

TOWN OF FLORENCE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Mayor Tara Walter
Vice-Mayor John Anderson
Councilmember Karen Wall
Councilmember Kristen Larsen
Councilmember Michelle Cordes
Councilmember Judy Hughes



Florence Town Hall
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Meet 1st and 3rd Mondays

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

4:00 PM

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the Town of Florence Council and to the general public that a Special Meeting of the Florence Town Council will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., in the Florence Town Council Chambers, located at 775 N. Main Street, Florence, Arizona.

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC MEETINGS

Due to the risks to public health caused by the possible spread of the COVID-19 virus at public gatherings, the Town of Florence has determined that public meetings will be indefinitely held through technological means. Meetings will be open to the public through technological means. In reliance on, and in compliance with, the March 13, 2020 Opinion issued by Attorney General Mark Brnovich, and in conjunction with the Emergency Proclamation signed by Mayor Tara Walter, on March 18, 2020. The Town of Florence provides this special advance notice of the technological means through which public meetings may be accessed. While this special notice is in effect, public comment at meetings will only be accepted through written submissions, which may or may not be read aloud during meetings.

To attend the meeting noticed below by technological means, members of the public may:

- 1. Access the link to watch a video stream on the Town website: www.FlorenceAZ.gov/tv or view the meeting live on Cox TV Channel 11.*

Members of the public may submit written comments relating to this meeting to Town Clerk Lisa Garcia by emailing lisa.garcia@florenceaz.gov at any time until one hour prior to the posted start time for the meeting. Please be sure to include your name and address for the record as well as the meeting date (and Agenda Item #, if applicable) in the subject of your email.

If any member of the public has difficulty connecting to the meeting, they are invited to contact the Town of Florence Information Technology Helpdesk at (520) 868-7543.

The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL: Tara Walter, John Anderson, Karen Wall, Kristen Larsen, Michelle Cordes, Judy Hughes

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1

a. Call to Order

b. ROLL CALL:Tara Walter, John Anderson, Karen Wall,
Kristen Larsen, Michelle Cordes, Judy Hughes

6. MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2

a. Call to Order

b. ROLL CALL:Tara Walter, John Anderson, Karen Wall,
Kristen Larsen, Michelle Cordes, Judy Hughes

7. ADJOURNMENT TO A JOINT EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1, MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2 AND THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE.

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. Discussion or consultations regarding a Notice of Claim filed by Merrill Ranch Owner's Agent, L.L.C., CMR/Casa Grande, L.L.C., Roadrunner Resorts, L.L.C. and Florence Copper, Inc. against Merrill Ranch Community Facilities Districts No. 1, Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 2 and the Town of Florence.

b. Discussion or consultation potential and threatened claims against the Town and Districts.

8. ADJOURNMENT FROM MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1 EXECUTIVE SESSION.

9. ADJOURNMENT FROM MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1 MEETING.

10. ADJOURNMENT FROM MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2 EXECUTIVE SESSION.

11.ADJOURNMENT FROM MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2 MEETING.

12. ADJOURNMENT 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. Town's position and instruction on economic development agreements pending.
- d. Town's position on Emergency COVID-19 HR issues, potential and threatened claims regarding contracts.

13.ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

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.

POSTED ON APRIL 14, 2020, BY LISA GARCIA, TOWN CLERK, AT 775 NORTH MAIN STREET, FLORENCE, ARIZONA, AND AT WWW.FLORENCEAZ.GOV.

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