

Superior Town Council Town Council Meeting

**Thursday, March 1, 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 7:27 p.m.

B. Salute to the Flag

Mayor Hing led the Town Council, staff and the audience in the Pledge to the Flag.

C. Opening Prayer

Mayor Hing led the Town Council, staff and the audience in a brief opening prayer.

D. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Hing, Councilmember Valenzuela, Councilmember Cervantes, Councilmember Heglie, Councilmember Lopez, Councilmember Marquez

A quorum was established and the meeting continued.

E. Consent Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 15, 2007.

Mayor Hing called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Cervantes made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

F. Communications

1. Town Manager Position Updates and Request from Council Members for questions for the applicants

Mayor Hing and Councilmember Valenzuela gave a brief update on the selections process; they introduced Kearny Town Manager Gary Eide who has been part of the review selections committee.

Mr. Eide explained that the committee is comprised of Florence Town Manager Himanshu Patel and Pinal County Assistant Manager Manny Gonzalez and all together they have over 50 years of government managerial experience. He explained the process that the committee took and explained that they have 5 candidates who they feel are qualified for an interview. Mr. Eide gave suggestions for the interview process. Those suggestions included:

- Sending written questions to the applicants prior to their individual interview.
- Interview all 5 candidates then narrow the selection to two candidates.
- Once top 2 are selected have a second interview, allow them to meet with staff, board and commission members
- Host a community open house with a formal and informal question and answer session

Most importantly Mr. Eide explained that the council needs to look at these key attributes:

- Leadership
- Education
- Job Experience
- Good Relations with staff, residents and other government/agencies
- Keep in mind institutional knowledge.

2. Department Reports

Recreation Committee/Library – Josie Campos

Ms. Campos reported on the Recreation Committee and activities at the library.

She recognized the Superior Soccer team and awarded each player and the coaches with a certificate.

She explained the recreation committee will be hosting a retreat to plan events for the coming year and will also be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt/Festival at the football field.

Police Department – Chief Lou Digirolamo

Chief Digirolamo reported that the department has acquired new analog radios which frequencies will not be able to be picked up by privately owned scanners. He reported that the restrooms at the park are closed every night at 10:00 p.m.

Public Works – Rick Hettler

Mr. Hettler gave a brief report on the public works department. He reported on garbage pick up rates, Main St. Construction and explained that he will be meeting with Resolution Copper to discuss the water line.

Fire Department – Asst. Chief James Grey

Asst. Chief Grey reported on activities and services provided by the fire department. He answered questions in regards to the Air Support and Red Book Established protocol.

3. Update on WiFi Project

Ms. Boxer reported on behalf of Mr. Gutierrez. She explained that the fiber wires will be lit on May 1st 2007 and that everything is moving along smoothly.

G. Call to the Public

Mr. Jim Gilbert – Mr. Gilbert explained his concern with the Rat Population in Superior. He explained how dangerous they are and that they can be deadly. Mr. Gilbert also thanked Superior Police Chief Digirolamo for doing a great job. He also spoke about his success in the metal recycling business.

Kathy Long – Acknowledged the boys who reported that they broke a window while skate boarding on Main St. She explained how these kids need a park to skate in so they can continue to skate.

Unknown – Made a comment on the cost of garbage pick up. He asked if the town went to pick up once a week rather than twice a week if that would reduce the costs.

Unknown – Commented that everyone needed to support the police department as the community continues to grow. She also stated that something needed to be done about the problems with graffiti.

Jack Kube (?) – Commented on his property which is near BHP property and had flooded years back and explained how the previous owners had received money because it was contaminated. He expressed his concern that the air in that area may be contaminated due to the open core drilling that is being done on BHP property near his property. He explained that the phone numbers he was given previously in relation to this issue are now disconnected.

Manuel Ortega – Commented on articles in the newspaper in regards to resolution copper.

H. Business

Mayor Hing requested to move agenda item 8 up to agenda item 1 in respect to the person who is presenting agenda item 8.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject 2005/2006 Town Audit performed and presented by Colby and Powell, PLC, Certified Public Accountants

Mayor Hing asked the council to table this agenda item for approval until a presentation can be made by the auditors. Councilmember Heglie made a motion to table approval. Councilmember Cervantes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Discuss/Approve/Reject Pinal County Emergency Management

Mr. Art Carlton from Pinal County explained each section of the Emergency Management Plan and explained that the preface of the book will give a Readers Digest version of the plan. He explained that this plan and its actions described would be used in any emergency, whether it is an act of God or a man made disaster.

He explained that Superior is one of 8 cities to have an approved plan and that Pinal County is the first county in the Southwest to have an approved plan.

This agenda item was for information only. No motions were made.

3. Discuss/Approve/Reject air ambulance proposals, Native Air and Airvac.

Mayor Hing announced that there was not enough information to consider this item and requested it be tabled to another meeting. Councilmember Cervantes made a motion to table this item. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discuss/Approve/Reject presentation with DalMolin for industrial pad.

DalMolin trucking from Globe Arizona made a presentation of their business and explained their interest in opening an operation in the Superior area. He explained that they currently serve other Superior business's including Resolution Copper, Omya and Superior Marble.

He explained the type of activities that will take place should they locate part of their operations in Superior.

This item was for information only. There were no further discussions or motions made.

5. Discuss/Approve/Reject Industrial Pad for Sale

Teco International gave a brief background on the company and explained how they have development plans for Superior should they be able to purchase the industrial lot. She explained the corporation/foundation and how they help small businesses with funding.

This item was for information only. There were no further discussions or motions made.

6. Discuss/Approve/Reject Allied Waste renewal rates

Ms. Aldrete informed the council of the rate increases with Allied Waste. She reviewed the current rates and explained that the new rates will take effect in April. This item was for information only. There were no further discussions or motions made.

7. Discuss/Approve/Reject skateboard ordinance presented by Lou Digirolamo, Police Chief

Police Chief Digirolamo gave a presentation on the current skateboard ordinance. He explained that currently there is not an ordinance specific to skateboarding. He stated that skateboarding is prohibited on the streets but does not indicate any prohibition of skating. He explained that the town has three options when considering the ordinance: either create a new ordinance discussing skateboarding, make no changes, or modify the existing ordinance. Chief Digirolamo asked the council for guidance on the ordinance. Council directed staff to continue to review the ordinance.

8. Discuss/Approve/Reject potential resource personnel and grant writer.

Ms. Boxer explained that the Superior Development Committee has grown to a point that there is a need for a dedicated staff person to assist the committee with grant writing and administrative work.

She along with Ms. Aldrete explained what tasks the resource person would do.

Discussion followed regarding around this position actually being two positions. One to handle administrative needs/project management and a grant writer.

Councilmember Lopez made a motion for staff to investigate this position/s and report back to the council. Councilmember Marquez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Council Comments

Councilmember Marquez

No comments.

Councilmember Lopez

Councilmember Lopez reminded everyone to vote and asked staff about the NALEO conference.

Councilmember Cervantes

No Comments

Councilmember Heglie

No Comments

Councilmember Valenzuela

Commented on the relationship between the Town of Superior and Resolution.

Mayor Hing

No Comments

Councilmember Valenzuela made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Marquez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

J. Executive Session

K. In Public Session

L. Adjournment

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 1st day of March 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

/s/
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Aldrete _____
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