

Superior Town Council Town Council Meeting

**Thursday, February 15, 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 Lopez, Councilmember Marquez

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 Work Session and Regular Meeting on February 1, 2007.

Mayor Hing called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Cervantes made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Heglie 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 and encouraged the rest of the Town Councilmember's and the public to submit questions to ask the candidates who are selected for an interview. Mayor Hing reported that all 31 applications/resumes have been reviewed and a committee has begun to review the qualified resumes and will submit a list of applicants who are qualified for an interview.

2. Administration Staff

Councilmember Lopez expressed her concern that the town has been losing staff and she explained that the Council needs to be aware of the situation so staff does not get overwhelmed and then the Town end up losing more staff.

Mayor Hing acknowledged Councilmember Lopez's comments and explained that he is aware of the staffing shortage in all of the Town's departments.

3. Annexation Committee

Mayor Hing gave a brief update on the annexation committee and the projects they will be working on. Councilmember Lopez expressed her concern that the Town needs to expedite these projects in order to increase the town's boundaries and to include these projects with the Land Swap Bill that will affect areas around Superior and the state of Arizona.

4. Update on WiFi Project

Mr. Gutierrez gave a brief update on the WiFi project. He explained the timelines on the project and was pleased to report that the project is still on schedule. He explained where the communications shelter will be located and also shared that the project model used to bring Wi-Fi to Superior may be taken nationwide.

5. Update on Request For Quotes (RFQ)

Ms. Aldrete reported on the RFQs that the town is currently advertising. She explained that the RFQ for the Town Attorney has received 2 applications. She explained that the deadline for this RFQ was February 15, 2007.

She also reported that they have RFQ/RFP's out for the construction of a communications shelter and for the development of employee handbooks/personnel policy manuals.

6. Update on the Purchase of State of Arizona parcels through tax sale

Mayor Hing explained that this agenda item will be discussed on the March 1st, 2007 meeting. There was no further discussion

7. Council retreat for March 2007

Mayor Hing explained that the town generally holds a retreat with staff and the council to make plans for the budget and future planning of the Town. Members of the Council and staff discussed dates and they will look to finalize a date for early April.

G. Call to the Public

Rafael Guzman – requested information on the construction on Garrett St. and Lobb Ave. alley way. He explained that he sent an e-mail to the Mayor in regards to this issue and that he would like some clarification on the project and when it would be completed. Mayor Hing explained that there is a hold on the alley project and Mr. Guzman should contact Mr. Hettler for more information.

Mr. Jim Gilbert – Shared his views on Economic Development for Superior and the how the rat population in the community could be part of the Economic Development.

H. Business

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject CDBG 2007 Project

Mayor Hing gave a brief update to the project and reviewed some of the projects that could be done with the \$140,000 of CDBG funds. He also shared how the Town could purchase an ambulance without using the 2007 CDBG monies.

Councilmember Lopez made a motion to use the 2007 CDBG monies for the continued development/completion of the food court/park project on Main St. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Discuss/Approve/Reject Project(s) for State Special Projects 2007

Mayor Hing announced that the Town of Superior is number 7 on the list of projects that can be funded by the SSP monies. He explained that should one of the other projects be cancelled or disqualified the town would be able to get their project funded.

The council discussed using monies from the SSP funds to assist in the rehabilitation of the Magma Club.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to approve the funds be used for the rehab of the Magma Club. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Discuss/Approve/Reject with Dave Smith and Larry Jochai proposal for industrial park for sale

Mr. Jochai gave a presentation on his plans for the use of the Superior Industrial Park. He explained that his company collects metals that can be melted down. He gave a detailed explanation of the history of his business how it operates and how it will be managed.

Mayor Hing explained that there have been 3 bids on the property and suggested someone come out and look at the project with Mr. Jochai.

Councilmember Valenzuela made a motion to look into this project further. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discuss/Approve/Reject application for event license for Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3584 for Superior Chamber of Commerce 18th Annual Apache Leap Days

Mayor Hing asked Ms. Aldrete if the application had been fully completed – she reported that the report has been submitted and is correct.

Councilmember Lopez made a motion to approve the application. Councilmember Valenzuela seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discuss/Approve/Reject Resolution #451 approving the subcontract and authorizing it's execution for the Central Arizona Water Conservation District

Ms. Aldrete explained the resolution and explained how the resolution will affect the town. She explained that currently the Town is entitled to a percentage of the Central Arizona Project water but the Town does not have a way to bring the water to Superior so they can sell it but cannot make a profit on the water. She explained that they will be working with Arizona Water Company on this project and the Town should receive \$186,000.

Ms. Gomez read the heading for the resolution. Councilmember Heglie made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discuss/Approve/Reject Resolution #452 for the Town of Superior Emergency Response and Recovery Plan

Police Chief Digirolamo explained the resolution and reported how the resolution explains the roles of the Town, County and State Government in case of an emergency.

Councilmember Lopez asked if staff and the Council would receive training on these procedures. Chief Digirolamo explained that the police and fire departments have received the appropriate training and encouraged the council to read through the manual they were given. He also explained that most of the information in the manual is basic emergency knowledge the council should not share their binders with anyone as it does have confidential information that is not for public use as it would violate security measures in place to prevent terrorism and other disasters.

Ms. Gomez read the resolution heading. Councilmember Lopez made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Cervantes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Discuss/Approve/Reject Proclamation to declare Saturday, March 3, 2007 as “Auto Theft Awareness Day.”

Police Chief Digirolamo gave a presentation on the Auto Theft Awareness Day. He reported on some statistics for stolen vehicles and explained the events and activities that will be held in Superior and throughout the state for Auto Theft Awareness Day.

Ms. Gomez read the proclamation. Councilmember Lopez made a motion to accept the proclamation. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. Discuss/Approve/Reject the 2005/2006 Town audit performed and presented by Colby and Powell, PLC, Certified Public Accountants.

Ms. Aldrete presented the Council with an official copy of the Audit performed by Colby and Powell PLC. She reported that the audits were not available with the packets and that this is the first chance the Council would have to review the audit report. Mr. Scott Powell announced that the Mr. Mark Leich who completed the audit had resigned from Colby and Powell, PLC. Mr. Powell gave a brief explanation of the audit but suggested that the council wait to approve the audit until the meeting on March 1st which would allow the Council to review the written audit report.

Councilmember Lopez motioned to table approval to the March 1, 2007 regular session meeting. Councilmember Valenzuela seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Discuss/Approve/Reject contract with Information Outsource to produce monthly sewer and refuse statements

Ms. Aldrete reported on a service that is available to the town to handle the monthly billing for sewer and refuse services. She explained that the contract total was less than \$10,000 so the town would not have to put out a request for bids on these services. She explained that by using this service the town would get a higher quality invoice and it would be more cost effective than continuing to print and prepare the statements in-house.

Councilmember Lopez made a motion to approve the contract. Councilmember Marquez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Council Comments

Councilmember Marquez

Councilmember Marquez gave an update on the Sister Cities project.

Councilmember Lopez

Councilmember Lopez explained that she is campaigning unopposed in the upcoming Town Council election but she has chosen to still put up signs as to alert the community that there will be elections for Town Council. She also suggested that the Town begin looking for another polling place for elections especially the 2008 Presidential election since current polling places are not as accessible as other locations within the community.

She also reminded everyone that to support the Boys and Girls Basketball Team.

Councilmember Cervantes

No Comments

Councilmember Heglie

No Comments

Councilmember Valenzuela

Reminded everyone to support the Boys and Girls Basketball Teams – he explained that they were playing in the state basketball tournaments.

He also explained that as an individual he is opposed to the Resolution Copper Project and he will be submitting a letter to the editor to explain his opposition. He did state this was his personal feelings and not that of the Mayor or Town Council.

Mayor Hing

Explained that the ideas expressed by Mr. Valenzuela are not the ideas of the Town Council.

Councilmember Lopez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Valenzuela seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 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 15th day of February 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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