2012 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE", "2012 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE", "2012 INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE", "2012 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE" "2011 NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE", AND THE 2009 "ACCESSIBLE AND USABLE BUILDINGS & FACILITIES CODE".

Ms. Garcia stated that his resolution will adopt the Code by reference and Exhibit A, that lists all of the changes, will also be adopted and codified into the Town Code. The first reading of the resolution was conducted in April 2019, and a work session was also held.

Mayor Walter stated that staff has received inquires as to why the Code cannot remain status quo. She stated that the Town is enhancing safety as well as listened to the concerns from citizens and businesses. The proposed changes are less restrictive than the current Code.

On motion of Councilmember Hawkins, seconded by Councilmember Larsen and carried (7-0) to adopt Resolution No. 1693-19.

Ordinance No. 674-19:

Mayor Walter read Ordinance No. 674-19 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA ADOPTING THE FOLLOWING PUBLICATIONS WITH APPENDICES AND TOWN OF FLORENCE AMENDMENTS, AS LISTED HEREIN, ARE ADOPTED BY REFERENCE. REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE CONDITIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL PROPERTY, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; BY PROVIDING THE STANDARDS FOR SUPPLIED UTILITIES AND FACILITIES AND OTHER PHYSICAL THINGS AND CONDITIONS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THAT STRUCTURES ARE SAFE, SANITARY AND FIT FOR OCCUPATION AND USE; AND CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES UNFIT FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY AND USE AND DEMOLITION OF SUCH STRUCTURES IN THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, ARIZONA; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFORE; REPEALING SECTION 150.300 OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH. (First reading done on April 15, 2019)

Ms. Garcia stated that this is the second reading of the ordinance, and if adopted, will adopt the Codes by reference. The references are available at the Clerk's Office, the Community Development Department and online for anyone wishing to view them.

On motion of Councilmember Larsen, seconded by Councilmember Cordes, and carried (7-0) to adopt Ordinance No. 674-19.

Ordinance No. 675-19:

Mayor Walter read Ordinance No. 675-19 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE TOWN OF FLORENCE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY MODIFYING SECTION 150.301; TITLED BOARD OF APPEALS; BY INSERTING NEW TEXT AS UNDERLINED AND DELETING TEXT BY STRIKETHROUGH. (First reading done on April 15, 2019)

Ms. Garcia stated that the Board of Appeals section of the Town Code is being modified to require that all Board of Appeals decisions be done in writing, allows for the Board of Appeals to meet as necessary, and it will now take 2/3 vote to change the Code Official's decision.

Councilmember Cordes inquired if the Council appoints the Board of Appeals.

Ms. Garcia stated that the Council does appoints the Board of Appeals. Members of the Board are allowed to reside outside of the Town limits and is based on technical competency. They are also on the SHPO list so they have an understanding of historical preservation and how technical codes will be applied to a historical structure.

On motion of Councilmember Hawkins, seconded by Councilmember Larsen, and carried (7-0) to adopt Ordinance No. 675-19.

Ordinance No. 673-19

Mayor Walter read Ordinance No. 673-19 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE, ARIZONA, TITLE XI BUSINESS REGULATIONS, BY ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 111 RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF MOBILE FOOD VENDORS; ESTABLISHING A PURPOSE; SETTING FORTH DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR PERMIT REQUIREMENTS; ESTABLISHING OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS; IMPOSING FEES; SETTING FORTH VIOLATIONS; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (First reading done on April 15, 2019)

Ms. Garcia stated that the ordinance is part of the Model City Code for food trucks that the League of Cities and Towns prepared for all municipalities. The uniform code will be consistent throughout the State so that mobile food trucks will have an easier time understanding what the rules are.

Ms. Garcia stated that the municipalities are allowed to charge a licensing fee or permit fee. She stated that they are allowed to be inspected by any fire department or health department in the State and it is valid statewide.

On motion of Vice-Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Larsen, and carried (7-0) to adopt Ordinance No. 673-19.

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. Resolution No. 1697-19:

Mayor Walter read Resolution No. 1697-19 by title only.

Approval of A RESOLUTION OF TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR TARA WALTER, TOWN MANAGER BRENT BILLINGSLEY, AND FINANCE DIRECTOR REY SANCHEZ TO ACT AS SIGNATORIES FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS ON THE TOWN OF FLORENCE BANKING ACCOUNTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

b. Approval to enter into a contract with Continental Flooring Company to purchase flooring for needed replacements at the Senior Center, Town Hall-Administration, Fitness Center, Fire Station No. 1 Day and Dormitory Rooms using the Mohave Contract No. 15S-CFC-0415, in an amount not to exceed \$50,059.64, which includes a 10% contingency.

c. Approval and ratification of the intervention and filing of an Application to Intervene by the Town of Florence (the "Application") in proceedings before the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) (Docket No. WS-02987A-18-0329; Docket No. WS-02987A-99-0583; Docket No. W-02234A-00-0371; Docket No. WS-02987A-00-0618; Docket No. W-02859A-00-0774; Docket No. W-01395A-00-0784; Docket No. WS-02987A-06-0077; Docket No. WS-02987A-12-0136) (the "ACC regulatory proceedings") involving Johnson Utilities, L.L.C. and adding the Town of Florence as a party in the ACC regulatory proceedings, including the authorization for the Mayor, the Town Manager, the Attorneys for the Town and other officers of the Town, on behalf of the Town, are authorized and directed, without further order of the Mayor and Council of the Town, to do all such acts and things, including the full prosecution of appeals, and to execute, file and deliver all such notices, certificates, filings, pleadings, correspondence, proceedings, agreements and other documents as may be necessary or convenient to be executed, filed and delivered on behalf of the Town, to evidence compliance with, or further the purposes of, all the terms and conditions of this approval and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by, and may be necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this approval.

d. Adoption of an Interagency agreement between the Town of Florence Police Department and the Host Agency for our participation and response to call outs with the Arizona Child Abduction Response Team. (Dan Hughes)

- e. **Approval of accepting the register of demands ending March 31, 2019, in the amount of \$2,658,857.05.**

On motion of Councilmember Larsen, seconded by Councilmember Cordes, and carried to approve the Consent Agenda, as written with the exception of Item c. and d.

- c. **Approval and ratification of the intervention and filing of an Application to Intervene by the Town of Florence (the "Application") in proceedings before the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) (Docket No. WS-02987A-18-0329; Docket No. WS-02987A-99-0583; Docket No. W-02234A-00-0371; Docket No. WS-02987A-00-0618; Docket No. W-02859A-00-0774; Docket No. W-01395A-00-0784; Docket No. WS-02987A-06-0077; Docket No. WS-02987A-12-0136) (the "ACC regulatory proceedings") involving Johnson Utilities, L.L.C. and adding the Town of Florence as a party in the ACC regulatory proceedings, including the authorization for the Mayor, the Town Manager, the Attorneys for the Town and other officers of the Town, on behalf of the Town, are authorized and directed, without further order of the Mayor and Council of the Town, to do all such acts and things, including the full prosecution of appeals, and to execute, file and deliver all such notices, certificates, filings, pleadings, correspondence, proceedings, agreements and other documents as may be necessary or convenient to be executed, filed and delivered on behalf of the Town, to evidence compliance with, or further the purposes of, all the terms and conditions of this approval and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by, and may be necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this approval.**

On motion of Vice-Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Larsen, and carried (7-0) to approve and ratify the intervention and filing of an Application to Intervene by the Town of Florence (the "Application") in proceedings before the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) (Docket No. WS-02987A-18-0329; Docket No. WS-02987A-99-0583; Docket No. W-02234A-00-0371; Docket No. WS-02987A-00-0618; Docket No. W-02859A-00-0774; Docket No. W-01395A-00-0784; Docket No. WS-02987A-06-0077; Docket No. WS-02987A-12-0136) (the "ACC regulatory proceedings") involving Johnson Utilities, L.L.C. and adding the Town of Florence as a party in the ACC regulatory proceedings.

- d. **Adoption of an Interagency agreement between the Town of Florence Police Department and the Host Agency for our participation and response to call outs with the Arizona Child Abduction Response Team.**

On motion of Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Larsen, and carried (6-0; Councilmember Hughes recused herself) to adopt an Interagency agreement between the Town of Florence Police Department and the Host Agency for our participation and response to call outs with the Arizona Child Abduction Response Team.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Employee Benefit Program with United Healthcare of Arizona for medical, dental, life and vision insurance; Teladoc for 24/7 physician access benefits; Jorgensen Brooks Group for Employee Assistance Program;

AFLAC for supplemental insurance products; and Infinisource to administer our Section 125 Flexible Benefit Account Plan.

Mr. Scott Barber, Human Resources Director, stated that the Employee Insurance Benefit Package renews on July 1, 2019. The Town is concluding its third year with United Healthcare of Arizona (UHC). Mr. Eric Johnson of Garry L. Johnson & Associates, our employee benefit plan consultant, received initial renewal quotes from the incumbent carrier, UHC. Staff directed Mr. Johnson to ask UHC what they would be willing to do for our renewal if we did not shop the package to other providers. UHC responded with a 1% renewal increase for health and 10% for dental, which yields an overall net increase of approximately 1.4%. Based on that offer, we decided to recommend renewal with UHC. Staff continues to be very appreciative of the work done on behalf of the Town by Eric Johnson and his staff. The overall increase is approximately \$32,000. The plan for medical insurance has a \$1,000 maximum out-of-pocket limit for the employee, and a maximum of \$3,000 for a family. The Town fully pays the employee premium and shares the dependent coverage premium with those employees who need and want dependent coverage on a 78%/22% split.

On Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and carried (7-0) to approve the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Employee Benefit Program with United Healthcare of Arizona for medical, dental, life and vision insurance; Teladoc for 24/7 physician access benefits; Jorgensen Brooks Group for Employee Assistance Program; AFLAC for supplemental insurance products; and Infinisource to administer our Section 125 Flexible Benefit Account Plan.

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to enter into a contract with Regional Pavement Maintenance of Arizona, Inc., to mill and replace 2.5" R12 asphalt for CIP T-69 Pavement Preservation, for the amount not to exceed amount \$1,339,285.31 under Job Order Contract (JOC) 2014-007 for the City of Buckeye.

Mr. Salas stated that staff did a price comparison and Regional Pavement Maintenance of Arizona, Inc. was the most economical price, resulting in a savings of approximately \$300,000.

On Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Cordes, and carried (7-0) to enter into a contract with Regional Pavement Maintenance of Arizona, Inc., to mill and replace 2.5" R12 asphalt for CIP T-69 Pavement Preservation, for the amount not to exceed amount \$1,339,285.31 under Job Order Contract (JOC) 2014-007 for the City of Buckeye.

Ratification and acceptance to Apache Underground Contract for the installation of valves, fire hydrants, tapping sleeves, concrete encased sewer and for replacement of curb, sidewalk and asphalt as necessary, in an amount not to exceed \$721,008.11 for CIP WU-83 Downtown 12" Loop.

Mr. Salas stated that the Council previously approved the contract; however, it was for a lesser amount. Staff is coming before Council for ratification for the increase. The project was not mis-engineered. The Town exported the GIS files, as a shape file, to the engineer; these records were the best document that the Town has, but the information is limited. The Town does not have quarter section maps and there are omissions and errors on the Town's records. This resulted in the Town having to work with the engineering firm to re-design some lines and have

tie-ins. If not fixed, there would be 35 homes without water. He re-iterated that this was no one's fault.

Councilmember Hughes inquired what is needed in the department to correct the records.

Mr. Salas stated that this is something that just occurs as the project is ongoing. There is no ability to correct the records aside from tearing open all of the streets and exposing every line and resurveying every single thing, which would be a sub-surface investigation, which would cost millions of dollars. It is cost effective to fix them as the issues arise.

Councilmember Larsen inquired if the maps are being updated once the lines are installed.

Mr. Salas explained how the records are updated.

On motion of Councilmember Cordes, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, and carried (7-0) for the ratification and acceptance to Apache Underground Contract for the installation of valves, fire hydrants, tapping sleeves, concrete encased sewer and for replacement of curb, sidewalk and asphalt as necessary, in an amount not to exceed \$721,008.11 for CIP WU-83 Downtown 12" Loop.

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of entering into an Associated Partner Agreement with Electrum Foundation.

Mr. Billingsley stated that staff attended the 2019 Smart Cities Connect Conference in Denver, Colorado. During the Smart Cities Exposition staff was able to connect with Petra Dalunde and her team with the Electrum Foundation. The Electrum Foundation has founded Urban ICT Arena in collaboration with Kista Science City AB, corporate ("KSCAB"). Urban ICT Arena is an open testbed and co-creation arena for technical development and innovation in an urban environment where the opportunities of digitalization for the future and society can be developed, tested and showcased.

Mr. Billingsley stated that through our ongoing discussions with the Electrum Foundation and its corporate and educational partners it is clear that the Town of Florence has ideas and partnerships that are of value in the Smart Cities arena. Therefore, a partnership between the two parties may be constructive for both. Staff is currently working on a testing protocol for Electrum partners and has agreed to share data from deployment and testing of our new LaRaWAN network. He explained the process of how the partnership and testing will work.

Mr. Billingsley stated that they work with several corporations, and he met with Sensitive Empowerment, which are also a Swedish corporation who works in the ICT arena and provides Smart Cities Technology. They are also going to engineer LaRaWan sensors for the Town to test for potential use in Europe.

Mr. Billingsley explained what the sensors are and how they are used. The Town has worked with Millandr to install their radios at three different locations. It is similar to WiFi that covers a very large area but does not require the same amount of band width. It is small packets of data that is sent at a time. Because of the way it works, you have a farther reach and have an opportunity for a very long battery life.

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Mr. Billingsley stated that sensors can determine a variety of thing and can interface with the application allowing data to be analyzed that can draw conclusions, thus making us smarter and more efficient.

Councilmember Wall inquired if the Town is contemplating a monetary contribution, similar to what is indicated in Item 1.2 of the Agreement, which indicates that Associated Partners contributes to ICT Arena by making a monetary contribution or providing other resources.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the Town will not be making a monetary contribution, nor have they asked for a monetary contribution. They want the Town's data and to test their items, which is more than a monetary contribution.

Councilmember Wall inquired what processes will be in place to ensure the confidentiality of the citizen's data.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the Town would only provide the results of the testing. They are interested in the Town testing their sensors. They are trying to get them licensed for use in the United States and Europe. They would like to show that the sensors work, communicate well and that the data can be received and analyzed. There is no intellectual property loss from the residents' perspective.

Councilmember Wall inquired if the agreement is with a foreign entity, and if so, can the Town legally enter into this type of agreement.

Mr. Clifford Mattice, Town Attorney, stated that he does not foresee any issues. He stated that neither party has any jurisdiction over either party.

Mr. Billingsley stated that Section 6 refers to proceedings by telephone and physical meetings must be in Phoenix Arizona, and the Town complies with Arizona Revised Statutes.

Mayor Walter stated that the Town may terminate the agreement for any reason at any time without any recourse.

Mr. Billingsley stated that they are looking for partners to build a consortium.

Discussion occurred on the opportunities for Florence.

On motion of Councilmember Hawkins, seconded by Councilmember Larsen, and carried (7-0) to enter into an Associated Partner Agreement with Electrum Foundation.

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of the removal of Kendra Johnson from the Florence Youth Commission.

Ms. Garcia stated that the Town Code states that any board or commission member that misses three meetings be removed from the respective board or commission. The alternate will take the seat of the vacancy.

On motion of Councilmember Hawkins, seconded by Councilmember Larsen and carried (7-0) for the removal of Kendra Johnson from the Florence Youth Commission.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mayor Walter stated that the Town received an update on Senate Bill 1186, which is Florence's bill to be enabled to transfer excess funds out of the Town's Firefighter's Relief and Pension Fund to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) in order to reduce Florence's unfunded liability with PSPRS. The bill passed out of the Senate without objection and was approved in the House 51-8. The bill was transmitted to the Governor on May 1, 2019, where it awaits his signature. The Governor must choose to sign or veto the bill by the close of business on May 7, 2019, otherwise it takes effect without his signature.

Mayor Walter stated that there has been minimal progress on the State's budget until the legislature can agree on a tax cut with the Governor's office. It appears that the legislative session will continue until June. She stated that the per diem amount the legislature receives will be cut in half starting next week, which may help the legislature end quickly.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Billingsley stated that the Manager's report continues to be revised, based on feedback received and requests. There was a request to utilize the Leadership and Governance section to highlight things that are coming to Council in the near future, which is a new section that was added.

Mr. Billingsley stated that the Town completed the chip seal program for the spring. He stated that the Town is self-insured and belongs to the Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool, along with other municipalities. The Pool received a dividend of \$10,000,000 statewide. The Town's portion of the dividend is \$110,541.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Community Development
Community Services
Finance
Fire
Police
Public Works

The Department Reports were received and filed.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public comments.

CALL TO THE COUNCIL – CURRENT EVENTS ONLY

Councilmember Hughes stated that she is the liaison for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and highlighted the upcoming Parks and Recreation events and invited everyone to attend.

Councilmember Cordes stated she is the liaison for the Historic District Advisory Commission, and that SHPO came to Florence and toured many buildings and there were approximately 20 people who toured along with SHPO. It was great to be able to have a one-on-way conversation with the officials. She stated that Florence as a whole, needs to invest in the Town's historical district.

Councilmember Larsen stated that she is the liaison for the Florence Youth Commission and they are requesting a work session with the Council to discuss issues they are facing, such as smoking, bullying, etc. She thanked the Mayor for recognizing Mr. McGinnis and all that he has done for the community.

Councilmember Wall stated that the Town had many appreciation events for staff, Boards and Commission member, and Firefighters. Ms. Chris Reid retired from the Pinal County Historical Museum after 20 years of service and will be deeply missed. She will continue to be part of the Town and contribute to the Town's history. She thanked all of the teachers and the Town Clerk and staff. She stated that she is the liaison for the Chamber of Commerce and invited everyone to their mixer.

Councilmember Hawkins stated that the Silver King repair project has started with painting and the new decking has been ordered. The Town is accepting bids for the egress project. They are trying to minimize the impact on the businesses and worked on the project on the weekend since the businesses are closed on the weekend.

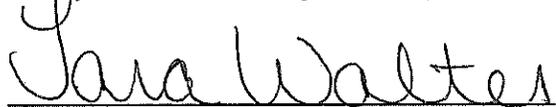
Vice-Mayor Anderson stated that the Pinal County Water Augmentation Authority has been working on the contingency plan and has been approved. It didn't go as well for Pinal County as they had hoped. He stated that Florence has a lot of things happening in the Town and thanked everyone for the invitation to all of the events. He expressed his appreciation to the Town Clerk and her staff.

Mayor Walter stated that she will be attending meetings for Central Arizona Governments and Maricopa Association of Governments.

Mayor Walter thanked all of the educators for what they do.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Hawkins, seconded by Councilmember Hughes and carried (7-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm.



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 May 6, 2019, and that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.



Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk

