

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE FLORENCE TOWN COUNCIL 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.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Walter called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

*Present: Tara Walter, John Anderson, Karen Wall, Kristen Larsen, Judy Hughes
(*all Council appeared telephonically)
Absent: Michelle Cordes

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Walter called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

*Present: Tara Walter, John Anderson, Karen Wall, Kristen Larsen, Judy Hughes
(*all Council appeared telephonically)
Absent: Michelle Cordes

MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Walter called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

*Present: Tara Walter, John Anderson, Karen Wall, Kristen Larsen, Judy Hughes
(*all Council appeared telephonically)
Absent: Michelle Cordes

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:

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.

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

Motioned, seconded, and carried (5-0) to adjourn 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.

Tara Walter, John Anderson (S), Karen Wall (M), Kristen Larsen, Judy Hughes

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

On motion of Vice-Chairman Anderson, seconded by Boardmember Wall, and carried (5-0) to adjourn from Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 1 Executive Session.

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

On motion of Vice-Chairman Anderson, seconded by Boardmember Wall, and carried (5-0) to adjourn from Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 1 meeting.

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

On motion of Boardmember Wall, seconded by Boardmember Hughes, and carried (5-0) to adjourn from Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 2 Executive Session.

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

On motion of Boardmember Wall, seconded by Vice-Chairman Anderson, and carried (5-0) to adjourn from Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 2 meeting.

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:

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

On motion of Vice-Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Larsen, and carried (5-0) to adjourn to Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and carried (5-0) to adjourn from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Larsen, and carried (5-0) to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 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 April 15, 2020, and that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.



Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk