

**Superior Town Council
Work Session
Wednesday, May 9, 2013, 6:00 P.M.
Superior Senior Center
360 W. Main Street, Superior, AZ 85173
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Mayor Olga Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Chris Tomerlin, John Tameron, Gilbert Aguilar, Soyla “Kiki” Peralta, and Vice Mayor Olga Lopez; **Absent:** Mayor Jayme Valenzuela and Council Member Irene Hansen

INVOCATION:

Council Member Chris Tomerlin gave the Invocation.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

Vice Mayor Olga Lopez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. DISCUSSION:

A. Town of Superior Financial Analysis, future decisions and planning — Pat Walker Consulting

Ms. Walker of Pat Walker Consulting said this was a continuation of what they had discussed at the last work session. They were looking at the financial stats of the Town of Superior as well as the five year projection. This is new for the town because even though they had done annual budgets it is the first time they have looked at five years for all funds in the town. They would discuss an introduction/overview, budget versus reality overview, where Superior is today, projection for next five years, scenarios and hopefully get a consensus on the top three, as well as address questions. She introduced her team member, Gayle Whittle, who had been involved with this project all the way through.

Ms. Walker presented analyses, explanations and details on accounting versus cash flow and the general fund. She recapped the town’s financial position in FYs 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and the projected financial position for 2012-2013. She noted that 2009-2010 was the last time an audit had been made.

Ms. Walker analyzed & discussed expenditures and the budget for FY 2014. She presented ideas for four scenarios: Scenario A (Bill for Ambulance Refusals), Scenario B (Primary property tax to sewer fund stays in General Fund. Language in ballot?), Scenario C (Revenue Enhancements. Increase Sales Tax by 1% and Collect Fees for Costs, such as plan reviews, etc. Bill for refusals on Ambulance Calls. Review primary property tax use restrictions and/or put to voters. Scenario D (Includes all revenue enhancements. Use Pinal County for police services and dispatch services for police/fire/ambulance.) She responded to questions and comments from audience members and council.

Council members and Vice Mayor Lopez also discussed various aspects of the presentation. Council Member Elect Michael Alonzo gave his thoughts. He indicated that they as a council could draw up a plan but it would be the department heads who would execute it. He discussed what could be done with if a plan was made for the current police with the funding proposed to go to the Sheriff's Department for services. Council Member Tameron indicated he had not decided to go either way and was open to all sides. This was a start, with the input of the community, the input of the school district, the input of everybody. Vice Mayor Lopez indicated to Council Member Elect Alonzo that they appreciated his thoughts. They needed to start now. Mr. Alonzo would not come on board until June. Council Member Aguilar indicated that they had never had this kind of analysis and it had been helpful. They were going to go forward, not sit back and not do anything. They are going to attack this. They need some work sessions to make sure they are all on the same page. He thanked Ms. Walker, who commented regarding getting a plan on paper. Audience member Roy Chavez questioned what the town is going to do to create jobs. Former Council Member Hank Gutierrez discussed how they had to make the town a place businesses wanted to come to. Council Member Tameron said he agreed, noting that the school district had started their 2020 Vision plan and maybe they as a town maybe needed to start their own or help the school with their vision and all of them work together and get going on them. Mr. Gutierrez discussed how he had not been hiring locally anymore and they were going back to the 80s and 90s where they don't want to go. Ms. Walker discussed how the first thing towns she has worked with had to do was get financial stability and then financial sustainability.

2. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Council Member Aguilar moved to adjourn. Council Member Peralta seconded. **VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Mayor Lopez adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Superior held on the 9th day of May, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

/s/ _____
Rita M. Wentzel, Town Clerk

