

**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, June 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Superior Town Hall Auditorium, 199 N. Lobb Ave., Superior, Pinal County, Arizona. The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

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 Vanessa Navarrette
Council Member Amy Byrd
Council Member Olga Lopez

ABSENT:

Council Member Bruce Armitage
Council Member Gilbert Aguilar

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:

Pam Rabago Rick and Teresa Cartier
Andrea Robles Sue Anderson
Bryan Seppala

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Besich led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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4. INVOCATION

Mayor Besich gave the Invocation.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - NONE

6. STAFF REPORTS

Mayor - Had a few meeting with officials from the USDA about the ongoing delays with Resolution Copper FEIS with requests for meetings with the White House and other officials within the Federal Administration. Not too much has gone on there. Today had meeting with ADOT. Looks like they will not be opening the bid packages for the Queen Creek Bridge Project until October now. We have a little more time on our hands. We are going to be reviewing the bid process just to make sure things in relations to the trail and special things in play

Manager – the temporary switchover for the WWTP is finally functioning correctly. Took a few weeks of adjustment to get it up and working smoothly. Are usually rough to get started. Seems to be functioning well now. So now we can start rehabbing the old circuit and getting it back into service.

Mayor – thank you to Staff and thank you to Resolution that our Firework presentation goes off nicely. Our Independence Day Celebration will be on Saturday, July 1st. Had to have some professional firework display people do the work. Keep an eye out for those events. Looks like we have some events happening tomorrow, second Friday.

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 May 11, 2023.
2. Approval of Minutes of Special Town Council Meeting on May 19, 2023.
3. Approval of Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Pension Funding Policy. The intent of this policy is to clearly communicate the Council's pension funding objectives and its commitment to our employees and the sound financial management of the Town and to comply with new statutory requirements of Laws 2018, Chapter 112.
4. Approval of Town of Superior Alcohol Permit for Kathleen Zavala for a Baby Shower located at the Magma Club on Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
5. Approval of Town of Superior Alcohol Permit for Theresa Sestiaga for a Quincenera located at the Besich Park/Stage/Food Court on Saturday, September 2, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 AM.

6. Approval of Pipeline License Agreement between Resolution Copper Mining LLC and the Town of Superior.
7. Approval of Queen Creek Restoration Project Gift Agreement between Resolution Copper Mining LLC and the Town of Superior. RCML has agreed to provide funding of up to \$750,000.00 to fund the Project under the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.
8. Approval of Memoranda of Understanding between The Arizona Small Business Association (ASBA) and the Town of Superior. The purpose of this MOU is to clearly identify the roles and responsibilities of each party as they relate to the Arizona Small Business Association's (ASBA) economic development and tourism campaign.
9. Approval of Town of Superior to sign Sister Cities Agreement with Municipality of Huasabas, Mexico.
10. Approval for 4th of July Fireworks between Southwest Fireworks and the Town of Superior on Saturday, July 1, 2023. The total cost of the Fireworks is \$25,000.00. Resolution Copper Mining will make a donation of \$18,000.00 towards the expense of the Fireworks.
11. Approval of updated Surplus Auction List for the Police Department vehicles. These sales will be handled by Sierra Auction.
12. Approval of 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 Byrd, Motion Carries.

AYES – 5 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members: Byrd, Lopez, Navarrette

NOES – 0

ABSTINATIONS – 0

ABSENT – 2 Council Members: Aguilar, Armitage

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Public Hearing/Discussion/Possible Approval of Resolution No. 2023-667 , A
**RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR,
PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 ANNUAL
BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR.**

Mayor Besich opened the public hearing at 7:05 PM. No comments. Public hearing closes.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-667 , **A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND
COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA
ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWN
OF SUPERIOR** made by Council Member Navarrette, second by Council Member
Lopez, Motion Carries.

**AYES – 5 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members: Byrd, Lopez,
Navarrette
NOES – 0
ABSTINATIONS – 0
ABSENT – 2 Council Members: Aguilar, Armitage**

- B. Public Hearing Regarding Use of CDBG Funds.

Mayor Besich stated this a Public Hearing concerning CDBG Funds. Andrea Robles from CAG is here. Let her open up the hearing. This is an idea sharing session.

Andrea Robles, Executive Director for Central Arizona Government. Tonight, is public input regarding the CDBG 23-24 Grant Cycle. The Town is expected to receive approximately \$125,000.00 in CDBG funds from the Department of Housing. She has a small list of topics she is required to cover. CDBG funds must be used to benefit low-income persons and areas, alleviate slum and blight, or address urgent needs of the town. Such as a natural disaster or community health hazard. Examples of possible uses include the following:

1. Public Infrastructure
2. Community Facilities
3. Housing
4. Public Services
5. Economic Development

Only projects identified and listed at tonight's Public Hearing are eligible to be considered for consideration and approval by the Council at the next Public Hearing which will be on July 13th.

At this time, we will need to identify the town's current needs for potential projects. We are open to questions and suggestions.

Mayor Besich asked Council if there were any questions for Ms. Robles before we open the Public Hearing? No replies. At this time members of the public if there are any ideas you

would like to share. Staff has presented improvement to the Magma Club as a top priority for the funding to be used.

Mr Pryor – We had several ideas. Ninja Warrior Playground that was denied by the State Parks. \$170,000 project. We could continue the Blight Program for the last cycle that we started. We would have to pick a new list of houses. We could remove and replace a very small street. You would have to tear the whole street up. You cannot do a thin overlay. It would be complete removal and replacement. This would be ½ a block. Airport hydrants, we could put the cheapest alternative airport hydrant in or use it with some private funding from other agencies that might want to use the airport to get a first hydrant out at the airport. That’s all really what we have. If you look at firetrucks, firefighting equipment, its just not enough money to go very far. Firetruck close to a million dollars. For next cycle, there is probably going to be some wastewater system improvements we are going to have to make. There is going to be improvements that need to be made to some or our pumps and our blowers. Some improvements to be made for the arboretum. We are years away from those. So that will be in the next cycle. That’s what Mr. Pryor was able to come up with.

In this session we have to list all the options. In the next session we will prioritize those and submit them. And Council will vote and select the project.

Pam Rabago – Talking about a playground?

Mr. Pryor - there was an athletic challenge playground which the Youth Council selected to try to get funded. We applied through the State Parks this year and we weren’t selected. We will be looking for more funding sources for it. It could be used for this. It is an eligible option.

Mayor Besich – seen the reports from Lana and Todd on improvements that should be made at the Magma Club. That would be another idea. Need to tear up street to use CDBG funds.

Pam Rabago – would you be spending the whole amount on the Magma Club. She knows it needs work.

Mayor Besich – Yes, the whole amount. Focus on one particular project.

Mr. Pryor – The Magma Club improvements I did share with Council, but public wasn’t able to see. If that’s on the list, we will have it on the next Council agenda. It would include a small commercial kitchen, another bathroom in the back of the facility, repairing all the damaged walls, seepage under foundation, some joists under the foundation, entire painting, and general facelift. We have priced all that out and we can do most of what I listed for the money we got. It wouldn’t be a very big commercial kitchen, but that’s all there is room for back there.

Council Member Navarrette – what you stated needs to be on the list.

Mayor Besich – the hydrants, Magma Club, Playground. The Playground could get funding for thru state parks.

Council Member Navarrette – Would there still be a lot on the Blight list?

Mr. Pryor – we have burned through most of our buildings on the Blight List. We would have to create a new list. List was 2013, updated 2017. Have 6 buildings left on it. They are in flood plain and CDBG won't pay for their rehab. Have to build a new list. We all know there are some buildings in town that could use a little help. On Ray Road there are 3. But they are not as bad as the previous ones. We would have to do our homework on that. Not ready to roll. It is something we could do. Triple XXX is \$65,000.00. We could use this money for this as well and add some more buildings.

Public hearing closes at 7:17 PM.

C. Discussion/Approval of Resolution No. 2023-668, A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID.

Mayor Besich read Resolution No. 2023-668.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-668, **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID** made by Vice-Mayor Alonzo, second by Council Member Byrd, Motion Carries.

AYES – 5 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members: Byrd, Lopez, Navarrette

NOES – 0

ABSTINATIONS – 0

ABSENT – 2 Council Members: Aguilar, Armitage

9. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC - NONE**

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE**

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

- A. Council Members:
 - Byrd – Thanked Staff.
 - Lopez – None
 - Navarrette – None
 - Vice Mayor Alonzo – Great job staff. Be safe for the 4th of July Holiday.
- B. Mayor Besich – Thank you letter. Az Water Arboretum Plant Sale
- C. Town Manager -None

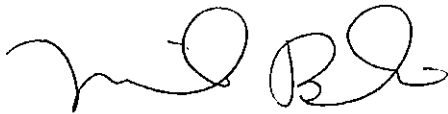
SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS
All meetings are held at Town Hall.

Emergency Services Committee	06/15/2023	6:00 PM
Community Development Committee	06/22/2023	6:00 PM
Planning & Zoning Committee	07/06/2023	6:00 PM
Town Council Meeting	07/13/2023	7:00 PM

15. ADJOURNMENT

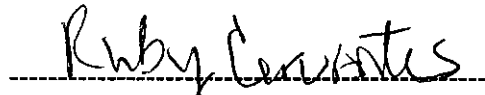
Motion to adjourn the meeting of the Town Council made by Council Member Navarrette, second by Council Member Lopez, Motion carries. Meeting adjourns at 7:23 PM.

AYES – 5 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members: Byrd, Lopez, Navarrette
NOES – 0
ABSTINATIONS – 0
ABSENT – 2 Council Members: Aguilar, Armitage



Mila Besich, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ruby Cervantes, Town Clerk