

**TOWN OF SUPERIOR
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF SUPERIOR 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 Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Superior Town Hall Auditorium, 199 N. Lobb Ave., Superior, Pinal County, Arizona.

This Meeting will be 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

PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Todd Pryor, Town Manager
Stephen Cooper, Town Attorney
Ruby Cervantes, Town Clerk
Karla Luedke, Admin Assistant
John P. Perez – Fire Chief

PUBLIC PRESENT:

SHS Graduates
Thomas Freestone
Hesston Klenck

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

Mayor Besich read the Proclamation proclaiming May 1 – May 7, 2022 53rd Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week.

During the Key Ceremony, the SHS Graduating class were presented with a letter and a Key from the Town of Superior. The Council handed these out to those present. Manika Cruz and Danika Bryant were acknowledged with their participation in the Youth Council. We had Hank Gutierrez, President of the Governing Board and Max Magallanez, who recently retired from the Governing Board present with us this evening.

Hesston Klenck is leaving Resolution for his dream job. Has worked with Rio Tino for almost 19 years. He found his dream job as a Western Regional Director of Government Relations. Over the years while he has been working with the Town of Superior we have been able to negotiate and develop probably some of the most life changing agreements that will effect the Town of Superior for generations to come. That will affect your lives and your families lives for years to come. Everything from water, social economics, public safety. Negotiations are not always easy. We wanted to make sure he didn't go out just like going on to the next job. He was presented with a small gift.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Mayor - It is graduation week. Our Girls Soft Ball Team won the State Championship Parade to celebrate this is Friday.

Judge Lujan introduced himself. He is the JP for the Copper Corridor. Covers court in Superior and Oracle. Happy to serve this town. Needed a pro-tem and got Mr. Freestone. Here to serve us. Call anytime.

Tomorrow we are hosting the staff of Sen. Sinama's and Sen. Kelley's offices. They will be visiting the Arboretum, the Airport and the Multi Gen where we will have a roundtable with local community leaders, including representation from our Chamber, Rebuild Superior and our School District. Anxious to show them this particular property because we have really been able to receive a tremendous amount of federal funding for our projects. This is a good time to show them they made good choices to make this investment.

Will be visiting with Leadership from Rio Tinto and Resolution Copper tomorrow evening. Mayor has been invited to speak at the NLC Conference in Puerto Rico for Hispanic Elected Officials. Climate change and Natural Disasters and the effects on Latino communities.

Manager – we are suppose to hear on the EDA grant for EIC this week. Submitted another grant for the AC for the recreational spaces that the other grants won't pay for. Having Work Session with CDC for 1st Phase of Multi Gen next Thursday.

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 April 14, 2022.
2. Approval of Visit Arizona Initiative (VAI) Marketing Grant Agreement between the State of Arizona Office of Tourism and the Town of Superior in the amount of \$46,750.00. The purpose of this Agreement is to authorize the use and provide funds from the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") to Town of Superior to support the tourism industry.
3. Approval of Medassure Inc..rental proposal to rent a room in the Town Hall Building as a satellite office to service clients in Superior and surrounding areas. Rental fee would be \$250 per month.
4. Approval of River Network Notification of Trust Building Support Initiative Technical Assistance Grant and Memorandum of Understanding. (MOU) River Network is pleased to provide the Queen Creek Working Group c/o The Town of Superior, AZ with an award of \$12,000 to support your Trust Building project. The project will start upon receipt of this signed agreement and projects must be completed by October 31, 2022.
5. Approval of EMI Health Insurance Renewal Rates for Town of Superior Employees as part of the Public Service Health Benefit Pool effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
6. Approval of Town of Superior Alcohol Beverage Permit for Loretta Ellison for a Luncheon Party at the Magma Club on Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM.
7. Approval of Town of Superior Alcohol Beverage Permit for Mariah Hernandez for a 50th Birthday Party at the Magma Club on Saturday, June 18, 2022 from 2:00 PM to 12:00 midnight.
8. Approval of Town of Superior Alcohol Beverage Permit for Rebuild Superior/Adelante Juntos – Robert S. Cervantes, for an event to be held at the Besich Park on May 28th, 2022 from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
9. Approval of Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control Special Event License Application for Emily Smolenski/ Boyce Thompson Arboretum for an event at 37615 E. Arboretum Way, Superior, AZ on Friday, June 10, 2022 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.
10. Approval of Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control Special Event License Application for Emily Smolenski/ Boyce Thompson Arboretum for an event at 37615 E. Arboretum Way, Superior, AZ on Friday, July 8, 2022 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

11. Approval of Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control Special Event License Application for Emily Smolenski/ Boyce Thompson Arboretum for an event at 37615 E. Arboretum Way, Superior, AZ on Friday, August 12, 2022 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
12. Approval of Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control Special Event License Application for Emily Smolenski/ Boyce Thompson Arboretum for an event at 37615 E. Arboretum Way, Superior, AZ on Friday, September 9, 2022 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.
13. Department Reports:
 - Fire
 - Police
 - Public Works
 - Library
 - Senior Center
 - Sanitation
 - Town Engineer

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Council Member Estatico, second by Council Member Aguilar, Motion Carries.

AYES – 7 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Councilmembers: Estatico, Navarrette, Lopez, Armitage, Aguilar.

NOES – 0

ABSTINATIONS – 0

ABSENT - 0

8. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Besich Moved Item E before Item A.

E Discussion/Possible Appointment of Presiding Town Magistrate.

This is a Town Council Appointed Position.

DISCUSSION: The Council may choose to appoint one of the applicants interview in the Special Meeting which was held prior to this Council Meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: This is a budgeted position.

Four applicants for the position of Presiding Town Magistrate were interviewed in the Council Special meeting at 4:30 PM during Executive Session. The following were interviewed: Thomas Freestone, Ellie Brown (Telephonically), David Orzelle, and Larry Bravo.

Motion to approve the appointment of Ellie Brown as the Presiding Town Magistrate made by Council Member Estatico, second by Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Motion Carries.

AYES – 7 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Councilmembers: Estatico, Navarrette, Lopez, Armitage, Aguilar.
NOES – 0
ABSTINATIONS – 0
ABSENT - 0

- A. Discussion/Possible Approval of Resolution 2022-651, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR, PINAL COUNTY, ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 22-23 TENTATIVE BUDGET.

This adopts the Tentative Budget discussed in the Work Session on April 14, 2022. The final budget will be presented for approval at the June 9, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: Once the Tentative Budget is adopted, changes may be made to before the final budget is adopted, but the total may not be increased.

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-651, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR, PINAL COUNTY, ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 22-23 TENTATIVE BUDGET made by Council Member Armitage, second by Council Member Lopez, Motion Carries.

AYES – 7 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Councilmembers: Estatico, Navarrette, Lopez, Armitage, Aguilar.
NOES – 0
ABSTINATIONS – 0
ABSENT - 0

- B. Discussion/Possible Approval of Resolution 2022-650, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR, ARIZONA DESIGNATING THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER FOR OFFICIALLY SUBMITTING THE 22-23 FISCAL YEAR EXPENDITURE LIMITATION REPORT TO THE ARIZONA AUDITOR GENERAL.

As required by Arizona Revised Statutes §41-1279.07(E), annually by July 31 each county, city, town and community college must provide the Auditor General the name of the chief fiscal officer (CFO) the governing body designates to officially submit the current fiscal year's Annual Expenditure of Limitation Report (AELR) on behalf of the governing body and certify to the accuracy of the report.

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-650, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR, ARIZONA DESIGNATING THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER FOR OFFICIALLY SUBMITTING THE 22-23 FISCAL YEAR EXPENDITURE LIMITATION REPORT TO THE ARIZONA AUDITOR GENERAL made by Council Member Navarrette, second by Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Motion Carries.

AYES – 7 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Councilmembers: Estatico, Navarrette, Lopez, Armitage, Aguilar.
NOES – 0
ABSTINATIONS – 0
ABSENT - 0

- C. Discussion/Possible Approval on whether Council would like to move forward with a Laser Show or Fireworks for the 4th of July Celebration.

Town Manager is asking for direction from Town Council.

DISCUSSION: This is another high fire risk year. Fireworks would again be a risk proposition. The last laser show was very well received and the costs are similar.

Mayor Besich stated the Youth Council is already working on the 4th of July.

Motion to have Town Manager proceed with the Laser Show made by Council Member Aguilar, second by Council Member Lopez, Motion Carries.

AYES – 7 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Councilmembers: Estatico, Navarrette, Lopez, Armitage, Aguilar.
NOES – 0
ABSTINATIONS – 0
ABSENT - 0

- D. Discussion/Direction/Possible Approval of Sr. Center Meals Food Service.

RECOMMENDATION: Give direction to Town Manger to proceed with Miami Senior Center to prepare meals for Superior Senior Center.

DISCUSSION: We are contracted with Trio Community Meals to prepare the meals for the Senior Center. As of July 1, 2022 they will no longer be preparing meals at the Apache Junction Sr. Center which is where our meals are prepared. Mr. Pryor has spoken with the Miami Sr. Center and they are willing to prepare meals for Congregate and Homebound for under \$6 per meal. Staff will have go pick up the meals in Miami.

FISCAL IMPACT: The price of meals is less than what we are paying presently, but we will have to budget for vehicle gas.

Council Member Armitage, Ruby Cervantes and Karla Luedke ate lunch at the Miami Senior Center on Tuesday and were pleased with the meal. They were given a tour of the facility by Director Christine Duarte. Ms. Duarte was present at the Town Council Meeting.

Motion to approve Town Manager to proceed with Miami Senior Center to prepare meals for Superior Senior Center made by Council Member Estatico, second by Council Member Aguilar, Motion Carries.

AYES – 7 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Councilmembers: Estatico, Navarrette, Lopez, Armitage, Aguilar.
NOES – 0
ABSTINATIONS – 0
ABSENT – 0

E. **MEETING OF TOWN OF SUPERIOR MUNICIPAL PROPERTY CORPORATION**

1) **Call to Order**

Mayor Besich called to order at 7:36 PM.

2) **Roll Call**

PRESENT:

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

3) **New Business**

Mr. Pryor stated the WWTP is expensive to run. This year we have the following expenses: Generator \$74,000; Pump \$13,000; Lift Station \$71,000.

4) **Consideration and Possible Approval of loan of \$ 150,000.00 with Bank of the West for wastewater system improvements. Approval includes approval of the following agreements:**

A. **Approve Resolution 2022-01, of Members of Municipal Property Corporation to enter into loan agreements with Bank of the West and to sign all necessary documents for the loan;**

Motion to Approve Resolution 2022-01, of Members of Municipal Property Corporation to enter into loan agreements with Bank of the West and to sign all necessary documents for the loan made by Council Member Navarrette, second by Council Member Lopez, Motion Carries.

AYES – 7 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Councilmembers: Estatico, Navarrette, Lopez, Armitage, Aguilar.
NOES – 0
ABSTINATIONS – 0
ABSENT - 0

- 5) Motion to Adjourn the Meeting of Municipal Property Corporation made by Council Member Navarrette, second by Council Member Lopez, Motion Carries. Meeting adjourns at 7:38 PM.**

AYES – 7 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Councilmembers: Estatico, Navarrette, Lopez, Armitage, Aguilar.

NOES – 0

ABSTINATIONS – 0

ABSENT - 0

RETURN TO REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION AT 7:38 PM.

9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Elizabeth Magallanez – Announced that she has turned in her paperwork for Write-In Candidate for the open seat that will come up at the Primary Election on August 2nd. Very excited about it. Always had a desire to serve on the Council but because she was employed by the Town, that was impossible. Now the way things have lined up, she now has that opportunity. She has been a resident and property owner in Superior for 23 years. Looking forward to the Election and hopefully will be a part of your wonderful team.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -NONE

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

A. Council Members

Aguilar – Wanted to talk about trips. You need to network. Its very important. We need to get somebody there to talk for us and speak on our behalf. And get some of these grants and any money that’s out there. If you don’t do this, you are going to miss out on it. A lot of people don’t realize it. So when we send somebody on a trip to go speak for us, it’s very important. This is something I have realized. That’s why we have Lobbyist in Washington that speak for us. That’s why we send our Mayor as much as we can to some of these places so she can be the spokesman for the Town, not just the Council, but the Town in general. It is very important that we network.

Armitage - wanted to thank Christia and her staff for coming and making yourself available for this meeting. Thank you for the offer. If you could just help us transition to where we were to where we are going . Thank you Judge Lujan for coming and presenting yourself. Thank you to all judges who put in for Magistrate Position.

Lopez- Parade on Friday.

Navarrette – Congratulations Elizabeth and thank you for running. Good luck to you.

Estatico- Graduation is on May 27 at 6:00 PM. Girls put in a lot of time. Practice a lot; long hours. Showed when they went into the Championship rounds. Thanked Hesston for his years with RC. We knew if we had questions or needed help, Hesston was the guy we went to. Appreciate that and your friendship.

Vice-Mayor Alonzo- Congratulation everyone. Congratulations Seniors. Elizabeth good luck on your candidacy. Judge Lujan thanks for coming and introducing yourself. Thanked staff for all the hard work.

B. Mayor – Thank you Hesston. Thank you to all the Seniors that came. We had 4 applicants for Magistrate. There was a time people didn't want to take jobs in Superior. We are a team that people want to be a part of. Best of luck in your campaign Elizabeth. We will miss Mr. Estatico. We know you are very focused on school and students.

C. Town Manager

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

All meetings are held at Town Hall.

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| Emergency Services Committee | cancelled | 6:00 PM |
| Community Development Committee | 05/26/2022 | 6:00 PM |
| Planning & Zoning Committee | 06/02/2022 | 6:00 PM |
| Town Council Meeting | 06/09/2022 | 7:00 PM |

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting of the Town Council made by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Armitage, Motion Carries. Meeting adjourns at 7:46 PM.

AYES – 7 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Councilmembers: Estatico, Navarrette, Lopez, Armitage, Aguilar.

NOES – 0

ABSTINATIONS – 0

ATTEST:

Mila Besich, Mayor

Ruby Cervantes, Town Clerk