

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020, 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 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Bill Hawkins

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.

Mr. Arthur Wilkerson, Anthem K-8 Teacher, stated that he teaches history, government and social studies. He would like to recognize Roberto Riveles, who is an Anthem 8th grade student. He is trying to achieve his Eagle Scout, in which he opted to attend the Council meeting for his community event.

Ms. Cathy Adams, Florence Resident, Boardmember Pinal County Historical Society recognized Mr. Biede and the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce for an outstanding car show. She stated that the car show grows every year. She thanked Fire Chief Strayer and the Department for having the refurbished fire truck in the show.

Ms. Adams stated that the Board also participated in the Home Tour and had over 400 people visit the museum. Randy Helm, the "Horse Whisperer" presented at the museum at 10:00 am and people were lined up to see him as early as 9:00 am and stayed for most of the day.

Ms. Adams stated that they are having a mural painted on the south wall of the museum. The murals will welcome the visitors. The mural is part of a children's story book. There will be approximately 40 murals, across Arizona and the murals will correlate with the children's book. The point of the book is to encourage tourism. Nearby communities taking part in the project are

Queen Valley, Miami and Superior and they, along with Florence, will be four consecutive pages of the book.

Ms. Adams stated that they are forming partnerships in the community, such as Arizona Department of Corrections. They are restoring the fire truck. They have also had the Chamber run their tours for the ADOC Admin offices, which is a fundraiser for the Museum.

Ms. Adams stated that they are also participating in the 3rd Fridays on Main event. She noted that the museum is now offering a formal program with the Greater Florence Women's Club as well.

Ms. Stephanie Joyner, Executive Director for Pinal County Historical Society (PCHS), stated in honor of International Women's Day, will be honoring women with a special exhibit titled "Cradle to Grave", The Evolution of Women 1880s -1950s. PCHS Museum celebrates womanhood with a special exhibition of 19th and 20th century fashion and accessories throughout the life, from childhood to the coming of age, adulthood and end of life. Explore how fashion shapes women's identity and how womanhood has evolved or remained the same. Many of the items have been rarely seen and you will be amazed at their quality, and how small women used to be. She stated that the exhibit will be from March 8 -15, 2020.

Ms. Catherine Kitchell, Chairman, Greater Florence Women's Club, stated that the board has five members. Within their Articles of Incorporation, their mission is to serve the community. She provided a brief history of the Women's Club and stated that they have been serving the community for 123 years. They will be assisting the PCHS Museum's exhibit by providing clothing for their exhibit. They also do several fundraisers and the money is filtered back into the community such as providing scholarships for our youth.

Mr. Mike Shoppell, Florence Resident, encouraged everyone to participate in the POWWOW, which provides up to 70 pounds of fruits and vegetables for \$12.00. All the fruits and vegetables are fresh. The event is held at the Community Center.

Mr. Richard Biede, Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce, invited everyone to the "Third Fridays on Main" event, in which they will recognize the Florence High School Cheerleaders, who won State for the third time in a row and finished Nationals, where one of the groups finished 2nd.

ADJOURN TO MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1.

On motion of Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Larsen, and carried (6- 0) to adjourn to Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 1.

Discussion and possible approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. ("Stifel"), to serve as Financial Advisor for the Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 1 for a variety of potential future bond financings and related services.

Ms. Rebecca Jimenez, District Treasurer, stated that the District Financial Advisor performs a variety of duties such as assisting with bonding issues and the feasibility study. The Town has worked with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. since the 1990s and have been instrumental with the bonding issues, specifically, within the CFD area.

On motion of Boardmember Wall, seconded by Boardmember Cordes, and carried (6-0) to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. ("Stifel"), to serve as Financial Advisor for the Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 1 for a variety of potential future bond financings and related services.

Discussion and possible action to approve Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 1 January 21, 2020 Special Meeting minutes.

On motion of Boardmember Cordes, seconded by Boardmember Larsen, and carried (6-0) to approve the Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 1 January 21, 2020 Special Meeting minutes.

ADJOURNMENT FROM MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO 1.

On motion of Boardmember Larsen, seconded by Boardmember Cordes, and carried (6-0) to adjourn from Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 1.

ADJOURNMENT TO MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO 2.

On motion of Councilmember Larsen, seconded by Councilmember Cordes, and carried (6-0) to adjourn to Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 2.

Discussion and possible approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. ("Stifel"), to serve as Financial Advisor for the Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 2 for a variety of potential future bond financings and related services. (Rebecca Jimenez)

On motion of Vice-Chairman Anderson, seconded by Boardmember Larsen, and carried (6-0) to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. ("Stifel"), to serve as Financial Advisor for the Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 2 for a variety of potential future bond financings and related services.

Discussion and possible action to approve Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No.2 January 21, 2020 Special Meeting minutes.

On motion of Vice-Chairman Anderson, seconded by Boardmember Hughes, and carried (6-0) to approve the Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No.2 January 21, 2020 Special Meeting minutes.

ADJOURNMENT FROM MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO 2.

On motion of Boardmember Wall, seconded by Boardmember Larsen, and carried (6-0) to adjourn from Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 2.

PRESENTATIONS

Public hearing to receive public comments on proposed increase to water and wastewater rates and fees.

Ms. Rebecca Jimenez, Finance Director, stated that the Town is required to have a public hearing on the proposed water and wastewater rates and fees for public comment. She stated that there will be another opportunity for public comments on February 21, 2020 at 4:00 pm. This item will be presented to Council for consideration in March.

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

Recognition of the 35th Annual Historic Home Tour Committee.

Ms. Alison Feliz, Recreation Programmer, stated that the committee began meeting in October 2019 for this event. The Town has been fortunate to have the same members sit on the committee, which has helped with the planning and execution of the event. There were approximately 781 paid guests; however, this does not include those who attended the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Festival or those just walking around enjoying the community. There were approximately 120 volunteers who assisted with the event. The committee members for the 35th Annual Historic Home Tour are Lynn Smith, Maricela Benitez, Barbara Kelly, Roger Biede and Chris Reid.

Mayor Walter thanked the Committee for all of the time and effort.

Ms. Maricela Benitez, Town employee and Committee Member, stated that this is her second year on the committee. She thanked the committee members and Ms. Feliz for helping put on a great event.

Introduction and recognition of the Town of Florence's Community Emergency Response Team Class of 2020.

Mr. Dave Strayer, Fire Chief, stated that the program is funded from a FEMA grant and in partnership with Pinal County. This program has exceeded all expectations and have assisted in many events. The program continues to evolve. He introduced the Town of Florence's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Class of 2020. They had 23 participates this year.

Chief Strayer stated that this is the 2nd class to complete this training and join Florence's CERT. The Community Emergency Response Team Program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks. Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters is built and enhanced.

Chief Strayer stated that the CERT leaders are Ms. Barb Elliott, Mr. Mike Sherm and Mr. Donovan Elliott.

Ms. Barb Elliott, CERT Leader, works with Pinal County Emergency Management, stated that it has been a great working relationship with the Town. Because of Florence, Coolidge and Casa

Grande want to start a CERT Team. She stated that the trainers volunteer their time to help everyone be better prepared for their community.

Mr. Mike Scherm, Florence Firefighter and CERT Leader, stated that he it has been a rewarding opportunity to work with the individuals on the Team. Some of the uniqueness of Florence's team is that they have the ability to run two assignments at the same time. They also have a Rehab truck and it was deployed seven times for various events. The vehicle went to Eloy went they had a 72-hour power outage to hand out ice. They also have the Pinal County trailer that assist with any type of disaster aid.

Mr. Scherm stated that the 2020 members are: John Compton, Dan Danser, Reena Danser, Mike Evans, Judy Evans, Jill Griffith, Jim Hansen, Mary Hansen, Mary James, Kelly Keith, Mary Lindsey, Ted Macek, Rita Manzi, Clifford McGinnis, Diane Morris, Mark Nedza, Mike Runice, Marianne Sage, Cassandra Scherm, Bill Scott, Kathy Sichling, John Styers, Jim Viere and Greg Waterman. There are a total of six couples (husband/wife) that are part of the CERT Team.

Mr. Scherm stated that Mr. and Mrs. Hansen moved here from Oregon and were already part of the CERT team in Oregon. They are also members of the Ham Radio Operator Program and have offered to put on a class to do HAM radio operations.

Mr. Evans had previously made a plaque for the Fire Department. He modified the plaque to add the word CERT to it and presented it to Chief Strayer.

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. **Approval of a Professional Services Agreement for Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc., to serve as the Financial Advisor for the Town of Florence for a variety of potential future bond financings and related services. (Rebecca Jimenez)**
- b. **Resolution No. 1733-20:**

Mayor Walter read Resolution No. 1733-20 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, DECLARING AS A PUBLIC RECORD CERTAIN TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN OF FLORENCE CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE XV "LAND USAGE" FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK AND ENTITLED "CHAPTER 150: DEVELOPMENT CODE, ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES SECTIONS 150.000 TO 150.019" AND "PART 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTIONS 150.080 AND 150.081". (Lisa Garcia)

- c. **Authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Pinal County for provision of service by the Pinal County Elections and Records Department. (Lisa Garcia)**
- d. **Approval of the January 6, January 13, and January 21, 2020 Town Council Meeting minutes.**

e. Receive and file the following board and commission minutes:

1. April 11, April 18, April 28, May 30, June 21, and July 5, 2017 Board of Appeals Meeting minutes.
2. December 18, 2019 and January 13, 2020 Historic District Advisory Commission Meeting minutes.
3. November 14, 2019 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting minutes.

On motion of Councilmember Cordes, seconded by Vice-Mayor Anderson, and carried (6-0) to approve the Consent Agenda, as written with the exception of Item 11b.

- b. **Resolution No. 1733-20: Adoption of A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, DECLARING AS A PUBLIC RECORD CERTAIN TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN OF FLORENCE CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE XV "LAND USAGE" FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK AND ENTITLED "CHAPTER 150: DEVELOPMENT CODE, ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES SECTIONS 150.000 TO 150.019" AND "PART 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTIONS 150.080 AND 150.081". (Lisa Garcia)**

Councilmember Wall asked for a summary of the changes.

Ms. Lisa Garcia, Deputy Town Manager/Town Clerk, stated that the request is to declare the document a public record and not for the changes at this time. The Town's consultant, Dana Burkhart, has worked on the Code and has presented it to the Planning and Zoning Commission. She explained the process of adopting an ordinance and the associated costs for publishing. She is requesting that the document be adopted as a public record so that it can be heard in the future. She clarified that the Council is not adopting the code. Mr. Burkhart will come before Council in March to explain this in detail. There will also be a public hearing. It will have two readings and will require 30 days for adoption.

On motion of Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Larsen, and carried (6-0) adopt resolution No. 1733-20, declaring as a public record certain text amendments to the Town of Florence Code of Ordinances Title XV "Land Usage" filed with the Town Clerk and entitled "Chapter 150: Development Code Administration and Procedures Sections 150.000 to 150.019" and "part 1. General Provisions, section 150.080 and 150.081".

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 690-20: first reading of AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE TOWN OF FLORENCE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY STRIKING SECTIONS 32.030, 32.032, 32.033, 32.120, 32.121, 32.121, 32.200, 32.201, 32.202 ELIMINATING THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD, THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD, THE ARTS AND CULTURE BOARD, AND THE FLORENCE YOUTH COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING THE COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP SECTION 32.085 ESTABLISHED 32.086, POWERS AND DUTIES SECTION 32.087 AND MEETING SECTION 32.015.

Ms. Garcia stated that at the January 13, 2020 Work Session, Council authorized staff to proceed with consolidating boards and commissions that advise the Town Council and Community

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Services Director. Adoption of the ordinance would mean that the Parks and Recreation Board, Library Advisory Board, Arts and Culture Commission and Youth Advisory Board would be dissolved. The Florence Teen Council (FTC) would develop elected positions within the membership, who will serve as the Board of the FTC and attend leadership functions for the Town of Florence. Interviews will be held for those who have applied.

Ms. Garcia stated that the newly created Community Services Board will be a nine-member board, three of which may reside within the planning boundary. Members whose term is current will be asked to serve on the newly created Community Services Advisory Board but be assigned new expiration dates to allow for staggering of terms. They will each be contacted to see who would like to retain their seat and then we would come before Council to appoint the members under the new commission. Currently, there is one vacancy and applications are being accepted.

Mr. Bryan Hughes, Community Services Director, stated that though he likes the different boards, the new board will be more sufficient and effective. Expanding the members to include members from outside of the Town and planning area will enhance the expertise of those on the board.

Ms. Garcia stated that per Mayor Walter's request, Section J, which reads "Organize and promote a healthy living initiative for adults and youth, including nutritious diets and appropriate exercise habits" was included in the ordinance. This is part of the P.O.W.W.O.W. initiative that Council had requested as well.

Mayor Walter stated that this will allow for greater participation.

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of establishing an ad hoc committee titled the Florence Strategic Plan Advisory Committee, and assigning the following members: Roger Biede, Harold Christ, Peter Koulouris, Henry Padilla, Mike Shoppell, and Betty Wheeler.

Ms. Garcia stated that this item was discussed at the work session. This Ad Hoc committee will consist of nine members to review strategic events. The Town is currently accepting applications and has two applications on file. Council has the authority to specify the number of members it would like if they wish to have more than nine or any other changes that it wishes.

Mayor Walter expressed her appreciation to the members and feel that Council can do a better job through establishing this committee and ensuring that the Town is following the Strategic Plan and meeting the outlined goals.

Ms. Garcia asked that the Council follow the process, established by ordinance, for appointments of boards.

Councilmember Hughes inquired about the terms and how often they would meet.

Ms. Garcia stated that the Strategic Plan is from 2017 – 2022 and will serve through 2022. In 2021, staff will ask Council as how they would like to proceed. She stated that they would meet as needed.

Councilmember Hughes inquired about meetings because the previous committee expressed concern about not meeting after the Strategic Plan was adopted.

Ms. Garcia explained that they were an Ad Hoc Committee and the Committee was dissolved once the Strategic Plan was adopted. This is why Council needed to re-appoint the committee.

Councilmember Wall asked that they include members from Parkside and the Five Parks area, if they do not have representation from there.

Councilmember Cordes stated that she is concerned about time constraints to attend these meetings as well as the other board/commission meetings that they are on.

Ms. Garcia stated that if a member misses more than three meetings, staff can bring the request to remove the individual from the committee before Council. Council can elect to change the number of meetings that they can miss.

Vice-Mayor Anderson inquired if each member was contacted and accepted the invitation to be part of the committee.

Ms. Garcia stated that each of the individuals were contacted and accepted the invitation.

On motion of Vice-Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Cordes, and carried (6-0) approve establishing an ad hoc committee titled the Florence Strategic Plan Advisory Committee, and assigning the following members: Roger Biede, Harold Christ, Peter Koulouris, Henry Padilla, Mike Shoppell, and Betty Wheeler.

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to correct the date for a public hearing on an increase of Sanitation rates and fees from March 16, 2020 to April 20, 2020, to be in compliance with Statutory Law.

Ms. Jimenez stated that she came before Council asking for a public hearing on March 16th for the sanitation rates. The same rules do not apply to sanitation as they do for water and wastewater; and she must comply to the 60-day notification. The notice has been posted on the Town's website with the corrected dates. She is requesting that the public hearing be set for April 20, 2020.

On motion of Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Larsen, and carried (6-0) to approve the correct the date for a public hearing on an increase of Sanitation rates and fees from March 16, 2020 to April 20, 2020, to be in compliance with Statutory Law.

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of a Professional Services Agreement with the James Vincent Group (JVG), to conduct a Certificate of Necessity Feasibility Study for Ambulance Services, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. (David Strayer)

Mayor Walter tabled item 12d to a future meeting. She stated that this is going through the legislature, and dependent on the outcome, will be depend on how the Town will proceed.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Ben Bitter, Assistant to the Town Manager, discussed the following bills:

- HB2825
 - Eliminate any requirement for Certificate of Necessity
 - No need for Town to go through with expense of conducting a feasibility study if the requirement is eliminated.

- HB2521
 - Appropriations for the Heritage Fund
 - Is in the House Appropriation Committee
 - Town signed into support the bill
- HB2705
 - Pertains to vacant and abandoned properties
 - Town of Florence Bill
 - Passed through the House Government Committee in 8-3 vote
 - Will now go to the Rules, followed by going to the entire House and then to the Senate
- There are a total of 1692 bills
 - 899 bills in the House
 - 682 bills in the Senate
 - 111 resolutions
- Link of the video from House Appropriations Committee is available on the Town's website.
 - Pertains to discussion regarding the possible closure of the prison in Florence
 - Costs to close vs. cost to keep it open
 - \$50,000,000 cost per year to close the prison
 - Beds that will be needed to move inmates to move to private prison
 - Florence is having discussions to the impacts it will have to Florence

Councilmember Cordes inquired about the employment of personnel who are not officers and what will happen to their jobs. She inquired if they have considered what they will do with the building once it is empty.

Mr. Bitter stated that they answer the question towards the end of the video. Some administrative positions will be shifted to Phoenix. Many of those individuals will be able to work at the Eyman Complex. He stated that the execution chamber may remain active, which will limit future use for the remainder of the building; however, there is still not a definitive answer as to what will happen with the building.

Discussion occurred regarding that the cost to actually close the building. There was also discussion on where the inmates would be placed such as Pinal County Jail. Jails would need to do structural and capital upgrades in order to receive inmates from the prisons, as defined and codified in the Arizona Administrative Code. The Arizona Administrative Code requires that they have education programming, recreational programming and even a certain number of televisions per inmates.

Mr. Bitter explained that the contracts to house the inmates in county jails and/or private prisons may cost approximately \$50,000,000 more annually.

Vice-Mayor Anderson inquired if the legislature has any power to stop the closure from happening.

Mr. Bitter explained that they are the ones who approve the budget and if the RFP for those contracts is not approved then it cannot move forward because the State will not have any money in which to do so.

Councilmember Cordes inquired about SB1446, which is the Senate Education Committee that would require all school IDs to have the suicide prevention awareness on the back of them. She signed in and provided her support for the bill.

Mr. Bitter stated that it is the Rules Committee and explained the remaining process for it to move forward.

MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public comments.

CALL TO THE COUNCIL – CURRENT EVENTS ONLY

Councilmember Wall stated that the Chamber of Commerce and Destination Florence Visitor Guide and Business Directory is beautiful. She appreciates all the work that they put into creating it.

Councilmember Wall stated that she attended the Home Tour and was impressed with the tour and the volunteers. The highlight for her was to hear Mr. Helm at the museum. They brought three inmates who shared what the program means to them and their future once they are released from prison. They discussed how the program has changed them.

Councilmember Wall thanked Mr. Billingsley and Vice-Mayor Anderson for the summary provided regarding the Growing Water Smart workshop. The information was eye-opening in terms of what Florence has in the terms of water resources.

Councilmember Wall would like to see more restrooms in the downtown area. This would alleviate the requirement of small businesses on Main Street from having ADA restrooms in their buildings. They would be able to utilize the Town's restrooms because they would be in close proximity. This would also help economic development in the downtown area.

Councilmember Larsen stated that the car show was a great event. She was impressed with the number of cars that were there.

Councilmember Hughes stated that she was impressed with the car show.

Councilmember Cordes stated that she volunteered at the event and was only able to see the cars that were in front of the Silver King. She worked during the Home Tour and it was a great event. She met a lot people that came to visit the Town and were not aware of the Home Tour and were able to do the tour. She invited everyone to come to the 3rd Fridays on Main event this Friday. They will be recognizing the Cheer Squad and asked them to come out to support them. The Florence Unified School District had many athletes that have had successes this year.

Vice-Mayor Anderson thanked Mr. Billingsley for inviting the Council to the Growing Water Smart Workshop. The workshops offered were very informative. There were many recommendations

provided to the Arizona Department of Water Resources. He enjoyed the car show and the Home Tour. He and wife were ambassadors and learned a lot about the buildings in the downtown area. He also attended Mr. Helm's talk and was impressed with him and the inmates. The inmates did a fantastic job explaining the importance of the program.

Mayor Walter stated that the Town has a lot of successful events. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to plan the events and ensure everyone's safety while at the events. She is proud of the athletes in the community and congratulated the Cheerleaders for representing the Town at Nationals.

Mayor Walter invited everyone to the following events: P.O.W.W.O.W., the Tea, Fashion Show, Music Festival and Arts and Crafts Show.

Mayor Larsen thanked Mr. Wilkerson for bringing his student to the Council. He is a positive role model for the community.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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:

- a. **Town's position and instruct its attorneys regarding pending litigation in Maricopa County Superior Court: Town of Florence v. Florence Copper, Inc. CV2015-000325, including counterclaims.**
- b. **Town's position and instruct its attorneys regarding Arizona Department of Environmental Quality proceedings, related to Water Quality Appeals Board Case No. 16-002, including appellate proceedings to reviewing courts.**
- c. **Discussion on possibility of purchasing land.**
- d. **Discussion on a pending claim arising out of the Town's Judgement Lien affecting property at 79001 W. Desert Blossom Way.**
- e. **Discussion on the following development agreements:**
 1. **Project Foresight**
 2. **Project Trailblazer**
 3. **Project Whitesock**

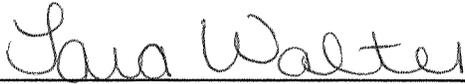
On motion of Vice-Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Wall, and carried (6-0) to adjourn to Executive Session.

ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilmember Cordes, seconded by Councilmember Larsen, and carried (6-0) to adjourn from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Larsen, and carried (6-0) to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 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 February 18, 2020, and that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.



Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk