

**Superior Town Council
Town Council Meeting**

**Thursday, June 4, 2009
Superior Senior Center
Superior, Arizona**

M I N U T E S

A. Call to Order

Mayor Hing called the meeting to order at 7:11 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: Vice Mayor Lopez, Mayor Hing, Councilmember Heglie, Councilmember Aguilar
Present After Being Sworn In: Councilmember Pfohl, Councilmember Gutierrez

Members Absent: Vice-Mayor Valenzuela, Councilmember Cervantes

Mayor Hing requested a motion to move the consent agenda items to be approved after the business section of the agenda. Councilmember Heglie made a motion to move the consent agenda to be approved after the business section of the agenda. Vice Mayor Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Consent Agenda – These items were moved till after the business 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: May 21, 2009

Approval of Resignation of David Pfohl from the Board of Appeals/Chairman

Approval of the Special Event Liquor License from Superior Chamber of Commerce July 24 & 25.

Mayor Hing explained that on the agenda it lists a typo saying the liquor permit is for the VFW however the actual paperwork and License request is from the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Vice Mayor Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Communication

1. Town Managers Report

Budget Retreat – June 6th 2009

Ms. Oliver reminded the council that there will be a budget retreat on Saturday, June 6, 2009 from 8am to noon.

Mayor Hing reminded the councilmember's that if they have questions regarding the Managers or Department Heads reports that they will need to contact them directly. He apologized to Councilmember Heglie that the BHP update was not on the agenda.

G. Business

Possible Discussion and/or action on the following

Presentation by Resolution Copper: Update on land exchange bill

Mr. Salsbury from Resolution Copper gave an update on the land exchange bill. He stated that Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick had introduced H.R. 2509 on May 21, 2009. He stated that for the first time the bill is in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. He also stated that Senator Kyle had held back on approving some of the Obama administration staff picks until the Senate Bill S.409 had a hearing date. He stated that the hearing date and time is set for 2:30pm on Wednesday, July 17, 2009.

Mr. Salsbury explained the process the bill will go through, he encouraged everyone to visit the support website. He answered questions from the Mayor and Council in regards to his report. He explained to them that at this time Resolution has not had any contact with Rep. Grijalva however they expected Rep. Kirkpatrick to be in communication with him.

Mayor Hing explained that this is the closest the bill has ever been, he thanked Mr. Salsbury for the update.

Discuss/Approve/Reject canvas of the votes election

Ms. Oliver read the results of the election and requested that the council approve the canvas of the votes from the last election. The results were:

Council Seats – 2 open

Gilbert Aguilar 220
Robert Cervantes 142
Rosie Lee 80
David Pfohl 214
Write In's 13

Home Rule

Yes Votes – 243
No Votes – 98

Ms. Oliver explained that the votes declared Mr. Gilbert Aguilar and Mr. David Pfohl the winners, and that the Home Rule passed. Vice Mayor Lopez made a motion to approve the canvassing of the votes. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Oath of Office for newly elected Mayor Hing

Judge Bravo administered the oath of office for Mayor Hing. After the oath was administered Mayor Hing thanked everyone for their support and introduced his family and thanked them for their ongoing support.

Oath of Office for newly elected Councilmember's

Judge Bravo administered the oath of office for newly elected councilmember's Gilbert Aguilar, Hank Gutierrez, and David Pfohl. After the oaths were administered each of the newly elected councilmember's thanked their family and supporters for supporting them during their campaigns.

Mayor Hing acknowledged Sheriff Babeu who was in attendance at the meeting. Sheriff Babeu congratulated the newly elected Mayor and Council and thanked the Chief Lou for all the support he and his departments provide to the Sheriff's office. He also stated that the Sheriff's office will provide security support for the Day of the Cowboy events in Superior.

Discuss/Approve/Reject the appointment of a Vice-Mayor

Mayor Hing explained that it was time once again to appoint a Vice Mayor to assist when the Mayor is not available for certain things. He explained that he would like to nominate current Vice Mayor Lopez to continue as Vice Mayor because she is familiar with the duties and has served on the council for numerous years. He also stated that Vice Mayor Lopez has recently retired from her job and now has additional time to commit to this matter. Councilmember Heglie made a motion to select current Vice Mayor Lopez to continue to serve as Vice Mayor. Councilmember Aguilar seconded

the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Mayor Lopez thanked the council for the nomination and thanked the community for supporting their efforts. She stated that she thinks the town and the staff is working in a good direction to move things forward.

Discuss/Approve/Reject the invitation to travel to Washington D.C. for the Senate hearing on June 17, 2009

Ms. Oliver along with Mr. Hawkins from Resolution Copper explained that the Mayor was invited to attend the Senate Hearing for the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act on June 17, 2009. Mr. Hawkins explained that Resolution would be covering the costs of the travel for the Mayor as well as other regional elected officials. He stated that Senator Rebecca Rios and Gila County Supervisor Mike Pastor were also confirmed to attend. Mr. Hawkins also explained that the Mayor would submit written testimony in support of the Land Exchange bill and they would also be visiting with other members of congress to show support for the Land Exchange. Councilmember Gutierrez stated that he thought this was very important to approve the Mayor's visit to Washington because in so many times the opposition speaks and we have no representation.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to approve the invitation for Mayor Hing to visit Washington DC for the Senate Hearings. Councilmember Aguilar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

After the business agenda was finished the council moved back to the consent agenda item letter E.

H. Call to the Public

Mr. Freddie Miramon- Congratulated the new councilmember's on their election to the council. He also thanked Councilmember Cervantes and Vice Mayor Valenzuela for their support during their tenures. Mr. Miramon read off a list of population statistics and reminded the council that they were elected to fairly and justly serve the people of Superior and not their own special interests.

Mila Lira – Ms. Lira invited the Mayor, Council and the public to attend a Land Exchange Support event on Friday. She stated that although things are moving in the right direction it is important that supporters continue to show their support as the opposition is once again making their voices heard. She encouraged everyone to attend a poster making party and display these posters in their homes and businesses.

Ms. Lira also stated that she and Aja DeZeeuw attended the Arizona Tourism Road Show on behalf of the Superior Chamber of Commerce. She said that she thought it was important that everyone knows that the Chamber is helping to support and promote the community.

Mayor Hing announced that there were no items for Executive Session.

I. Executive Session

The Town Council may or may not vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03 (A-1), (A-3) & (A-7)

(A-1) – Personnel

(A-3) – Legal Advice with Attorney

(A-7) – Legal Advice on Sale, Lease, or Purchase of Real Property:

J. In Public Session:

K. Council Comments

Councilmember Gutierrez

Stated that it was interesting to be on the other side of the dais and not be in the audience. He

stated that he has done many things in his life that were difficult and serious and he also has done a lot of public speaking. He said that he knows there are going to be a lot of tough decisions to make on things that affect us both locally and globally. He stated that he is humbled and does have butterflies in his stomach about this honor. He also publically thanked his beautiful wife Tina for her support in their business and his involvement as President of the Superior Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Heglie

Stated that he looks forward to serving with the new councilmember's. He also thanked Councilmember Cervantes and Vice Mayor Valenzuela for their service.

Councilmember Aguilar

Thanked everyone for their support and that they were going to be working to accomplish many things for Superior.

Councilmember Peralta

Absent

Second Vice Mayor Lopez

Stated that Vice Mayor Valenzuela and Councilmember Cervantes will be missed. She congratulated the new councilmember's and explained that she will be setting up office hours at the town hall every Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm.

Councilmember Pfohl

Thanked everyone for their support and gave special thanks to Mike McKee and Albo Guzman for their support. He encouraged everyone to get involved and volunteer in the community,

Mayor Hing

Congratulated the new councilmember's. He explained that there is going to be a big budget crunch similar to the way it was after 9/11. He thanked staff for putting together a budget that the town can work with. He commented on the ADOT US 60 meeting and addressed his concerns about where the proposed bypass is going. He stated that he is not sure the financial investment is worth 15 minutes of drive time. He requested that the town host local public meetings to strategize the impact of the plans on the community.

L. Adjournment

Vice Mayor Lopez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 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 4th day of June 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

/s/
Melanie Oliver _____
Melanie Oliver
Town Manager

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