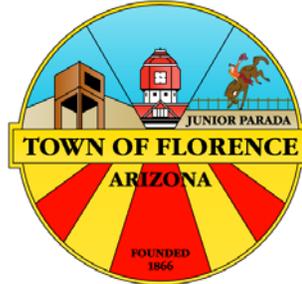


TOWN OF FLORENCE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

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

Monday, July 6, 2020

6:00 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 Regular Meeting of the Florence Town Council will be held on Monday, July 6, 2020, at 6:00 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.*
- 2. To call in and listen, please dial:*

US: +1 346 248 7799 or +1 669 900 6833

Webinar ID: 859 4662 6364
Password: 573890

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. 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.

6. ADJOURN TO MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1

- a. Public hearing to receive citizens' comments on the property tax levy of the Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 1; and first reading of Ordinance No. MR CFD1 117-20: AN ORDINANCE OF MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1, TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, LEVYING THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT SUBJECT TO TAXATION OF CERTAIN SUM UPON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) OF VALUATION SUFFICIENT TO RAISE THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED TO BE RECEIVED FROM FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES EXPENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE 2021. (Becki Jimenez)
- b. Public hearing to receive citizens' comments on the proposed final budget for Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 1; and possible adoption of Resolution No. MR CFD1 142-20: A RESOLUTION OF THE MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1, TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021. (Becki Jimenez)
- c. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of the Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 1 February 18, March 16 and April 15, 2020 Special Meeting minutes.

7. ADJOURN FROM MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1

8. ADJOURN TO MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2

- a. Public hearing to receive citizens' comments on the property tax levy of the Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 2; and first reading of Ordinance No. MR CFD2 217-20: AN ORDINANCE OF MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2, TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, LEVYING THE ASSESSED

VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT SUBJECT TO TAXATION OF CERTAIN SUM UPON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) OF VALUATION SUFFICIENT TO RAISE THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED TO BE RECEIVED FROM FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES EXPENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE 2021.(Becki Jimenez)

- b. Public hearing to receive citizens' comments on the proposed final budget for Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 2; and possible adoption of Resolution No. MR CFD2 241-20: A RESOLUTION OF MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2, TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021. (Becki Jimenez)
- c. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of the Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 2 June 15, 2020 Special Meeting minutes.

9. ADJOURN FROM MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Public hearing to receive citizens' comments on the property tax levy of the Town of Florence; and first reading of Ordinance No. 695-20: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, LEVYING THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF FLORENCE SUBJECT TO TAXATION OF CERTAIN SUM UPON EACH \$100 OF VALUATION SUFFICIENT TO RAISE THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED TO BE RECEIVED FROM FUNDS FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL EXPENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE 2021. (Becki Jimenez)
- b. Public hearing to receive citizens' comments on the secondary property tax for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for Anthem at Merrill Ranch Street Light Improvement District #1, Anthem at Merrill Ranch Street Light Improvement District #2 and Anthem at Merrill Ranch Street Light Improvement District #3; and first reading of Ordinance No. 696-20: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, ADOPTING A SECONDARY PROPERTY TAX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FOR ANTHEM AT MERRILL RANCH STREET LIGHT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1, ANTHEM AT MERRILL RANCH STREET LIGHT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #2 AND ANTHEM AT MERRILL RANCH STREET LIGHT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #3. (Becki Jimenez)
- c. Public hearing to receive citizens' comments on the proposed final budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21; and Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Resolution No. 1740-20: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021. (Becki Jimenez) (Roll Call Vote)

11. 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. Motion to authorize, approve and ratify an Application to Intervene by the Town of Florence in the matter of the application of Johnson Utilities, L.L.C., through its Interim Manager,

EPCOR Water Arizona, Inc. for a determination of the fair value of its water and wastewater utility plant and property, for increase in its rates and charges for water and wastewater utility service, and for related approvals (Docket No. WS-02987A-20-0025), including that the Town Manager, the Attorneys for the Town and other officers of the Town, on behalf of the Town, are authorized and directed to do all acts and things and to execute, file and deliver all notices, certificates, filings, pleadings, correspondence, agreements and other documents as may be necessary or convenient to carry out the terms and intent of this authorization. (Clifford L. Mattice)

- b. Approval of accepting the register of demands ending May 31, 2020, in the amount of \$1,983,331.86. (Becki Jimenez)

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution No. 1744-20: Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, TO ACCEPT \$3,148,226 FROM THE GOVERNOR'S AZCARES FUND AND AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER AND/OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND TO TAKE ALL OTHER STEPS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRANT AWARD. (Benjamin Bitter)

13. MANAGER'S REPORT

14. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. Community Development
- b. Community Services
- c. Courts
- d. Finance
- e. Fire
- f. Police
- g. Public Works

15. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

16. CALL TO THE COUNCIL – CURRENT EVENTS ONLY

17. 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 JULY 1, 2020, BY LISA GARCIA, TOWN CLERK, AT 775 NORTH MAIN STREET, FLORENCE, ARIZONA, AND AT WWW.FLORENCEAZ.GOV.

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FLORENCE ADA COORDINATOR, AT (520) 868-7574 OR 711 TDD. REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO ALLOW TIME TO ARRANGE THE ACCOMMODATION.**