

**TOWN OF SUPERIOR  
MINUTES  
NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL**

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 Monday, February 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Superior Town Hall Auditorium, 199 N. Lobb Ave., Superior, Pinal County, Arizona.

This Meeting was live-streamed on the Town's youtube channel.

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Besich called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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PRESENT:

Mayor Mila Besich  
Council Member Vanessa Navarrette  
Council Member Stephen Estatico  
Vice- Mayor Michael Alonzo  
Council Member Olga Lopez  
Council Member Bruce Armitage  
Council Member Gilbert Aguilar

STAFF PRESENT:

Todd Pryor – Town Manager  
Ruby Cervantes – Town Clerk  
Stephen Cooper – Town Attorney  
Lana Clark – Engineer Tech  
Karla Luedke – AP/Payroll Clerk  
Frank Alanis – Police Chief  
John P Perez – Fire Chief

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Jim Schenck	Neil Grube
Sue Anderson	Sarah
Silva Nessel	Leah Doyle
Emma Ferren	Diane Barbosa
Louisa	Evan Woolsey

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Besich led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. INVOCATION**

Council Member Armitage gave the Invocation.

**5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

A. Zoe De Leo, Rural Development Coordinator For Local First Arizona, will present a Power Point Presentation for updates in Rural Development.

**Mayor Besich stated that this will be post-poned to a later date.**

B. Introduction of the AmeriCorp volunteers who are helping with the Trails and US 60 Park.

The eight Ameri-Corp introduced themselves to the Council. Silva Nessel from Montana; Emma Ferren from Danville Illinois; Louisa from California; Neil Grube from Minneapolis, Minnesota; Sarah, Earth 4 Team Leader from Wisconsin; Leah Doyle from Iowa; Diane Barbosa from Los Angeles, CA; Evan Woolsey from River Falls, Wisconsin.

Mr. Schenck asked Council to go down Old Phoenix Road. They have been here a short time and you would be amazed at what they have cleared. Once they are through clearing that, there is going to be a little trail construction. This is going to make our Park about twice the size it was and provide additional recreational opportunities for us and visitors. This is a great project the town has put together.

Mayor Besich stated they appreciated all the community groups that have come together to provide meals and introduce you to our community. Thank you for being here.

**6. STAFF REPORTS**

Mayor Besich introduced Pinal County Supervisor Jeff Serdy who is here with us. Yesterday she attended the Pinal County Redistricting Meeting. Supervisor Serdy is here to introduce himself and talk about the redistricting plan.

He appreciated the Prayer. Every 10 years there is a census that leads to redistricting nationwide. We feel that the county got undercounted. That its actually closer to about 500,000. It came in at 425,00 or 430,000. There are 5 supervisor districts. Ideally each supervisor district would have the same amount of people. But in the last 10 years it got way out of wack. San Tan Valley which is the smallest district, is pushing 110,000 people in that district. I was in District 5 that has approximately 68,000 thousand. District 3 and 4 are about where they should be in the 80's. So staff is working on this and they are trying to get everyone about 80,000 people. Looks apparent that we will be in District 5 and he would be our Supervisor even though we didn't vote for him. A big advocate on tourism and that is what Superior is all about. Worked with Mayor Mila and the Public Land Managers group that we have. Discussed Superstitions, Highway 60 and the washed out Highway 88.

Invited everyone to come to his office on Idaho Rd in Apache Junction. District Administrator Connie Van Driel was also present. Gave his office phone number 520-866-6155. Interested in other challenges and problems. Brought A and B maps. San Tan want A. Superior would prefer to be with B and be with Kearny. Believes they are going to vote on this next week. One of questions is once it gets signed is it immediate? Is there a waiting period? We still don't know that. Talked about Highway 24 which will connect to 101 South. Talked about outer belts.

Mayor Besich – Todd, Ana and Bob from Nexxus met with the representatives from the Forest Service including the Regional Forester regarding the purchase of our land exchange parcels. We were pleasantly surprised to find out that a great deal of work has already been done in preparation for us to be ready to purchase that land including the mineral growth filing being posted in the federal register. There will be a 20 years period in which there will be no drilling but once we make the purchase the land is ours. We were very pleased with the update that we received and we appreciate our friends at the Forest Service that they have been working very diligently and everybody is on the same page.

Thanked everyone who attend the purchase of the Old High School celebration.

Want to give some time to Council Member Armitage who has been kind of leading the way on the Air Force EIS that is coming out. He will give us an update. We both attended that meeting as well as Todd.

Councilmember Armitage spoke on the Airforce EIS.

Most of you know Air Crafts are flying in and around Superior. A lot of military jet activity. The area they operate is one of many. It's called the Military Operating Area. He's familiar with it as he was an air traffic controller. There was a Public Hearing in Superior on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at Town Hall.

MOA sits right over Superior.

What was significant about this meeting. They will be submitting an EIS with several proposals. One of the proposals is not to change anything. But 2, 3 and 4 will impact Superior. Quickly gave the impacts.

Times are Monday thru Friday from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Change to 24 hour period if they want it.

Boundaries are the same.

Operating at Altitudes are 8,000 ft to 18000 ft. Requesting 500 ft above ground level and 18,000 ft.

Allowed to fly supersonic above or at 30,000 ft. Change to 5,000 ft.

This is definitely going to impact what we see and hear.

They are able to shoot flares now at minimum altitude 3,000 ft. and they want to change to 2, 000 ft.

We are going to be making a submission to EIS which we are very familiar with.

Like to encourage those who are able to familiarize with this and get the voice out there. If you have any question, you can call Mr. Armitage.

## **7. 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

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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 Town Council Meeting on January 13, 2022.
2. Approval of Town of Superior Alcohol Permit for Mary Helen Burchett for a Funeral Luncheon to be held at the Magma Club on Saturday, February 12, 2022, from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.
3. Approval of Town of Superior Alcohol Permit for Superior Optimist Club for the Magma Royale Fund Raiser to be held at the Magma Club on Saturday, March 26, 2022 from 6: PM to 11:59 PM.
4. Approval of Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control Special Event License for JoAnn Besich/Superior Optimist Club for the Magma Royale Fund Raiser to be held at the Magma Club on Saturday, March 26, 2022, from 6:00 PM to 11:59 PM.
5. Approval of Town of Superior Alcohol Permit for Angelic Padilla for a Birthday Party to be held at the Magma Club on Saturday, May 14, 2022, from 1:00 PM to 11:00 PM.
6. Approval of the Fire Department Firehouse Subs Public Safety Grant Award in the amount of \$31,433.67 for the purchase of Four Scott x3 Pro SCBAs & Accessories.
7. Department Reports:
  - Fire
  - Police
  - Public Works
  - Library
  - Senior Center
  - Sanitation
  - Town Engineer

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Armitage, Motion Carries.**

AYES- 7 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members Navarrette, Estatico, Lopez, Armitage, Aguilar

NOES – 0

ABSTINATIONS – 0

ABSENT - 0

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion/Possible Approval of Resolution No. 2022-446, **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR, ARIZONA SUPPORTING RESOLUTION COPPER'S EQUALIZATION PAYMENT USE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR CONSERVATION AND/OR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES IN THE SUPERSTITION FOOTHILLS AREA.**

Mayor Besich asked for a motion to table Item A Discussion/Possible Approval of Resolution No. 2022-446 , A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR, ARIZONA SUPPORTING RESOLUTION COPPER'S EQUALIZATION PAYMENT.

Mr. Charlie Goff out of Gold Canyon and the Superstition Area Land Trust would like to present a letter in addition to his Resolution about all the work that they are doing. This is something we should support but he's asking us to table it so he can submit his letter.

**Motion to Table this item made by Council Member Estatico, second by Council Member Lopez, Motion Carries.**

AYES- 7 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members Navarrette, Estatico, Lopez, Armitage, Aguilar  
NOES – 0  
ABSTINATIONS – 0  
ABSENT – 0

- B. Public Hearing and Possible Action of Superior Town Council Serving as it's Board of Adjustment as a public meeting pursuant to Section 2.4 of the Town Zoning Ordinance considering: (1) Variance Resolution No. 2022-06 requested on behalf of Anderson Rentals LLC for a residence located at 434 W. Terrace Drive, Superior, AZ.

**MEETING OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

- i. Call to Order

Mayor Besich called the Meeting to Order at 7:21 PM.

- ii. Roll Call

PRESENT:

Mayor Mila Besich  
Board Member Vanessa Navarrette  
Board Member Stephen Estatico  
Vice- Mayor Michael Alonzo  
Board Member Olga Lopez  
Board Member Bruce Armitage  
Board Member Gilbert Aguilar

**1. Variance Resolution No. 2022-06 requested on behalf of Anderson Rentals LLC for a residence located at 434 W. Terrace Drive, Superior, Arizona.**

1. Opening Public Hearing  
Mayor Besich opened the Public Hearing at 7:22 PM.
2. Staff Report and Recommendation

Mr. Pryor stated that this was on the dilapidated building list. It had a significant lien for financial crimes out of Federal Court in Tucson. Is pleased to see this. It's two houses on one lot and the intent is to subdivision the lot so they can be sold as separate units.

Mayor Besich asked if anyone was on the public phone line. No one answered. Any comments from the Public on this matter? Hearing none.

Ms. Clark stated Ms Anderson is asking to split the lot into two 6,000 sq ft lots. She has more that enough to split the lot into 2 parcels.

3. Presentation by Applicant if requested and Public Comment

Sue Anderson thanked them for taking this into consideration. Back into fixing up houses. She has put new roofs on both houses. Wants to split them. They have been vacant for years. They will be very nice rental houses when she is done with them. Happy to answer any questions.

Pam Rabago stated the owner is not local.

4. Closing of Public Hearing  
Mayor Besich closed the Public Hearing at 7:25 PM.
5. Discussion and Action by Town Council acting as Board of Adjustment.

Motion to approve **Variance Resolution No. 2022-06 requested on behalf of Anderson Rentals LLC for a residence located at 434 W. Terrace Drive, Superior, Arizona made by Board Member Estatico, second by Board Member Lopez, Motion Carries.**

AYES- 7 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Board Members Navarrette, Estatico, Lopez, Armitage, Aguilar

NOES – 0

ABSTINATIONS – 0

ABSENT – 0

6. Mayor Besich Adjourned Board of Adjustment Meeting at 7:26 PM.

**RETURN TO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:26 PM.**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC – NONE**

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

**Council Members:**

Navarrette – None

Estatico – None

Aguilar – Yea Little League. Glad they are back.

Armitage – Thanked Sue for taking on the Property on Terrace.

Lopez - None

Vice Mayor Alonzo - None

Mayor – Second Friday, A lot of fun events.

Town Manager- WWTP generator has been delivered. Will be wired up soon. Other generator stopped functioning completely.

C. Discussion/Possible Approval of performance evaluation including discussion and/or negotiation of salary and/or an employment contract of a public officer – Chief of Police Frank Alanis.

**Motion to go into Executive Session with Town Council, Town Manager Todd Pryor, Town Attorney Stephen Cooper, Chief Frank Alanis and Town Clerk Ruby Cervantes not to exceed 30 minutes made by Council Member Estatico, second by Council Member Armitage, Motion Carries**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Went into Executive Session at 7:35 PM.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Motion to Return to Regular Session made by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Aguilar. Return to Regular Session at 7:45 PM.

**Mayor Besich stated going back to Discussion/Possible Approval of performance evaluation including discussion and/or negotiation of salary and/or an employment contract of a public officer – Chief of Police Frank Alanis. Do we have a motion to direct Staff to proceed as discussed in Executive Session?**

**We have a motion to direct Staff to do as discussed in Executive Session by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Aguilar, Motion Carries.**

AYES- 7 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members Navarrette, Estatico, Lopez, Armitage, Aguilar  
NOES – 0  
ABSTINATIONS – 0  
ABSENT - 0

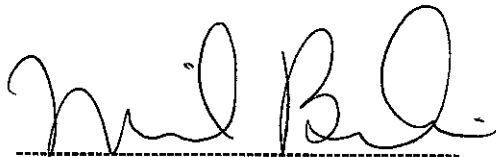
**SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS  
All meetings are held at Town Hall.**

<b>Emergency Services Committee</b>	02/17/2022	6:00 PM
Community Development Committee	02/24/2022	6:00 PM
Planning & Zoning Committee	03/03/2022	6:00 PM
Town Council Meeting	03/10/2022	7:00 PM

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

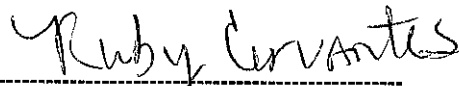
**Motion to adjourn the Meeting of the Town Council made by Council Member Estatico, second by Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Motion Carries. Meeting adjourns at 7:47 PM.**

AYES- 7 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members Navarrette, Estatico, Lopez, Armitage, Aguilar  
NOES – 0  
ABSTINATIONS – 0  
ABSENT - 0



**Mila Besich, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**



**Ruby Cervantes, Town Clerk**