

ACTION MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 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.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Walter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: *Tara Walter, *John Anderson, *Karen Wall, *Kristen Larsen, *Michelle Cordes, **Judy Hughes (*appeared via Zoom, **appeared in person)

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. PUBLIC HEARING AND PRESENTATIONS

- a. Public Hearing on a Major General Plan Amendment, requested by Grinder Sports Group, Inc., with permission by the property owner, Guardian Angel Holdings, LLC, to amend the Town of Florence's 2020 General Plan to change the land use designation on approximately 357 acres from Low and Medium Density Residential (LDR and MDR) and Community Commercial (CC) to a new category of Sports Oriented Mixed-Use) for property located at the southeast corner of Judd and Felix Roads (Project Area 1) and at the southeast corner of Felix Road and the extension of Bella Vista Road (Project Area 2) and for Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Resolution No. 1746-20: A RESOLUTION OF THE

TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY ARIZONA, APPROVING A MAJOR GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FOR CASE PZC-20-21-MGPA. (Larry Harmer)

Mayor Walter opened the public hearing. Mayor Walter closed the public hearing.

On motion of Councilmember Cordes, seconded by Councilmember Wall, and carried (6-0) to adopt Resolution No. 1746-20.

- b. Proclamation declaring October 2020 as Light Town Hall Purple for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. (Mayor Walter)

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- c. Proclamation declaring October 4 – 10, 2020 as Fire Prevention Week. (David Strayer)

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7. 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. 1751-20: Adoption of A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO ACCEPT TRIBAL GAMING FUNDS FROM THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,549 FOR MOBILE DATA COMPUTERS. (Jennifer Evans)
- b. Resolution No. 1752-20: Adoption of A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING APPLICATION TO THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY ON BEHALF OF THE PINAL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,200. (Jennifer Evans)
- c. Approval of the Lease Agreement between the Town of Florence, and the Bureau of Land Management, for 200 acres located around Poston Butte. (Hezekiah Allen)
- d. Approval to accept FFY 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program Subrecipient Agreement 200306-01, from Arizona Department of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$42,180 for the Florence Public Safety Interoperable Communications Project. (Bruce Walls)
- e. Approval of the eight Returning Strong Grant applications received thus far, in the amount of \$39,800.51. (Ben Bitter)
- f. Approval of accepting the register of demands ending August 31, 2020, in the amount of \$1,512,618.99. (Rebecca Jimenez)

On motion of Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Larsen, and carried (6-0) to approve the Consent Agenda, as written.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of a contract with Holbrook Asphalt, LLC, to clean, prepare and install HA5 high density mineral bond advanced performance pavement preservation treatment for CIP T-69 – Pavement Preservation, in an amount not to exceed \$293,466.89 (\$255,188,60, plus a 15% contingency of \$38,278.29). (Chris Salas)

On motion of Councilmember Cordes, seconded by Councilmember Larsen, and carried (6-0) to approve a contract with Holbrook Asphalt, LLC, to clean, prepare and install HA5 high density mineral bond advanced performance pavement preservation treatment for CIP T-69 – Pavement Preservation, in an amount not to exceed \$293,466.89 (\$255,188,60, plus a 15% contingency of \$38,278.29).

9. MANAGER'S REPORT

10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

11. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

12. CALL TO THE COUNCIL – CURRENT EVENTS ONLY

13. 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:

- i. Consultation, discussion and update on the MODUS Development Agreement.
- ii. Consultation, discussion and update on the Grinders Sports Group Development Agreement.
- iii. Consultation, discussion and possible contract negotiations and update related to contracts involving the Merrill Ranch project.
- iv. Consultation, discussion and possible contract negotiations related to the proposed Magma Ranch 3 project.
- v. Consultation, discussion and update related to the Mesquite Trails project.
- vi. Consultation, discussion and possible contract negotiations and update related to the Northwest corner of Hunt Highway and Merrill Ranch Parkway.
- vii. Consultation, discussion, negotiations and update related to Southwest Environmental Utilities.

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

14. ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

15. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Posted this 6th day of October, 2020, on the Town of Florence website at www.florenceaz.gov by Maria Hernandez, Deputy Town Clerk.