

Superior Town Council Town Council Meeting

Thursday, April 19, 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 7:05 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 Marquez, Councilmember Lopez

E. Consent Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes from April 5. Councilmember Heglie made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

F. Communications

1. Council Retreat; Time and location

Mayor Hing announced that the council retreat will be held at the Senior Center on Saturday April 21, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

2. Update on filling the current council vacancy seat.

Mayor Hing gave an update on filing the current vacancy on the council. He explained that they can fill the vacancy at any time.

1. Update on the posting of the open Town Positions

Ms. Aldrete updated the council on the posting of the open town positions. He explained that the positions for Magistrate, Town Clerk, and Public Works director would be published in the Superior Sun and the Planning and Zoning vacancy would be posted for free in the This & That section.

1. Councilman Cervantes to oversee the Public Works Department until the Director Head position is filed.

Mayor Hing explained that the Councilman Cervantes would oversee the public works department until a department head is hired. He explained that the town would be looking into utilizing inmate labor 4 days a week to work around the town and that public works staff could supervise the inmates. Questions and discussion followed regarding safety and when this project would start.

1. Update on Belmont Building

Information was not received from John Mayers. Mayor Hing said he would follow up on this item. No further discussion was held.

1. Update from Councilwoman Lopez on Annexation

Councilwoman Lopez explained that she is chairing the revitalization of the annexation committee. She reported that she has 5 members and will be looking to fill 2 more positions. She explained that she would like to see the Town Attorney and Town Manager fill those two committee positions.

1. Community Cleanup Day

Mayor Hing invited everyone to participate in the Community Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 28, 2007. He read the details from the flyer/invitation that was provided by the town cleanup committee.

A. Call to the Public

Billy Preciado—Expressed his concern over the rumors he has been hearing about the use of inmate labor for public works operations, sale of the Little League Park, and the lack of cooperation from the Town to keep CAAG in the Belmont Building.

Mayor Hing explained that these were not agenda item and could not take any action but did inform Mr. Preciado that it would take 3 signatures from the

property owners to sell the Little League Fields and it was the decision of CAAG leadership to move their headquarters.

Josie Campos – Encouraged everyone to visit the library in honor of National Library Week April 15-21. She also reported on a trip to the Mariachi Festival in Tucson that the Recreation Committee would be hosting.

Pam Rabago – Informed the council on the demolition of the Herron Hotel on Highway 60. She explained that BHP was planning on demolishing the structures and requested that the Town look into this because those buildings are historic structures. She explained that she has written a letter the State Historic Preservation Office.

A. Business

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Selection for Town Manager

Mayor Hing explained that the council would need move into executive session to select the Town Manager. Councilmember Heglie made a motion to move into executive session. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned. The council then moved to the office of the Senior Center Director.

After the executive session the Mayor and Council reconvened the regular council meeting. Mayor Hing shared with the public the background on the final candidates and announced that the council had selected Rosalie Cordova. Mayor Hing gave a brief background on Ms. Cordova and welcomed her to the team.

Ms. Cordova explained that she was excited to be selected and will make every effort to move forward with all of the projects that the town and town staff are involved with. She explained that she is available to start April 30, 2007.

The Mayor and Council took a moment to welcome Ms. Cordova and gave her their support.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Allocation of Funds to Hire a Grant Writer for Applying for Town Projects

Mayor Hing introduced Ms. Boxer who has been working with the Town of Superior Economic Development Committee. Ms. Boxer explained the need to hire a grant writer/s in order to complete some of the projects that the committee has identified. She explained that the person would be paid on a contract basis and recommended a contract fee of \$20,000 with \$5,000 being paid out of the 2007 fiscal year and the other \$15,000 to be paid out with the 2008 fiscal year, she explained that the funding would be paid for each grant written and payment would not be based on approval of the grant.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to allocate funds to contract a grant writer. Councilmember Cervantes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Appointments to the Recreation Committee

Mayor Hing explained that there are vacancies on the Parks and Recreation board. He asked the council if they had any questions in regards to the applicants. Discussion followed regarding back ground checks for the new members. Mayor Hing explained that the town would pay for any necessary background checks for the new members. The appointees are Melissa Torres and Brian Long.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to appoint the new members to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Councilmember Cervantes seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Application for extension of Premises/Patio Permit

Mayor Hing explained that Mr. Benoit is requesting an extension of his liquor license to include his outside lawn and patio areas. Mr. Benoit was available to answer any questions on this agenda item. Discussion followed regarding the separation of the bar/restaurant from the town owned walking bridge and the standards of the Arizona Liquor Board.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to approve the request for an extension. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Attorneys Contract

Mayor Hing reviewed the letter/proposal submitted by the Town Attorney Michael Beers. Brief questions and discussion followed. Councilmember Lopez made a motion to accept the contract with the Attorney Michael Beers. Councilmember Marquez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Little League Parade for April 23, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Hing acknowledged the request of the Little League for it's annual opening day parade. League representative did ask to change the date of the Parade to Monday, April 30, 2007 because the uniforms would not arrive on time for the parade. The Mayor and council reviewed the parade route and necessary street closures.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion approve the Little League Parade. Councilmember Cervantes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Skateboard Ordinance

Town attorney Michael Beers recommended that this item be tabled at the present time to allow for more research.

Councilmember Cervantes made a motion to table the item. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously,

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Town Employee Residency Requirements

Mayor Hing along with the town councilmember's reviewed the Town Employee Residency Requirements from the employee handbook. They reviewed the requirement as well as the waiver for the requirement. Discussion and questions followed regarding the waiver of the residency requirements.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to accept the current requirements. Councilmember Cervantes seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Authorization to apply for 2007 AFG Grant for Fire Apparatus

Mayor Hing reviewed the request to apply for the AFG funds which if received the grant dollars would be allocated to replace a rescue pumper. The Mayor and Council reviewed the proposal. Discussion followed regarding the timeline for the grant and when the approved proposals will be awarded.

Councilmember Lopez made a motion to authorize the Fire Department to apply for the 2007 AFG funds. Councilmember Marquez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Proclamation of National Library Week

Mayor Hing read the proclamation for National Library Week. Councilmember Heglie made a motion to accept the proclamation. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Authorization to Submit Applications and Implement CDBG projects Resolution 453

Mayor Hing explained the resolution. Ms. Aldrete read the resolution.

Councilmember Lopez made a motion to accept the resolution. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Council Comments

Councilmember Marquez

No comments

Councilmember Cervantes

No Comments

Councilmember Heglie

No Comments

Councilmember Valenzuela

No Comments

Councilmember Lopez

Welcomed Mr. Beers and Mrs. Cordova to the Town Staff.

Mayor Hing

Welcomed Mr. Beers and Mrs. Cordova to the Town Staff, and explained that his thoughts and prayers were going to the Victims and their families of the Virginia Tech Tragedy and to the Besich Family for the loss of Mrs. Besich.

Councilmember Lopez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Cervantes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

J. Executive Session

K. In Public Session

A. 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 5th Day of April 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

/s/
Anna Marie
Aldrete

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Interim
Deputy Town Clerk

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