

ACTION MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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, Judy Hughes
Absent: Michelle Cordes

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. 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 the August 3, Regular Meeting, August 3 Special Meeting, August 10, August 17, and August 31, 2020 Meeting minutes. (Lisa Garcia)
- b. Receive and file the following board and commission minutes:
 - i. May 21, 2020 and August 20, 2020 Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting minutes.

- ii. July 22, 2019, August 14, 2019, and September 10, 2019 Ad Hoc Sign Code Committee Meeting minutes.

On motion of Councilmember Wall, seconded by Councilmember Larsen, and carried (5-0) to approve the Consent Agenda, as written.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a Renewable Power and Energy Audit Agreement with Ameresco, to conduct an Investment Grade Audit of Town facilities. (Ben Bitter)

On motion of Councilmember Wall, seconded by Vice-Mayor Anderson, and carried (5-0) to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a Renewable Power and Energy Audit Agreement with Ameresco, to conduct an Investment Grade Audit of Town facilities.

- b. Approval to authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Arizona Public Service (APS), to participate in the APS Solar Communities Program. (Ben Bitter)

On motion of Councilmember Larsen, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and carried (5-0) to authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Arizona Public Service (APS), to participate in the APS Solar Communities Program.

- c. Resolution No. 1749-20: Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, TO AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION FOR A DRINKING WATER PROJECT LOAN FROM THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA. (Brent Billingsley)

On motion of Vice-Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Wall, and carried (5-0) to adopt Resolution No. 1749-20.

- d. Resolution No. 1750-20: Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, TO AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION FOR A WASTEWATER PROJECT LOAN FROM THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA. (Brent Billingsley)

On motion of Vice-Mayor Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Wall, and carried (5-0) to adopt Resolution No. 1750-20.

8. MANAGER'S REPORT

9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL – CURRENT EVENTS ONLY

11. 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 (A)(3), (A)(4) and (A)(7) to consider its position and instruct its representatives and/or attorneys regarding:

- i. Town's position and instruct its attorneys regarding request for proposals issued for rental space in Town facilities.
- ii. Discussion on possibility of purchasing land.

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

12. ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Wall, seconded by Vice-Mayor Anderson, and carried (5-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Posted this 23rd day of September, 2020, on the Town of Florence website at www.florenceaz.gov by Maria Hernandez, Deputy Town Clerk.