

**TOWN OF SUPERIOR  
MINUTES  
NOTICE OF 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 held on Thursday, October 13, 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**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Council Member Stephen Estatico – Excused

**STAFF:**

Todd Pryor – Town Manager  
Stephen Cooper – Town Attorney  
Ruby Cervantes – Town Clerk  
Chief Frank Alanis – Police Dept.

**PUBLIC PRESENT:**

Amy Byrd	Pam Rabago	Mark Cardenas
Pamela Peck	Sue Anderson	Jim Schenck
Curtis Gassaway	Vicky Peacey	
Delores Hatfield	Dave Richins	

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Besich led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **INVOCATION**

Council Member Armitage gave the Invocation.

5. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Vicky Peacey, Chief of Staff at Rio Tinto and Acting Project Director Resolution Copper will give an update on FEIS/LEX and introduce Dave Richins as new CSP Manager.

Ms. Peacey gave a project update. State of the Town was great. Thanks for remarks. Complimented that Main Street looks fantastic. Looking forward to Queen Creek Project. Gave update on number of employees working. 60% contractors. 40% employees. Gave a lengthy explanation of the EIS and impacts. Forest services updating EIS and would take 4-6 months to do so. Intent to publish first half of 2023. Once published, would like to start activities.

Dave Richins - Senior Manager of Communities – first task is the Good Neighbor Agreement. We put together an agreement to work together.

Mayor Besich – We appreciate Resolution being one of the sponsors for the State of the Town. Todd has been working with GNA thru CWG. One of the assets that we have created that makes this a balanced project that there is transparency and a lot of involvement.

6. **STAFF REPORTS**

Mayor – Thanked everyone for participating in the State of the Town. Rebuild did a wonderful job coordinating it. Had excellent turn out. Thanked staff. Have had a lot of events. One of the biggest Fiesta Car shows. The burro race coming up. Everyone has been working hard to make sure they go off without a hitch. Thank you to staff.

Council Member Lopez – has special presentation to make tonight. She met with Richard Ochoa who is the coordinator of the car show. Lt. Chavez and Chief Alanis were there too. Discussed how things went. Thanked PD for their help to organize. Were there all the time. Fire Marshall was great. Everyone pitching in. Richard presented Fire Dept., Police Dept and Town with a plaque from the car show. Everything worked out well.

Mayor Besich – thanked everyone for all their work. So many compliments. Recognized Council Member Elect Byrd and she will be sworn in and take her seat officially on November 10<sup>th</sup>, our next council meeting. Tonight is Council Member Estatico's last meeting and we do have some recognition for him. He's not here so we will have a private ceremony. On record want to thank Council Member

Estatico for his efforts and his work. Probably one of the first council members in a least a decade that has retired from his seat. Appreciate the work and collaboration he brought with his roles in education as well.

Todd Pryor, Town Manger – In the Code Enforcement reports the before and after reports. Our CDBG projects are completed, billed out and waiting for final payments from ADOH to finish this out. The properties on Terrace, Belmont, 2 on Pinal have been dilapidated buildings since I have been here. We are nearing the bottom of our dilapidated building list. We will have to start a new list. With 65 we had in 2013, there are 5 left.

Mayor Besich stated congratulations; that a huge accomplishment. In 2016 Council adopted the Lean and Clean program.

PD Chief Alanis – Fiesta was a wonderful event. No incidents. Looks like everyone had a good time. Have burro run next, hope to see everyone out there.

**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 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 Town Council Meeting on September 8, 2022.
2. Approval of Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control Special Event License for Superior Optimist Club-Joann Besich for an event located at Rose's Roses Deck, 203 Main Street, Superior, AZ 85173 on Friday, November 4, 2022 from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM .
3. Approval of Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control Special Event License for Richard Francis Cartier/Superior Chamber of Commerce for an event located at the Superior Chamber of Commerce Building, 165 Main Street, Superior, AZ 85173 on Thursday, October 6, 2022 from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
4. Fire  
Police  
Public Works  
Library  
Senior Center  
Sanitation  
Town Engineer

Mayor Besich mentioned that per request of the Attorney, we are ratifying #3.

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

AYES – 6 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members: Aguilar, Armitage, Navarrette, Lopez  
NOES – 0  
ABSENT – 1 Council Member Estatico  
ABSTINATIONS - 0

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Public Hearing/Discussion /Possible Approval of Ordinance No. 2022-177,  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF  
SUPERIOR, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 17-140  
(ZONING ORDINANCE) BY ADOPTING ARTICLE XX (PROJECT AREA  
OVERLAY ZONE DISTRICT), SECTION 20-01 THROUGH SECTION 20.06.**

There are some areas of the Town where several nonconforming structures, building, and lots exist. The purpose of adding the PA Overlay Zone District to the Zoning Ordinance is to provide a means of bring those areas into conformance, as much as possible, with existing Town Codes.

Mayor Besich opened the Public Hearing at 7:22 PM. Asked if there was anyone in the public who wished to address this item.

Sue Anderson – In process of working with non-conforming lot on Terrace. Want to redo 2 houses, working on one right now. Without this, she can't continue. Really hope that you will approve this.

Mayor Besich closed the Public Hearing at 7:21 PM.

**Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-177, An Ordinance Of The Town Council Of The Town Of Superior, Pinal County, Arizona, Amending Ordinance 17-140 (Zoning Ordinance) By Adopting Article Xx (Project Area Overlay Zone District), Section 20-01 Through Section 20.06 made by Council Member Aguilar, second by Council Member Armitage, Motion Carries.**

AYES – 6 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members: Aguilar, Armitage, Navarrette, Lopez  
NOES – 0  
ABSENT – 1 Council Member Estatico

ABSTINATIONS - 0

- B. Public Hearing/Discussion/Possible Approval of Ordinance No. 2022-178, AN **ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR AMENDING SUPERIOR ZONING CODE ORDINANCE ARTICLE VIII INDUSTRIAL ZONE DISTRICT §9.1 DENSITY AREA, BUILDING AND YARD REGULATIONS TABLE NO. 5 FOR INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Pursuant to the Arizona Statutes for zoning regulations, the legislative body of any municipality by Ordinance may Establish and maintain building setback lines and heights In accordance with the requirement of A.R.S. §9-462.01.A(3), Regulate the location, **Height**, bulk, number of stories and size of buildings and structures, the size and use of lots, yards, courts and other open spaces, the percentage of a lot that may be occupied by a building or structure, access to incident solar energy and the intensity of land use and to conserve and promote public health, safety, and general welfare.

Mayor Besich - Additional background as we were going thru our Code extensively, for us to be competitive for industrial or any other types of job centers, we need to adjust this so we can move a little more swiftly. Opened the Public Hearing at 7:22 PM. Asked if there was anyone in the public who wished to address this item.

Council Member Navarrette – Conform that the areas this will affect airport area; north of Main Street, starts at Pinal and goes to bottom.

Mr Pryor – the Industrial Lots. Smelter Town Area; Industrial Area; Potential areas in the new land exchange area. Anything zoned industrial. The airport is industrial as well. But that has height requirements. Omya is 106 ft tall. It was built before zoning code.

Ms. Navarrette – changing height from 40 ft to 75 ft.

Mayor Besich closed the Public Hearing at 7:25 PM.

**Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-178, An Ordinance Of The Town Of Superior Amending Superior Zoning Code Ordinance Article Viii Industrial Zone District §9.1 Density Area, Building And Yard Regulations Table No. 5 For Industrial Districts And Declaring An Effective Date made by Council Member Armitage, second by Council Member Lopez, Motion Carries.**

AYES – 6 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members: Aguilar, Armitage, Navarrette, Lopez

NOES – 0

ABSENT – 1 Council Member Estatico

ABSTINATIONS - 0

- C. Discussion/Possible Approval of Resolution No. 2022-659, **A RESOLUTION FOR ARIZONA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS WEEK.**

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That The Town Of Superior Joins With The League Of Arizona Cities And Towns And Fellow Municipalities Across The State Of Arizona In Declaring October 16 Through 22, 2022, Arizona Cities & Towns Week.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-659, A Resolution For Arizona League Of Cities And Towns Week made by Council Member Lopez, second by Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Motion Carries.

AYES – 6 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members: Aguilar, Armitage, Navarrette, Lopez

NOES – 0

ABSENT – 1 Council Member Estatico

ABSTINATIONS - 0

**D. Discussion/Possible Approval of Resolution No. 2022-660, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TRANSFERS PROVING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**DISCUSSION:** This is a yearly adjustment.

Town Council authorizes the following budget transfer to adjust budgeted amounts for the indicated accounts for Fiscal Year 2021-2022:

TRANSFERS TO:

GENERAL FUND:

Administration	3,200,000.00
Public Works	300,000.00
Police	115,000.00
Transfer Station	75,000.00
Swimming Pool	46,000.00
Cemetery	20,000.00
Lost Trail	15,000.00
Senior Center-Congregate Meals	13,000.00
Fire	7,500.00

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Senior Center-Home Delivery	7,500.00
Engineer	7,500.00
Library	2,500.00
Parks	1,000.00

TRANSFERS FROM:

GENERAL FUND: Contingency	(200,000.00)
HURF FUND: Pinal Regional Transportation	(460,000.00)
GRANTS FUND: Multi-gen Contract	(3,150,000.00)

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption by Town Council.

Mr. Pryor – The big purchases from ARPA Money. \$3,150,000 is for the High School.

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-660, A Resolution Of The Town Of Superior Approving The Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Budget Transfers Proving For An Effective Date made by Council Member Navarrette, second by Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Motion Carries**

AYES – 6 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members: Aguilar, Armitage, Navarrette, Lopez  
NOES – 0  
ABSENT – 1 Council Member Estatico  
ABSTINATIONS - 0

- E. Approval to appoint Council Member to a vacant seat on the Emergency Services Committee.

Council Member Stephen Estatico's 4-year Council term is up and he did not run for re-election. The Town Council will need to appoint a Council Member to serve as Chairperson on the Emergency Services Committee.

Mayor Besich would like to suggest Council Member Elect Amy Byrd for the appointment for the ESC Chairperson.

**Motion to appoint and approve Council Member Elect Amy Byrd to fill the vacant seat as Chairperson of the Emergency Service Committee made by Council Member Aguilar, second by Council Member Lopez, Motion Carries.**

AYES – 6 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members: Aguilar, Armitage, Navarrette, Lopez  
NOES – 0  
ABSENT – 1 Council Member Estatico  
ABSTINATIONS – 0

F. Discussion/Possible Approval of Wayfinding Master Plan.

**DISCUSSION:** As it keeps growing businesses and attractions, the Town of Superior is looking to appropriately direct visitors with the use of wayfinding signage. Wayfinding is most effective when implemented for various modes and from various perspectives. The intent of this plan to evaluate the existing wayfinding system from multiple perspectives and create a consistent messaged and themed signage program. This plan documents the findings of multiple field visits, develops multiple wayfinding strategies for various modes of travel, and concludes with a set of recommendations for the messaging and design of an improved wayfinding and signage system for the Town of Superior.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There will be 4 phases. The Phase 1 signs will cost \$125,000.00 that will need to come from ARPA.

Mayor Besich – this is something we have been working on for a very long time. One of the biggest issues that businesses have brought up. How people move around our community, not just downtown, but our US 60 district as well, schools, trailheads, cemetery, swimming pool, all of our parks. One of consultants grew up in Superior. A lot of extra heart went into this. This also went thru the CDC. Thank you to Mr. Schenck.

Mr. Pryor – Would like to suggest this as a CDBG option for our next cycle.

Mayor Besich – The prices were a lot higher and we really condensed it down. We had to have this engineering plan so ADOT could approve the signage. We meet with our ADOT director quarterly and he is very anxious to see this report and start building out the permits that need to be in place so we can start constructing signs. They are waiting on our action today.

Council Member Armitage – When do we see signs.

Mr. Pryor – Once this is approved, it will have to go thru permitting. They have 30 review cycle. About 60 days from ADOT. Have to put out RFQ that will take about 3 months from start to approval of contract. So we could be building this out in February perhaps.

Council Member Navarrette is a member of the Community Development Committee. She thanked Mr. Schenck for keeping on top of this and Kimley Home did a good job presenting to us different options to get this phased out.

**Motion to approve the Wayfinding Master Plan made by Council Member Armitage, second by Council Member Lopez, Motion Carries.**

AYES – 6 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members: Aguilar, Armitage, Navarrette, Lopez  
NOES – 0



ABSENT – 1 Council Member Estatico  
ABSTINATIONS – 0

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Jim Schenck – Thank everybody for approving the Way Finding Plan. The first versions we saw, we would have to be in Scottsdale to pay for it. Council has approved the plan. The Town Manager has said when we could get something going. Does Council have to separately approve the funds for Phase One? Mr. Pryor answered yes. When does this happen?

Mr. Pryor – after the RFQ. Then we have to approve the contract. This is part of the Economic Development of the Town. What we found out rather early is we wanted to put up a few signs and Todd say oh no you have to plan for everything. This study wasn't something we just decided we wanted to do. Don't get one sign unless you have a plan to do everything.

Mark Cardenas – Title is Government Relations for Resolution Copper. We got word that we can do underground tours again. Let him know. Looking forward to sitting down with Mayor.

Sue Anderson – Wanted to let public know it was Dave Richins who made the Chamber what it is. Gave them a check from RCC and stated they wanted them to be successful.

Mayor Besich thanked Sue for all of her service. She retired as Chamber President. Room named in her honor at Chamber – the Anderson Room.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - none**

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

**A. Council Members:**

Bruce Armitage – in the process of looking at the Planning and Zoning YouTube video, I appreciated their efforts. Just wanted to pass that along. I know they ask a lot of hard questions trying to make sure that before we saw it, they has answered a lot of questions. Wanted to compliment all those who put work in the Way Finding Signage Master Plan. There were a lot of blood, sweat and tears that were involved in that process. It's so difficult to get anything done without a plan. You can't do anything without a plan. This is a wonderful effort. Thanked and congratulated Sue for your involvement in our Town. know most of your work was done thru the Chamber but we walk hand in hand with the Chamber of Commerce.

Olga Lopez – Thanked everybody and Staff.

Vanessa Navarrette – None

Gilbert Aguilar – Everything said already. Thanked Chief for everything.

Vice Mayor Alonzo – Thanked everyone.

- B. **Mayor Besich** – Thanked everyone. Just a reminder at our November 10<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting we will be swearing in Council Members and Mayor. Recognizing the Community Champion who hasn't been made public yet. Very special meeting. No December Council Meeting. Back to a lot of business in January.
- C. Town Manager – None.

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

<b>Emergency Services Committee</b>	<b>10/20/2022</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Community Development Committee</b>	<b>10/27/2022</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Planning &amp; Zoning Committee</b>	<b>11/03/2022</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Town Council Meeting</b>	<b>11/10/2022</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting of the Town Council made by Vice-Mayor Alonzo, second by Council Member Lopez, motion carries. Meeting adjourns at 7:43 PM.**

AYES – 6 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members: Aguilar, Armitage, Navarrette, Lopez  
NOES – 0  
ABSENT – 1 Council Member Estatico  
ABSTINATIONS – 0



**Mila Besich, Mayor**

ATTEST:



**Ruby Cervantes, Town Clerk**