

**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, July 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 7:07 PM.

2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:

Mayor Mila Besich
Council Member Amy Byrd
Council Member Bruce Armitage
Council Member Olga Lopez
Council Member Vanessa Navarrette
Council Member Gilbert Aguilar – Telephonically

ABSENT:

Vice Mayor Michael Alonzo

STAFF:

Todd Pryor – Town Manager - Telephonically
Stephen Cooper – Town Attorney
Ruby Cervantes – Town Clerk
Karla Luedke – Admin Clerk
John P Perez – Fire Chief
Frank Alanis – Police Chief

PUBLIC:

Stephanie Commissaris	Katelynn Commissaris	Andrea Robles
Gabriel Sanchez	Byron Seppala	
Nathan Taylor	Jasmin Ortega	
Delores Hatfield	Jamie Ramsey	
Mira Estatico	Leia Jimenez	
Natalie Price	Victorya Baechler	
Isaiah Torres	Angela Gotto	

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. INVOCATION

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- a. Recognition of outgoing and incoming Youth Council Members.

Mayor Besich Acknowledged the outgoing Youth Council Members. These Members have been active since 7th grade. They helped to design the US 60 Park, the Kids Park at the Pool, volunteered thousands of hours at community events, VFW, Chamber of Commerce, Rebuild Superior. They are always available. This year in 2023 the juniors and seniors attended the NLC conference in Washington DC. Visited with Senator Kelly, got a tour of the White House; attend the annual Cities and Town's Conference and represent Superior. Last year they had one of the best displays board in the State that was represented. Expressed here gratitude and thankfulness to each of you. You have given a lot of your time. WE want to thank Ms. Garcia as well.

Council Member Navarrette – thanked all for your service to your community. Hope to still see you around.

Council Member Lopez – Thank you for all your hardwork. You had a goal and you met it. Council Member Armitage – Its always a thrill to see young people early in life set goals in their life. And see plans and goals unfold before them. Staying out of trouble. Mostly having fun. To see your accomplishments over the past several years, for me, it's quite nobel. Want to congratulate you for a job well done. Town appreciates all you have done and all of your involvement. Good luck to you in the future. God be with you.

Council Member Byrd – The same. Welcome to the ones coming in. I'm new so I'll get to know the new ones coming in. The ones that are leaving good luck in the future and hope to see you on this side of the dias someday.

Mayor Besich – we all wish our outgoing members all the luck in the world. We do hope that you return home. None of us want to do this job forever. We hope this gave you good skills. We wouldn't have our 4th of July Celebration and our Halloween events without our Youth Council. Hope the leadership skills take you a long way. Know you are All Superior. Have plaques for outgoing members which will be handed out later.

Nathan Taylor, President and CDC Chairperson. He will continue to serve on the CDC Committee. He will be attending ASU.

Mira Estatico, Vice President, will be attending NAU.

Natalie Pierce, Secretary, will be attending CAC.

Jasmine Ortega, Treasurer, will be attending U of A.

Zoey Allison – Member

Victoria Baechler – Member will be attending CAC.

The new 2023-2024 Incoming Youth Council Officers are:

Leia Jimenez – President

David Drennan – Vice-President

Katelynn Commissaris – Secretary
Lilianna Fritz – Treasurer
John Tomerlin – CDC Member and CWG Member

Mayor Besich also wanted to recognize Danika Bryant who was also on Youth Council in previous years and is now attending school in Arkansas.

- b. Police Chief Frank Alanis gave an update on his FBI Training after Item 2 on the New Business. Issues with presenting PPT. Hopefully he will come back so we can see the PPT presentation.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Mayor Besich – attended the Governors Tourism Conference this week. Very informative. Learned a lot about marketing techniques and video placements. One of the takes aways is that Arizona has now moved up into the top 10 states in the United States for international visitors. New York, California, Texas, Washington, Pennsylvania. Do have a little bit of commentary. There was a billboard placed in our Town today by a group called the Hispanics Enjoying Camping and Hunting Outdoors. It has some links to some information they are sharing, not necessarily truth about Resolution Copper. I'd like to comment as Mayor of Superior and representing our Council which is predominantly Latino and our community that is, this this organization is inadvertently making commentary about our community and all of our approaches without talking to us about what some of the real significant issues are. Since its on YouTube, wanted to share that. It was a shock to all of us that that type of billboard was placed in our community. So everybody knows, those billboards are part of freedom of speech. They are privately held and privately owned. It's just part of the process. I encourage everyone to really seek out all the information since we have such a full house here today. Some other exciting things if you haven't been participating in the Teck groups that are happening. AZ Strut. Lots of fun programs going on there. They are moving along as well as our Arial Engagement Group at the airport. A lot of activities happening in our community. Look at all the opportunities. Additional jobs coming up with AZ Strut and Arial Engagement. AZ Strut had job posting. We had some issues at our cemetery. Our cemetery is over 100 years old. There are not a lot of records. They went to prepare a grave and they had to call the Forest Service, call the County because there was some unclaimed remains there. Lots of activity at our cemetery. We had to go thru a lot of procedural check lists. Thank the Chief and Ms. Cervantes and Admin Staff for handling that, and Public Works with great care and respect for the remains that were found.

Manager – No Comment.

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 June 8, 2023.

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2. Approval of Town of Superior declares “Visit Superior” as its Destination Marketing Organization (DMO).
3. Approval of Contract Renewal for FY 23-24 between the Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens for Congregate Meals, Home Delivered Meals and Transportation Services and the Town of Superior . The maximum contract reimbursement ceiling for all services provided during the term of this contract and/or for the period specified shall be \$84,243.00.
4. Approval of Vehicle Lease Agreement between Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens, Inc and the Town of Superior . The term of the period covered by this contract shall be from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The vehicle is a 2019 Ford Transit Works T350 Van.
5. Authorization of Town Council to allow Town Manager, Todd Pryor, to approve on behalf of the Town Council Special Event Liquor Licenses, Events and Town Property due to no Town Council Meeting in August 2023.
6. Approval of Town of Superior Alcohol Beverage Permit for Sergio Garrido for a Birthday Party located at the Magma Club on Saturday, July 8, 2023 from 3:00 PM to 1:00 AM.
7. Approval of Town of Superior Alcohol Beverage Permit for Olga Lopez/Social Club de Damas for a Horseshoe Tournament located at US Highway 60 Park Horseshoe Area on Saturday, August 5, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM.
8. Approval of Town of Superior Alcohol Beverage Permit for Isiah Sanchez/Jessie Arroyos for a Birthday Party located at the Magma Club on Saturday, August 5, 2023 from 2:00 PM to 12:00 AM
9. 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.
10. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the State of Arizona and the Town of Superior. Laws 2023, 1st Regular Session, Chapter 135 (Senate Bill 1722), Section 10 appropriated funding from the State general fund for highway projects. ADOT will issue a warrant in the amount of \$2,486,700.00 appropriated to the Local Agency for Panther Drive bridge design and construction at Queen Creek, (the Project).
11. Approval of Letter of Agreement for Hinton Burdick.

12. Possible Approval of new appointment of John Phillip Tomerlin to represent the Youth Council for the Community Development Committee.

13. Discussion/Possible Approval of new appointment of Nathan Taylor to be Lay Member of the Community Development Committee.

14. 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 Lopez, Motion Carries.

AYES – 6 Mayor Mila Besich, Council Members: Amy Byrd, Bruce Armitage, Olga Lopez, Vanessa Navarrette, Gilbert Aguilar (telephonically)
NOES – 0
ABSTINATIONS – 0
ABSENT – 1 Vice-Mayor Michael Alonzo

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Public Hearing/Discussion/Possible Approval of Ordinance 2023- 181, an Ordinance of the Superior Town Council adopting a Property Tax Levy sufficient to raise the sum of \$633,827.00 for the FY 23-24.

Mayor Besich – property tax percentage actually went down for residents of Superior.

Mayor Besich opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone would like to address the Property Tax Levy? Asked Council for comments. None. Mayor Besich closed the Public Hearing.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-181 made by Council Member Armitage, second by Council Member Byrd, Motion Carries.

AYES – 6 Mayor Mila Besich, Council Members: Amy Byrd, Bruce Armitage, Olga Lopez, Vanessa Navarrette, Gilbert Aguilar (telephonically)
NOES – 0

ABSTINATIONS – 0
ABSENT – 1 Vice-Mayor Michael Alonzo

B. Second Public Hearing/Discussion/Possible Approval Regarding the use of the FY 23 federal CDBG Funds.

Mayor Besich The Town uses CDBG for many Community projects. They are somewhat restricted. We share our money every three years with Globe and Miami. Its actually administered by CAG. Recognized Andrea Robles, who is the Executive Director of CAG. She grew up and still lives in Superior. Great example of town leadership.

The Town of Superior is expected to receive approximately \$225,123.00 in FY23 federal CDBG funds from the Arizona Department of Housing Regional Account (RA). The potential CDBG projects are named and described as follows: 1. Slum and Blight Removal 2. Fire hydrants at Airport 3. Ninja Warrior Playground 4. Street Improvements. It is expected that the Town Council will select the final project at this hearing and adopt applicable resolutions.

At the last meeting we had discussed doing Magma Club. We had discussed using these funds for Magma Club improvements. Housing is not in favor of us moving forward with that project. The previous administration had received CDBG dollars to conduct the work and all the work was not complete. This is another example of when decisions are made and work is not followed thru, you're sometimes still paying the costs for those types of mistakes which are very unfortunate. This money could have put a new bathroom or kitchen in the Magma Club and we have to scratch this. Council discussed this. We cant take on extra project when we have to put on extra money. With that, that leaves us with Ninja Warriors Playground and paving one street. A small street. At a retreat a while back, one of the things discussed was how important our roads were and improving our infrastructure. It had been almost 20 years since they started maintaining our roads.

Angela Gotto, Administrative and Special Projects Coordinator for CAG, stated the purpose of this Public Hearing is to select a project for FY23 CDBG Funding. Town of Superior is expected to get \$225,123. At the Public Hearing on June 8, 2023 the following projects were proposed: 1. Slum and Blight Removal 2. Fire hydrants at Airport 3. Ninja Warrior Playground 4. Street Improvements. Only projects identified and listed in the previous public hearing are eligible for consideration. Happy to answer any questions.

Mayor Besich opened the Public Hearing at 7:34 PM

Jim Schenck – the first 2 project. Do you know what they would cost?

Mayor Besich – Slum and Blight removal we could only use the amount of money we have on the list. The Fire Hydrants at the airport we would have to contribute some

additional match or acquire private funding. That limits us to the Ninja Warrior Playground or Street Improvements. A very short street.

Pam Rabago – With what you just said, I think we should go with the streets. The Magma Club still needs to have some work done to it. Maintenance and lighting has not been done. If you can't do it with CDBG, you need to find someplace in the budget.

Mayor Besich stated it is something staff is looking at. Magma Club definitely needs some TLC. We have comment on streets from the Public. Council?

Council Member Byrd – Definite no on Magma Club?

Ms. Gotto – if you want to advocate that route they had expressed that they may consider kitchen improvement and then ADA bathroom. They will not do the maintenance. We would be happy to advocate for that. Encourage you to pick a secondary project in case they decide not to allow the Magma Club.

Mayor Besich – Some of concerns of the Magma Club, the town would have to add some of our cash into that and this particular budget year. Council would have to consider other things would have to be moved around in this years budget.

Council Member Navarrette – Is it because the kitchen and the bathroom would exceed the \$225,000? Mayor asked Todd if that was the issue?

Mr. Pryor – No. the total budget that Lana put together for that is complex. Can't do the kitchen without doing the foundation.

Mayor Besich – asked about LED exterior lighting, Basketball court and landscaping. Could we leverage the money. Again we get back into the foundation issues.

Mr. Pryor – Lighting expense. The basket ball courts at the Roosevelt cost \$6,000.

Council Member Armitage – The fire hydrants at the Airport. Been working with Todd and know the \$225,000 is not enough money for two hydrants. Wants to bring to Council's attention that at one point the Airport will become a revenue generator for the town. We can't permit a building at the airport; the fire dept wont approve it. We need water at the airport. Had three things we needed to do at airport: sewer, power, water. We have sewer. Power is not going to be that difficult; only quarter of mile from airport. The water, the cost of putting in the hydrants is excessive. Want to bring to the Council's forefront that ultimately the airport is going to be a revenue generator for the town. To find a way to get water up there so we can get some buildings. Airport is just another industrial park. It will produce revenue. Just wanted to state this for the record. This is something we to raise on our priority list as far as revenue generators for the town.

Mr Pryor- Grant has been submitted for the hydrants. We do have another plan for the hydrants.

Council Member Lopez – Do we know the price of the Ninja Warrior Playground?

Mr. Pryor – it was originally \$170,000 and with added shade structures, it would wipe out the money.

Pam Rabago – try to do with the Magma Club, fix up what you have; make it better. And if there is something left over, you could do one or two houses on blight.

Mayor Besich – one of the contingencies of the past was you used to do multiple project. Department of Housing no longer allows that. Only one project.

Mr. Pryor – on our next agenda item, there are three streets for the council.

Council Member Armitage – if we do one of the streets, does that reduce the HURF bill? Mr. Pryor doesn't believe so.

Council Member Navarrette – we should at least try with the Magma Club. Street improvement would be our backup.

Mayor Besich – I concur with Ms Navarrette. It makes it very challenging and I do appreciate the work of CAG staff. Important for public to know we are still paying the penance for other people's mistakes. Have to let those things go. We have moved on very well. We also have a very limited reserve this year because we don't have the ARPA dollars. Commend our staff for giving us advice saying this is why this might not work to the best for us. Asked Mr. Aguilar if he had any commentary:

Council Member Aguilar – He concurs with Navarrette. We could try the Magma Club. If it happens it happens.

Mayor Besich closed the Public Hearing at 7:49 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Navarrette to select the Magma Club as the top project and as our back up project Street Improvements, second by Council Member Lopez, Motion Carries.

AYES – 6 Mayor Mila Besich, Council Members: Amy Byrd, Bruce Armitage, Olga Lopez, Vanessa Navarrette, Gilbert Aguilar (telephonically)

NOES – 0

ABSTINATIONS – 0

ABSENT – 1 Vice-Mayor Michael Alonzo

- C. Discussion/Possible Approval for Town Council to approve one street project from three proposals submitted.

The Town Council will choose one of the three proposals submitted by Ellison-Mills Construction. The three proposals are: Stansberry Street Overlay, \$131,595.25; Lime Street Overlay, \$179,217.62; Gibbs Street Overlay, \$181,447.24.

FISCAL IMPACT: Hurf funding could be used or CDBG funding as described in the previous agenda item. This is a yearly expense project to do one street.

Council Member Lopez stated each street has a different price.

Mr. Pryor – some are longer. More square footage. Use some HURF to do more than one. Pick first two. In 2018, these are the last 3 of 5 on the short termed maintenance list.

Mr. Armitage – Choose 2 lower and adding \$100,000 to get done. Mr. Pryor replied yes.

Motion to approve Stansberry Street Overlay at the first choice and Lime Street Overlay as the second choice made by Council Member Armitage, second by Council Member Lopez, Motion Carries. AYES 5 NOES 1 ABSENT 1

AYES – 5 Mayor Mila Besich, Council Members: Amy Byrd, Bruce Armitage, Olga Lopez, Gilbert Aguilar (telephonically)

NOES – 1 Council Member Vanessa Navarrette

ABSTINATIONS – 0

ABSENT – 1 Vice-Mayor Michael Alonzo

9. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Gabriel Sanchez – Wanted to lobby to commit to re design adoption of a new town flag. Design more meaningful and significant. Left information.

Pam Rabago – Says Magma Club needs maintenance. The Town needs maintenance. Says Code needs to be enforced. Talked about RV with people living in it. Lot that has 15 vehicles. And nothings been done.

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE**

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

- A. Council Members:
Vanessa Navarrette – None

Amy Byrd – Thank you Staff. Thanked Fire Dept and Resolution for Fireworks and a good show. Monsoons around the corner. Be prepared get ready for outages.

Bruce Armitage – we have the Best Staff in the state of Arizona. Acknowledging Bryan Seppala for representing Resolution Copper. He didn't see the Fire Work Show. Thank you to everyone that showed up.

Olga Lopez – Ditto on our Staff. They are hardworking. Fireworks awesome. Real fireworks instead of light show makes a difference. Good Display.

Gilbert Aguilar -None

B. Mayor Besich – Nice to have Fireworks back. Thanks Resolution, Fire Department and Police Department. Hope we can continue this. Thanks to Ruby and Karla. Don't have a meeting in August. Will be at League at the end of August.

C. Mr. Pryor – None.

Mayor Besich - we will be having a Work Session regarding our Waste Water Treatment Plant on whether or not it makes sense to sell it. We have had an offer from someone to buy our WWTP. Council has been briefed.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

All meetings are held at Town Hall. No meetings in August.

Emergency Services Committee	07/20/2023	6:00 PM
Community Development Committee	07/27/2023	6:00 PM
Planning & Zoning Committee	09/07/2023	6:00 PM
Town Council Meeting	09/14/2023	7:00 PM

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Town Council Meeting made by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Byrd, Motion Carries. Meeting adjourns at 8:22 PM.

AYES – 6 Mayor Mila Besich, Council Members: Amy Byrd, Bruce Armitage, Olga Lopez, Vanessa Navarrette, Gilbert Aguilar (telephonically)

NOES – 0


ABSTINATIONS – 0

ABSENT – 1 Vice-Mayor Michael Alonzo

ATTEST:



Mila Besich, Mayor



Ruby Cervantes, Town Clerk