

**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 was held on Thursday, April 13, 2023 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 7:01 PM.

2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:

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

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. Introduction of Superior Police Lt. Tim Chavez. Our Police Chief Frank Alanis has been working on a lot of different educational opportunities and we finally got the time for him to go to the FBI Academy for 3 months.
Lt. Chavez is the Acting Chief for the Superior Police Department. Has been pretty busy. Been here over 5 months. He retired, took some time off but know he still wanted to be in Police Enforcement and wanted to come to a small town. He joined the Superior Police Dept in October. He attends the Chamber of Commerce Meetings, Very happy and humble to be here.

Mayor Besich stated she got to work on the Home Tour with Lt. Chavez. They were guides at a house. Thank you for joining our team and look forward to working with you.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Mayor Besich - Last month we did attend the National League of Cities Conference in Washington DC. one of the largest conferences in the history of NLC. Great day visiting on the Hill with our AZ delegation and promoting the appropriations we will be going thru in the consent agenda. One for Panther Bridge Crossing and water lines out to airport and arboretum. These are the 2 appropriations that we will be working on. Also participated yesterday in Governor Hobbs 100 Day Press Conference. It was very nice to be invited and we were very glad for her vetos on the rental tax and food tax bills. She has an open door for Cities and Towns. Our Youth Council also made the trip to Washington DC. Got so many compliments on how professional they were; how they interacted and dressed. Did get picture with Sen Kelly during the Senate Breakfast. Thank you to everybody who helped support them to attend.

Manager Todd Pryor - he did send update to Council with all things that are happening with Grants. We are making good progress. Will get the Council more updated when it comes to Multi Gen update.

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 March 9, 2023.
2. Approval of Minutes of Town Council Retreat Minutes on February 28, 2023.
3. Approval of Government Service Contract between the State of Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and the Town of Superior. The purpose of this contract is to provide , through the ADEQ Brownfields State Response Grant, funding on behalf of the Town of Superior for Asbestos Abatement and Oversight of the former Superior High School. The site improved property, located at 98 North High School Avenue, Superior, AZ 85173. ADEQ responsibilities to provide total funding from the State Response Grant (SRG) up to the amount of \$105,000.00 for the cleanup and oversight.
4. Approval of Airport Development Reimbursable Grant Agreement (Grant Number E2S3M01C) between the State of Arizona, acting by and through its Department of Transportation, though its Multimodal Planning Division (the "State") and the Town of Superior for a Grant of State funds for the purpose of aiding in financing a Project of Auto Parking Construct ("the Project") for the improvement of the Superior Municipal Airport (the "Airport"). The maximum reimbursement available from the State to the Sponsor for this Agreement shall be \$66,516.00. State's obligation to provide funds

hereunder expires upon completion of the project required herein or March 3, 2027, whichever is earlier.

5. Approval of Sen. Kelly FY24 Congressionally Directed Spending Request Form for Fire Protective Infrastructure in the amount of \$4,646,520.00.
6. Approval of Sen. Kelly FY24 Congressionally Directed Spending Request Form for Panther Drive/Queen Creek Bridge in the amount of \$3,693,543.00.
7. Approval of Funding Agreement between the Town of Superior – Youth Leadership an Arizona non-profit (“TOS-Youth Council”) and Resolution Copper Mining LLC, a Delaware limited liability company(“Resolution Copper”) in the amount of \$2,500.00.
8. Approval of Town of Superior Alcohol Beverage Permit for Simon & Nichole Aranda for a Wedding located at the Magma Club on Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 2:00 PM to 12:00 Midnight.
9. Approval of Town of Superior Alcohol Beverage Permit for Christopher Grap Jr. for a Baby Shower located at the Magma Club on Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM.
10. Approval of Town of Superior Alcohol Beverage Permit for Curtis Long for a Birthday Party located at US 60 Park on Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.
11. Approval of Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for a Special Event License for Emily Smolenski-Boyce Thompson Arboretum for a Mother’s Day Brunch located at 37615 E. Arboretum Way, Superior, AZ 85173 on Sunday May 14, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
12. Approval of Town of Superior Alcohol Beverage Permit for Greg Ringle on behalf of Superstition Radio Control Helicopter Association for a Radio Control Helicopter Fun Fly Weekend Event located at the Superior Airport located at 100 Airport Road starting from November 1, 2023 to November 6, 2023.
13. Approval of Department Reports:
 - Fire
 - Police
 - Public Works
 - Library
 - Senior Center
 - Sanitation
 - Town Engineer

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

AYES – 7 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members: Aguilar, Armitage, Byrd, Navarrette, Lopez.

NOES – 0

ABSENT – 0

ABSTINATION - 0

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Work Session #1 to discuss the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget. This is a discussion only and no vote of the Council will be taken.

Town Manager Todd Pryor presented a Power Point Presentation for the 2023-2024 Budget. The adoption of the Tentative Budget will be on May 11, 2023. Public Hearing and adoption of the Final Budget Adoption on June 8, 2023. Public Hearing for Tax Levy will be on July 13, 2023.

Any more questions in the meantime, I can address them in more detail. Or I can do another presentation at the next meeting if the Council wishes. Open to Council direction.

Vice-Mayor Alonzo – on the Budget year to year changes, is that for Cemetery supervisor.

Mr. Pryor stated our Public Works Supervisor took affect January 1st. Carried over from last year. We started this work last year. We need a deeper command structure otherwise to much demand on one guy. We need to continue to invest in their command structure staffing. Job descriptions. I am going to ask Manuel Castillo, PW Director, to come to a Council session and do a presentation on his objectives and goals for this department and how he would invision them working that. will put this on a near future agenda to see what work he is doing.

Vice-Mayor Alonzo – is this another head or just giving somebody another title.

Mr. Pryor – gave PW director pretty broad latitude on what that structure looks like so he has more money in the budget to do it. But he has to decide to in his staff has the capacity or if he needs to find more staff.

Mayor Besich stated is was really great to see the hand railing and light put up at the Library entrance. Nice to see things getting done. Thank you.

Tentative Budget will be adopted next month. At that time we cannot change it. And one thing we will maintain the free dumping at the Transfer Station.

- B. Discussion/Possible of Resolution No. 2023-663, A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR, ARIZONA, ADOPTING A FAIR HOUSING POLICY, MAKING KNOWN ITS COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF

FAIR HOUSING, AND DESCRIBING ACTIONS IT SHALL UNDERTAKE TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING.

This is a required annual Resolution.

Motion to approve Resolution NO. 2023-663, A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR, ARIZONA, ADOPTING A FAIR HOUSING POLICY, MAKING KNOWN ITS COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF FAIR HOUSING, AND DESCRIBING ACTIONS IT SHALL UNDERTAKE TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING made by Council Member Navarrette, second by Council Member Armitage, Motion Carries.

AYES – 7 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members: Aguilar, Armitage, Byrd, Navarrette, Lopez.

NOES – 0

ABSENT – 0

ABSTINATION - 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.

Mayor Besich – made this an annual action item to give Staff direction. This is another high firerisk year. Fire works would be a risk proposition. The only safe place to release them is at the Resolution Copper Tailings . there was a citizen complaint. Because of that citizen complaint, they will have to do a Risk Assessment thru Rio Tintos Safety and Protocol. This could add to other delays to hosting fireworks. This is a council decision. I think Chief also advised Council that we are still holding to very high risk fire year.

Fire Chief JP Perez - He's ok with fireworks. Always going to be that danger of fire. With the Risk Assessment at Resolution, they review it. If I get staffing to be here, to cover, and everything works out weather wise, I think we will be alright for fireworks. The 27 years Ive been here we only had one fire on graduation day. Concern has been others shooting fire works. Wth this is a controlled environment on Resolution Property. If everthing falls in place, we would be able to have fireworks.

Council Member Aguilar asked how dry is it going to be.

Chief Perez – will be as dry as any other year. Will get forecast for weather, dry air, moisture.

Vice-Mayor Alonzo stated he would be in favor of the fireworks coming back as well. Don't know assessment or timeline, but would be in favor of bring back fireworks.

Council Member Armitage stated we should go back to using regular fireworks. Residents regardless of where they are in town, can find a high spot and appreciate and enjoy it. He's with Vice-Mayor on this. Go back to fireworks and get rid of laser show.

Mr. Pryor – Have only procedural comment would be in order to move forward with either path, place those orders immediately. So we do have to make a firm decision.

Council Member Navarrette asked if there was any cost for the risk assessment to the town?

Mr. Pryor – No. Just labored by the Chief and Resolution and it does put a degree of uncertainty in there cuz if it doesn't pass the risk assessment, we wont' be able to fire them off.

Mayor Besich – we are just so limited in where we can let fireworks go, but hopeful Resolution can help find a solution to that.

Motion to approve Fireworks for the 4th of July Celebration pending Resolution Risk Assessment made by Council Member Aguilar, second by Council Member Navarrette, Motion Carries.

AYES – 7 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members: Aguilar, Armitage, Byrd, Navarrette, Lopez.

NOES – 0

ABSENT – 0

ABSTINATION - 0

D. Discussion/Possible Approval of Department of Forestry Fire Management (DFFM) Queen Creek Restoration Grant.

Fuel reductions will occur within an approximate 7.4 acre portion of the Queen Creek riparian area that runs through the Town of Superior. This is to reduce the risk of uncharacteristic wildfires; Fuel reduction and restoration treatment; Maintain and improve watershed function; Mitigate invasive species; Habitat restoration; and Improve public land ecosystem.

FISCAL IMPACT: This is a re-imbusement Grant. Quote from Siphon Draw Fire and Fuels(SDFF) Phase 1 Project \$105,600.00.

Motion to approve the Department of Forestry Fire Management (DFFM) Queen Creek Restoration Grant made by Vice-Mayor Alonzo, second by Council Member Lopez, Motion Carries.

AYES – 7 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members: Aguilar, Armitage, Byrd, Navarrette, Lopez.

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NOES – 0
ABSENT – 0
ABSTINATION - 0

- E. Discussion/Possible Approval of Ellison-Mills Construction Proposals to install 300 linear feet of 12 inch steel pipe and 6 inches HDPE pipe for construction under the Queen Creek Bridge. Labor and Equipment Proposal is \$57,597.91. Material Proposal is \$33,943.00.

Looking to use Resolution Money but may have to us ARPA money.

Motion to approve Ellison-Mills Construction Proposals to install 300 linear feet of 12 inch steel pipe and 6 inches HDPE pipe for construction under the Queen Creek Bridge. Labor and Equipment Proposal is \$57,597.91. Material Proposal is \$33,943.00 made by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Byrd, Motion Carries.

AYES – 7 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members: Aguilar, Armitage, Byrd, Navarrette, Lopez.

NOES – 0
ABSENT – 0
ABSTINATION - 0

- F. Discussion/Update on Multigen: Todd Pryor, Town Manager, presented a PPT update. This was also presented to the Community Development Committee in March.

MILESTONES SO FAR. CONSTRUCTION PHASE:

- EPA PHASE ONE COMPLETED
- EPA PHASE TWO COMPLETED
- DEMOLITION STARTED
- WELDING EQUIPMENT PURCHASED
- EXERCISE EQUIPMENT PURCHASED
- DESIGN FOR HVAC PROGRESSING
- BROWNFIELD CLEANUP IN APRIL
- WORKING WITH RCM TO WIRE WELDERS
- ALARMS INSTALLED

FUTURE MILESTONES:

SUPPLY CHAIN AND HIGH PROFESSIONAL SERVICE DEMAND MAKE ANY SCHEDULE HIGHLY VARIABLE, BUT MORE FIRM INFORMATION WILL BECOME AVAILABLE AS THESE MILESTONES BEGIN TO FALL.

- BROWNFIELD CLEANUP IN APRIL, 2023

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- FIBEROPTIC CONNECTION TO THE BUILDING BY SUMMER 2023
- GYM A/C INSTALLED THIS SUMMER, WORKOUT SPACES COMPLETED
- FULL PLANS BY FALL 2023
- WELDING PROGRAM BY THE FALL SEMESTER
- ENTERPRISE CENTER COMPLETED BY WINTER 2024
- BID AND HIRE CONTRACTOR FOR ELEVATOR AND ELECTRICAL BY WINTER 2024
- MOVE INTO ADMIN BY LATE 2024
- MOVE INTO LIBRARY, SENIOR CENTER 2025

9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Jim Schenck – Americorp finished last Friday. The AmeriCorp kids nominated Town of Superior as the best Sponsor. Superior Won. This helps us the next time we want to get Americorp. See the fire break. It's impressive.

Mr. Greenfull gave a brief history of a person who has had dumpster issues, problems with permits and construction.

Sue Anderson – proud to be resident of Superior and see what the small town has done.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

- A. Council Members:
Amy Byrd - Thanked Staff and Lt Chavez. 2nd Friday is tomorrow.
Bruce Armitage – Thanked Staff and Lt Chavez.
Olga Lopez – Proud of Staff. Welcome Tim.
Vanessa Navarrette – None.
Gilbert Aguilar – Diddo. Saw Mayor on TV. Thanked Staff.
Vice Mayor Alonzo – None
- B. Mayor Besich – Thanked Staff. May 6 is International Riders Day. Thanked Americorp and Jim Schenk
- C. Town Manager- None.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

All meetings are held at Town Hall.

Emergency Services Committee	04/20/2023	6:00 PM
Community Development Committee	04/27/2023	6:00 PM
Planning & Zoning Committee	05/04/2023	6:00 PM

Town Council Meeting

05/11/2023

7:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting of the Town Council made by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Navarrette, Motion Carries. Meeting adjourns at 8:09 PM.

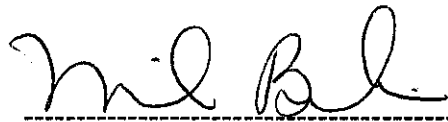
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NOES – 0

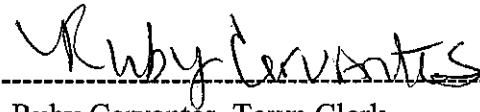
ABSENT – 0

ABSTINATION - 0

ATTEST:



Mila Besich, Mayor



Ruby Cervantes, Town Clerk