

**Superior Town Council
Town Council Meeting**

**Thursday, December 6, 2007
Superior Senior Center
Superior, Arizona**

M_I_N_U_T_E_S

A. Call to Order

Mayor Hing called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

B. Salute to the Flag

Mayor Hing led the council, staff and audience in the pledge.

C. Opening Prayer

Mayor Hing led the Town Council, Staff and audience in an opening prayer.

D. Roll Call

Members Present: Councilmember Heglie, Second Vice Mayor Lopez (arrived 7:35 p.m.), Mayor Hing, First Vice Mayor Valenzuela, Councilmember Marquez (left 8:55 p.m.), Councilmember Cervantes, Councilmember Peralta

Members Absent: None

A quorum was established and the meeting continued

E. Consent Agenda

Mayor Hing introduced the items on the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda for approval were:

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting November 15, 2007

Disbursements for November 2007

Authorization to apply for a Special Event Liquor Licenses – George E. Truman Post 3584

Mayor Hing requested that a motion be made to pass the consent agenda including the disbursements and stated that he will abstain from voting on check numbers 18966 not be included in the motion as those were checks made out to his business.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to accept and pass the consent agenda. Councilmember Cervantes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Communication

Managers Report – Rosie Cordova

Magma Hotel: Ms. Cordova announced that the Magma Hotel front wall had just collapsed and confirmed that until fencing can be put up to protect the public a police officer will remain on duty full time in the location she also stated that public works had already put up barricades in the area to divert traffic on Main St..

Staffing – Mrs. Cordova explained that they had hired a driver for the Senior Center.

Department of Corrections – Ms Cordova explained that the contract has been signed and

received by DOC in Florence. She explained that the training would need to be held before the inmates could be used here. Councilmember Cervantes expressed his concerns that Captain Martin in Globe had not received the contract and stated that the School District would not be able to provide the use of a van for the inmates. Mayor Hing directed staff to work with Captain Martin at the prison in Globe.

Code Enforcement/Trash Committee – Ms. Cordova explained that Mr. Pryor has created a list for the review of the council on the properties that have been issued citations for code violations. She also explained that the Lets Talk Trash committee would be passing out flyers along with the code enforcement letters to inform the community of the new enforcement procedures and also to inform them of the lottery to get rid of old cars.

General Plan Amendments – Ms. Cordova explained that after careful research, the town can scale down the amendments to make the necessary changes but not have to adopt the entire area they can scale it down. She stated that she will have to gather the text changes in order to pass the resolution correctly. She informed council that she is working on attaining the correct text changes.

Sewer Bills – Ms. Cordova explained that the town would be publishing the names and amounts of all residents who are delinquent in their sewer bills. Mayor Hing explained that there is a business called 666 his money and confirmed that it was not his business in fact that was a business here in Superior. Mr. Beers stressed the importance of what ever is published must be correct.

Councilmember Valenzuela also requested that the branches and weeds that are on the street/curb in the neighborhood of Neary and Lobb be picked up. He elaborated on the situation and asked that public works pick up the debris and bill the property owner for the service he explained that this is unsightly and causes problems for neighbors backing out of their homes.

Other Updates - Ms. Cordova gave brief updates on the Resolution Copper agreement, the status of the fire station, and the airport improvement plan.

Ms. Cordova introduced Craig Ringer from CAAG who presented an award to the Town of Superior. He explained that the CAAG region has won an award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for having an innovative planning department. Mr. Ringer also thanked Mayor Hing on behalf of CAAG for his extended service as Chairman of the CAAG region for 2007.

Call to the Public

Mayor Hing announced the call to the public. He explained that anyone wishing to speak now could only speak directly to the Council and only for items not on the current agenda.

Pamela Rabago – Gave a brief update on the Southside Clean up. She also explained that Ms. Anderson would have made the report however she was attending the funeral arrangements for her mother. Ms. Rabago also explained that the property on Ray St. that Mr. Dar has purchased will need variances to allow for a manufactured home. She stated he is willing to do that and that by working with the variance Mr. Dar will have to forgo his plans to build a redwood deck onto his home.

Harry Smith – Expressed his concern that the Retired Miner group continues to fool around with the passage of the land exchanged. He encouraged the council to continue to support Resolution Copper and do what they need to do because we don't want this project to be taken over by other companies from China. Mr. Smith also reminded the council that when the mine had previously operated we had more stores and services.

Mayor Hing explained that at this time the issues of the Land Exchange are in the hands of Congress.

Hank Gutierrez – Mr. Gutierrez explained that the majority of the residents of Superior support responsible mining and he requested that both the mine and the town work together to support the land exchange and finalize the legalities of the MOU.

Mayor Hing reiterated that the Town Council does not have any problem supporting the Land Swap of the mine and that the current hold up on the passage of the Land Exchange is from Congress.

Business

Possible Discussion and/or action on the following

Presentation from Pinal County regarding Regionally Significant Roads for Safety and Mobility – Andrew Smith

Mr. Smith from Pinal County gave a presentation regarding the regionally significant roads. He gave an overview of the current roads and topography of the county and explained where some of the new major transportation corridors are being planned. He reviewed the process that they followed in order to come up with the plan. He also gave brief updates to the projects that are affecting the Superior and eastern Pinal County areas.

Discuss/Approve/Reject Support for Crime Free Superior – David Pfol

Mr. Pfol explained that he was reporting on the committee which was formed to address the crime issues in Superior. He stated that on several occasions he tried to work with town staff on this project.

He explained that the committee has been meeting for the last few months and they have surveyed the public and found that many residents are worried about the drug use and burglaries as well as unsafe buildings. He explained that they are hosting a town hall meeting on January 22, 2007 and they would like to hand out their invitations with the other flyers that are being sent out in regards to the abandoned car lottery and the code enforcement issues.

Ms. Cordova explained that it was her idea to bring awareness and education against crime to support the efforts of the police department and she presented this to the Community Development Planning Committee. Her intention was to request input from Mr. Pfol to assist the committee in bringing awareness to the community. Ms. Cordova added that she was not seeking another committee because of the administrative overhead but was seeking the knowledge of Mr. Pfol to share ideas for this project. Mr. Pfol formed the grass roots group and Ms. Cordova wants recommendations from Mr. Pfol to begin the awareness campaign.

Mayor Hing thanked the committee for their work and explained that this group was associated with the Town due to the request of Ms. Cordova to provide information and agreed to include the anti-crime information with the other letters and flyers to be distributed next weekend by volunteers

Discuss/Approve/Reject Ratify change order request for CDBG #175-06 for Park Project – Becky Brothers

Ms. Brothers explained that with the sinks and electrical being exposed in the food court area that the booths should be guarded and locked by gates. Ms. Brothers stated that she had received a quote from Caymus for \$2,012.78 to add fencing to the structure.

Discussion followed on adding a porch area that could allow for the security but would also be attractive and not take up more space. Other suggestions were that the gates be attached with hinges so the gates could be removed when in use and not take up space inside the booth. Council directed Ms. Brothers to work with Vice Mayor Valenzuela and Councilmember Cervantes on an attractive solution

Councilmember Cervantes made a motion to table this item. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Discuss/Approve/Reject Airport Development Grant Agreement, Amendment 1 – Rosie Cordova

Ms. Cordova explained that the grant had been approved for the airport feasibility study. She explained that the original amount that was approved in June had changed and our match had increased to \$4,412.00. She requested a motion to accept amendment 1. Vice Mayor Lopez made a motion to approve Amendment 1. Councilmember Peralta seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Discuss/Approve/Reject Mutual Benefits Agreement from Resolution Copper – Rosie Cordova

Ms. Cordova explained that the council was presented a memo from the town's attorney, Scott Ruby. She explained that this is the first draft and requires additional negotiations.

Mayor Hing stated that again with this agreement there are certain things a municipality cannot do or accept so they have to find ways to allow for this agreement to be accepted and be legal.

Vice Mayor Valenzuela requested information from Resolution regarding the land swap and the process in congress. He asked if there was a drop dead date that this deal won't happen and how much longer is it going to take.

Mr. Hawkins from Resolution Copper explained the congressional process and stated that there really is not a drop dead date as Congress can hold on to this information for as long as they want to. He explained that the bill is bi-partisan sponsored and they anticipate it passing through the senate quickly with only a few hold ups in the house. Mr. Hawkins stated that the house committee that heard the bill previously only had questions on funding of the development of the campground and its location and he felt once those issues were resolved things could move quickly again that would still depend on Congress. He also stated that Resolution would be going back to update Rio Tinto and should they decide that continued funding be held until the land swap is passed then there may be some downturn in employment and development until the land exchange is passed.

Mayor Hing and Vice Mayor Valenzuela expressed their concern that what if this process takes another year or more – what will happen if an investor or builder becomes interested in the airport? Mr. Hawkins encouraged open dialog with the company and assured the council that should that happen and the airport still be tied up in the land swap that the company could dialog with a possible solution if necessary.

Vice Mayor Valenzuela explained that he is not against the project he just wanted a few of his questions answered.

No action was taken on this item.

Discuss/Approve/Reject Resolution No 466 A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Superior, Pinal County, Arizona, Adopting Minor Amendment MGA 07-02 to the Town of Superior General Plan Update Repealing Conflicting provisions providing for severability and declaring a public record.

Ms. Cordova explained that this item could not be voted on because the text was not available and she needed the appropriate map. Councilmember Peralta made a motion to table this item. Vice Mayor Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Council Comments

Councilmember Peralta

Commented on how nice the light parade was and thanked the Superior Optimist club for a job well done.

Councilmember Heglie

Thanked the Optimist Club for hosting the light parade and commented that the event was very nice.

Councilmember Cervantes

No Comment

Second Vice Mayor Lopez

Apologized for being late to the meeting. And also requested clarification from the previous minutes that she was only inquiring on Councilmember Marquez health and not requesting his resignation. She also commented that although she was not at the parade that she heard it was a great success.

First Vice Mayor Valenzuela

Congratulated the Optimist Club and Parks and Recreation for the great job they all did for the Light Parade.

Mayor Hing

Thanked the Optimist Club for their work on the parade and for handling all the changes with the weather. He also explained that the council was invited to the sister city in Mexico and asked for volunteers to go with Councilmember Marquez.

Mayor Hing announced that there would not be an executive session.

J. Executive Session

K. In Public Session

Adjournment

Councilmember Peralta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Superior held on the 6th Day of December 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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Rosie Cordova
Town Manager/Clerk