

**TOWN OF SUPERIOR  
MINUTES  
OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TOWN OF SUPERIOR TOWN COUNCIL  
APRIL 9, 2020**

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the Superior Town Council and to the public, that a Regular Meeting of the Superior Town Council was held on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Superior Town Hall Auditorium, 199 N. Lobb Ave., Superior, Pinal County, Arizona.

Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, which have prompted declarations of a public health emergency at both the state and federal levels, this meeting was conducted using measures to protect public health. Members of the public are encouraged NOT TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON but instead to attend and listen to the meeting remotely by telephone.

To participate in the meeting telephonically follow the instructions below:

Tele-Conference Participant:

1. At the specified time, dial the Access Number **712-451-0644**.
2. When prompted, enter your Participant Code followed by #.
3. Your Participant Code is **127483** #.

Participant Star Commands:

- \*4-Volume - Pressing \*4 will increase/decrease the volume.
- \*6-Mute - Participants can mute/unmute their own lines by pressing \*6.

We will also be live-streamed on the Town's youtube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd2f5D2dfTkaazjwNyhAXRA> .

Public access to the Mayor and Council Chambers will be restricted in order to prevent a large or close gathering of the members of the public and to promote social distancing. Additionally, some items on the agenda may be shortened, continued to a future meeting or taken out of order. These steps are part of the effort to limit the number of people who must be physically present, or who might desire to be physically present, at the meeting, and to limit the time of the public meeting.

This meeting was held remotely through technological means, as permitted under Arizona law.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Besich called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Besich was present on the dais.

**PRESENT TELEPHONICALLY:**

Vice -Mayor Michael Alonzo

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Councilmember Vanessa Navarrette  
Councilmember Stephen Estatico  
Councilmember Olga Lopez  
Councilmember Bruce Armitage

**ABSENT:**

Councilmember Gilbert Aguilar

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Todd Pryor – Town Manager  
Ruby Cervantes – Town Clerk

Stephen Cooper -- Town Attorney - Was Present Telephonically.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Besich led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Councilmember Bruce Armitage gave the Invocation.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

PROCLAMATION by Mayor Mila Besich who is authorized under the current circumstances by the Town Code 2-2-4F, A.R.S.§26-307, and/or A.R.S.§26-331.A to proclaim that a local emergency exists and, therefore to impose all necessary regulations to preserve the peace and order of the Town of Superior. It was read into the official record.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Mayor Besich -- stated she wanted to thank all Staff and Council Members; Vice-Mayor Alonzo and Councilmember Armitage for helping out at the Save Money Market when some of the deliveries came in. To Councilmember Lopez for checking in on our Senior Citizens. To all the volunteers who have been making masks. To the Chamber of Commerce for posting things online. We really have an amazing team with everyone pulling together and I greatly appreciate that. The days are definitely very long, especially for Todd and myself as we are still managing day to day work. Congratulations to Council Members Armitage, Navarrette and Lopez for submitting their petitions to be re-elected to their council seats. They are great team members and she is pleased to have them. There are no other candidates at this time unless there are write-in candidates later. On Sunday the State should be releasing more defined data to our communities across the state by zip code on positive cases of COVID. That should help our EMS. A big thanks to our Police and Fire Department. They have been going the extra miles; helping out in all places. Most importantly following all the protocols and procedures to make sure to make sure everyone and our teams stay safe. With that, work still continues for the Town of Superior -- on Annexation, Multi-Gen Center, Sewer Plant. Thank you all.

Town Manager Pryor - would like to comment that the Waste Water Treatment Plant has reached its design report phase which is about a month behind the Multi-Gen Center. The Multi-Gen is in final design. They had surveyors and architects crawling all over the building today doing some final

evaluation. Looking for a storm drain that went under the building; making sure it wouldn't be a problem and a lot of other details. Those projects are still progressing at a steady pace.

Mayor did mention that those that are watching the meeting on Youtube, the council members are participating telephonically from their homes via one conference line. We have a second conference line for people who would like to address Council during Call to the Public. This is definitely a new operation for us.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Pursuant to Section 2-4-6 (D), matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. Prior to consideration of the Consent Agenda, the Mayor will ask whether any members of the Council request any item be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting on March 12, 2020.
2. Approval of State Department of Liquor Licenses and Control Application for Superior Bar and Grill located at 695 E. Main Street, Superior, AZ 85173. The Agent is Traci A. Norton.
3. Approval of Agreement between the Town of Superior and the Legends of the Superior Lost Trails, Inc, and Arizona non-profit 501 (c) corporation ("LOST"). Town of Superior and LOST are sometimes referred to herein individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties". The Purpose of this Agreement is for LOST to provide trail maintenance, stewardship of the trails, create interactive signage, host events including fund raising events and market the hiking trails for tourism in coordination with the TOWN.
4. Approval of Gila River Indian Community Grant Application (GRIC) for the Superior Fire Department for one 2020 Horton 603 Type 1 Crawl-Through Custom Ambulance in the amount of \$279,921.00. This ambulance proposal was submitted by Professional Sales and Service L.C.
5. Possible authorization to sell surplus real estate located in the 400 Block Newmont Street, Superior, AZ 85173. Assessor Parcel No. 106-12-193.
6. Department Reports:
  - Fire
  - Police
  - Public Works
  - Library
  - Senior Center
  - Sanitation
  - Town Engineer

**Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda by Councilmember Estatico, second by Councilmember Armitage, Motion Carries.**

AYES – 6 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Councilmembers: Navarrette, Estatico, Lopez, Armitage

NOES – 0

ABSENT – 1 Councilmember Aguilar

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Work Session #1 to discuss the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget.

Mayor Besich stated that for those who are watching, if you go to the website, you can pull the Budget Presentation off website. Mr. Pryor explained where to go on Town website and find the budget.

Mayor Besich reminded everyone that this is a Work Session.

Town Manager Todd Pryor presented a 2020-2021 Budget Summary Power Point Presentation. This Work Session is our first step in preparing the budget. Next will be the Tentative Budget Adoption May 14<sup>th</sup>; Final Adoption June 11<sup>th</sup>; and the Tax Levy on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Items discussed were the Manager's Overview, General Fund Revenue Projections, HURF and Excise Revenue, Enterprise Fund Revenue, Cash Flow, Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade; Roosevelt Multi-Generational Center; Budget Year to Year Changes; Revenue Summary; Expense Summary and the Adoption Schedule.

Council Member Navarrette had one question in regards to the process. This is our first draft. At what point can we not change the bottom line?

Mr. Pryor stated once the Tentative Budget is adopted, you can make changes but you cannot make it any larger. You cannot exceed. We can decrease and rearrange after the Tentative Budget adopted and that will be at the next Council Meeting.

Council Member Estatico asked what funds are you moving to contingency fund and what's the law behind that. Asked if legal to put money in contingency fund.

Mr. Pryor stated the contingency fund he's pulling it from are unnecessary expenditures. The State actually suggests a 20% funding to contingency which is what we inspired in our budgeting cycle. Yes its legal.

Mayor Besich asked if anyone on the conference line had any questions? No one did. She told Council they could reach out to Mr. Pryor if they had any ideas, suggestions or comments.

- B. Consideration and Possible Approval to instruct Town Staff and Legal Counsel to join in possible legal action with other communities to require Pinal County Public Health to provide COVID-19 health information to Public Safety First Responders.

**Because the litigation was dismissed, The Town Council took no action on this matter.**

- C. Discussion and Possible Approval of Superior Water and Trails Action Plan.

The Superior Water and Trails Plan lays out a practical road map for enhancing the recreational and natural values of the Town of Superior. The Action Plan will serve as a tool to identify projects that can be accomplished within the next five (5) years.

The Action Plan was created by a collaborative team that includes the Town of Superior (project lead), Rebuild Superior, Resolution Copper, Tonto National Forest, Central Arizona Council of Governments and representatives of the Recreational User Group. The project was awarded a technical assistance grant from the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program in 2018.

Mayor Besich stated she is very proud of the Team's work.

**Motion to approve the Superior Water and Trails Action Plan made by Councilmember Estatico, second by Councilmember Lopez, Motion Carries.**

AYES – 6 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Councilmembers: Navarrette, Estatico, Lopez, Armitage

NOES – 0

ABSENT – 1 Councilmember Aguilar

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

A. Any citizen desiring to speak on a matter that is not scheduled on this agenda may do so at this time. Comments may be limited to three minutes per person and shall be addressed to the Town Council as a whole, and not to any individual member. Issues raised shall be limited to those within the jurisdiction of the Town Council. Pursuant to the Arizona Open Meeting Law, the Town Council cannot discuss or act on items presented at this time.

**B. At the conclusion of the call to the public, individual Town Council members may (1) respond to criticism made by those who have spoken; (2) ask staff to review a matter; or (3) ask that a matter be put on a future agenda.**

**Mayor Besich asked anyone calling in telephonically if they had anything for Call to the Public. No one replied.**

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
NO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

### **SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

**A. Council Members:**

Council Member Armitage: Thanked all the Public Servants for keeping our Town safe and secure during this time of trial and turbulation.

Council Member Lopez – No Comment

Council Member Navarrette – Wished everyone a Happy Easter. Stay safe and healthy.

Council Member Estatico – Recognized the SUSD Staff for their outstanding service during this time, getting assignments out to students and in preparing the lunches.

Vice Mayor Alonzo – Have a safe Easter. Practice social distancing.

B. Mayor Besich – It’s sad being here on the dais alone. Sad not having an audience. Want to call out to Jim Schenk, he’s been a right hand helping our business owners, not only in Superior but regionally in one of the roles that he plays. He’s been pretty much on every webinar to learn about FDA programs and how to help people. We have an amazing team to help us through these times. Mayor wished everyone a Happy and Safe Easter. Make sure to participate in the virtual egg hunt. There are good prizes sponsored by Optimist Club. VFW still hosting a drive-up Easter Egg Treat give away from 12 to 2 on Easter Saturday.

C. Town Manager – No Comment.

**SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

All meetings are held at Town Hall.

Planning & Zoning Committee	May 7, 2020	6:00 PM
Town Council Meeting	May 14, 2020	7:00 PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to Adjourn the Meeting made by Councilmember Lopez, second by Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Motion Carries. Meeting adjourns at 7:33 PM.**

AYES – 6 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Councilmembers: Navarrette, Estatico, Lopez, Armitage

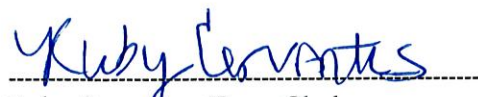
NOES – 0

ABSENT – 1 Councilmember Aguilar

ATTEST:



Mila Besich, Mayor



Ruby Cervantes, Town Clerk