

DRAFT –5/21/2007

Superior Town Council Town Council Meeting

Thursday, May 17, 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 7:20 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

Members Absent: 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 for approval were:

Approval of the Minutes from May 3, 2007

Ms. Lopez explained that her comment congratulating Ms. Cordova was not listed in the Council Comments. Councilmember Heglie made a motion to approve the minutes from May 3, 2007. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

F. Communications

1. Summer Activities – Josie Campos

Ms. Cordova gave the report on behalf of Ms. Campos because Ms. Campos was attending an assembly at the Superior High School. Ms. Cordova reported

on the activities that the Recreation Committee has planned. The activities being planned are open gym with 3 on 3 basketball, volleyball tournaments, flag football along with field trips, an arts & craft program and summer reading at the library. Ms. Cordova also explained that the committee would like to hire teachers and high school student's part time to assist with these programs. Ms. Cordova also explained that the town would be operating the pool 7 days a week and would have a variety of programs at the pool including water aerobics; swimming lessons, and open swimming.

Mayor Hing and the council commented on the plan and requested that Ms. Cordova work with Ms. Campos on a budget for these programs. Councilmember Valenzuela suggested that the swimming lessons be held earlier in the summer rather than in July.

2. Budget Meeting – Rosie Cordova

Ms. Cordova reported that she has begun to meet with individual department heads on their wish list for the 2007-08 fiscal year budget. She explained that there were not any huge requests and all the departments are preparing reasonable budgets. She requested that the Council schedule a budget work session. The Mayor and Council reviewed their schedules and requested that Ms. Cordova schedule the meeting for Saturday, June 23, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for preparation of the budget.

1. Public Works Director Position

Ms. Cordova gave a brief report on the status of hiring a public works director. She explained that there have been 5 applications submitted for the position. She also thanked Councilmember Cervantes for overseeing the department while the town hires a new public works director. She also explained that she has made an offer for the position of Deputy Town Clerk and once that person accepts the position it will be 2 to 3 weeks before the person can come on board.

1. Mayor Hing's Communications

a. State Championship Parade

Mayor Hing Congratulated the SHS Boys Baseball and Girls Softball teams for winning the state championships. He reminded everyone that there would be a parade on Monday, May 21 at 5:00 p.m. He reported that the town would be presenting plaques to the teams commemorating their achievements.

a. Magma Club Ice Cream Social

Mayor Hing also reminded everyone to go to the Ice Cream Social to support the rehabilitation of the Magma Club. Ms. Mila Lira gave a brief report on the event and passed a petition for the community to sign to support the rehabilitation.

a. ADOT Groundbreaking Ceremony

Mayor Hing reported on the ADOT groundbreaking ceremony for the Highway 60 construction from Florence Junction to Herron's Ranch. The event will be held on June 7th at 9:30 a.m. off the highway near Herron's Ranch.

a. WiFi Project

Mayor Hing explained that the WiFi system is running and that the service provider Wi-Vod will be beginning to schedule installations for residents and business owners. Mayor Hing also commented on the Technology Conference he presented at and how Superior is being recognized for its innovation on bringing the WiFi project to Superior.

A. Call to the Public

Charlene Orlick 65 Porphyry – Superior, Arizona

Ms. Orlick explained that she is concerned about Ms. Rabago who is a real estate agent being on the Planning and Zoning commission and the Land Use committee. She explained that she does not like speaking in public but thought that Ms. Rabago's position is a great conflict of interest to the community and its residents.

Mayor Hing asked for Mr. Beers to prepare a written response to Ms. Orlick surrounding this subject. Mr. Beers explained that he did not have a written response to this subject at this time he has done the research on this and there is no conflict of interest for Ms. Rabago to be on the Planning and Zoning commission. He reference Arizona State Statutes which state what a conflict of interest is and explained that state law does not prohibit any person, race, occupation or person who is affiliated with a group, trade or occupation to be disqualified from serving on a governmental board, council or commission. However he included that Ms. Rabago should not vote on specific issues that would be specific to her business. Issues that could present conflict would be if she voted to rezone a property from residential to commercial and then stood to profit from the sale.

Mr. Gilbert – Explained that he would be speaking regarding several issues of his concern and also expressed his joy on being well enough to attend council meetings once again.

1. He stated that Mr. Beers should look closer at other conflict of interest cases and see that there is a huge conflict of interest with Ms. Rabago on the Planning and Zoning Commission. He explained that she represents Dr. Wilt and is also on the land use and downtown revitalization committee and that poses a huge conflict because Dr. Wilt owns several properties on Main St.
2. He expressed his concern over the loose dogs that roam about town. He stated that his wife and daughter have been attacked 3 times by the dogs and have had to visit the emergency room on two occasions after those attacks. He also stated that the Police and Dog Catcher are not completing their jobs when they take in an animal.
3. Mr. Gilbert expressed his concern for the town to hire a qualified public works director. He referenced a person who has applied for the position and expressed that the candidate's qualifications are impeccable.

Chief Digirolamo

Introduced the new patrol sergeant for the Superior Police Department. He explained that the new sergeant would be handling the patrol supervision and that he has over 26 years of experience from the Mesa Police Department.

A. Business

Possible Discussion and/or action on the following

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Resignation and possible appointment of member for Planning and Zoning

Mayor Hing explained that Mr. Davison has submitted his resignation and that at a previous meeting the town accepted his resignation however Mr. Davison would like to make his resignation effective July 1 after the General Plan has been completely updated and approved.

Ms. Cordova explained that there have been no new applicants for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Hing thanked Mr. Davison for his commitment to the town. Councilmember Lopez made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Davison effective July 1. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Request for proposals for Air Ambulance Services

Ms. Cordova reported that she had completed research on other communities who host Air Ambulance services in their community. She explained that the company would come in and build the living quarters and helicopter pad for their company. She did acknowledge that noise would be an issue as the helicopters are very loud and they would be arriving and departing at various times of day and night.

Chief Grey also included that the town would write a request for proposal for the specifications that the town would want to have in order to host the air ambulance

Mayor Hing and the council discussed the fee for rent/lease, noise issues and possible locations for the Air Ambulance Pad. Councilmember Valenzuela also mentioned that the location could be moved to the old swimming pool area.

After discussion Mayor Hing suggested that the Ms. Cordova and Chief Grey work on an RFP to bring an Air Ambulance to the community and see what types of proposals come in.

Councilmember Lopez made a motion to solicit bids for Air Ambulance Services. Councilmember Valenzuela seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Ratify submission of AFG Grant Application to acquire rescue pumper for the Fire Department.

Chief Grey explained to the council that the earlier grant proposal sent for

approval needed to be ratified due to the fact the research done on the cost of the item was higher than expected. He explained that the town would need an \$18,000 match rather than \$5,344. Chief Grey also reported that the town would know in the early fall if they had been awarded the grant.

Councilmember Lopez made a motion to approve the amendment to the grant application. Councilmember Cervantes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Renewal of Franchise Agreement with Southwest Gas

Ms. Cordova and Mr. Beers presented to the council the franchise agreement that the Town of Superior has with Southwest Gas. They explained that the agreement needs to be renewed and would be valid for 25 years once the new agreement is accepted by the council and the voters. Ms. Cordova explained that all cities that use Southwest Gas have the same agreement however she suggested that the town review the agreement to make sure the town is receiving an adequate percentage of the fees collected. She also reported that she has not met personally with Southwest Gas to discuss the agreement. Ms. Cordova also stated that the town would have to host an election for the citizen to vote/approve the agreement.

A representative from Southwest Gas answered questions from the Mayor and council regarding the agreement percentage of fees, relocation of lines and infrastructure, and the cost of the election that would have to be held to finalize the agreement. The representative stated that Southwest Gas would pay for the elections based on the percentage of items on the ballot. For example if there were two items on the agenda they would pay for 50% of the costs. If the agreement was the only item on the agenda Southwest Gas would pay for 100% of the election cost.

Ms. Cordova explained that there was not action needed on this item. Councilmember Valenzuela commended Ms. Cordova and Mr. Beers for working on this project and stated that this has been something other staff's have not even attempted to accomplish.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Resolution 454. A resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Superior committing local funds as leverage for a FY2007 Community Development Block Grant Application(s)

Ms. Cordova explained that this resolution was committing the town to a \$70,000 match in support of the State Special Projects grant which was being submitted by the Central Arizona Association of Governments to rehabilitate the Magma Club. She stated that the grant was in the amount of \$300,000 and the scope of work for the project would be to renovate the kitchen, bathrooms, interior electrical, and plumbing. She explained that the match could come from in-kind services and that the town has committed to the demolition and fill in of the old pool, and painting of the interior and exterior of the building. Ms. Cordova also explained that the town was applying for Heritage Grant Funds for the building and that those funds could be used as leverage. Questions and discussion followed.

Mayor Hing asked Ms. Cordova to read the heading of the resolution. Councilmember Heglie made a motion to accept the resolution. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Resolution 455. A resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Superior, Pinal County, Arizona, approving the emergency base station agreement between Banner Health DBA Banner Medical Center and the Emergency Medical Services Agency (Fire Department) of the Town of Superior

Chief Grey explained that this resolution was needed in order to support the Emergency Medical Services that the town provides. He stated that this did not commit the town to sending all patients to Banner Hospitals but that the resolution explained that Banner Hospital was the medial authority for the Superior Emergency Services/Fire Department.

After a brief discussion Ms. Cordova read the resolution heading. Councilmember Lopez made a motion to approve resolution 455. Councilmember Cervantes seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Resolution 456. A resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Superior, Pinal County, Arizona approving the intergovernmental agreement for mutual aid between Pinal County Fire Department and Districts and the Town of Superior Fire Department

Chief Grey explained that the town had tentatively approved this agreement and it has been sent back by Pinal County for approval. He stated that by approving the resolution it would assist with applying for grants and meeting the requirements of the Pinal County Emergency Response plan. Mr. Beers stated he has reviewed the resolution and everything was in order for approval.

Ms. Cordova read the heading for Resolution 456. Councilmember Heglie made a motion to approve Resolution 456. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Resolution 457. A resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Superior authorizing the application for the Historic Preservation Heritage Fund Grant for the Fiscal Year 2007 and committing resources and/or monies for grant matching.

Mayor Cordova explained that this resolution was related to the previous resolution number 454 passed in support of the rehabilitation of the Magma Club through SSP funds. She explained that Resolution 457 would commit the town to \$70,000 in match for the heritage grant to support the rehabilitation of the Magma Club for use as a community center. She explained this grant was in the amount of \$150,000 and would be used to rehabilitate the porch, roof, window, doors, and also allow for registration of the building on the Historic

Building Registry.

Ms. Lira a contracted grant writer/administrative service provider for the town fielded questions and comments from the Mayor and Council regarding the grant and implications should the grant not come through on this funding cycle or if one of the grants came through but not the other. Ms. Lira explained that the town is taking a very aggressive approach to completing this project and that the funding agencies want to see that the town is looking to complete projected entirely not in small parts. Ms. Lira stated that if the applications were not successful they could re-submit in the next funding round. Ms. Lira also stated the importance of community support and involvement for these projects and reminded everyone that they could contribute to the project with sweat equity and or cash dollars.

Mayor Hing explained that it is a risk the town needs to take to apply for these funds and be aggressive about the project to make the building available to the public.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to approve Resolution #457 to support the rehabilitation of the Magma Club through Heritage Funds. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously

I. Council Comments

Councilmember Cervantes

Congratulated the Boys and Girls Baseball and softball teams for the State Championship.

Councilmember Heglie

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Councilmember Lopez

Congratulated the Boys and Girls Baseball and softball teams for the State Championship and encouraged attendance at the parade on May 21.

Councilmember Valenzuela

Congratulated the Boys and Girls Baseball and softball teams for the State Championship and reminded everyone to support the teams at the parade on Monday, May 21.

Mayor Hing

Expressed his Congratulations to the Boys and Girls Baseball and softball teams for the State Championship. He also encouraged everyone to call Wi-Vod to set appointments for installation of High Speed Internet in their homes and business's

J. Executive Session – Was not held

K. In Public Session

Executive Session Discussion

A. Adjournment

Councilmember Cervantes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 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 17th Day of May 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

/s/
Rosie Cordova _____
Rosie Cordova
Town Manager/Clerk

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