

**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, October 12, 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 7:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Council Member Gilbert Aguilar – Excused

TOWN STAFF:

Todd Pryor, Town Manger
Stephen Cooper, Town Attorney
Ruby Cervantes, Town Clerk
Tony Solis , Library
Misty Mears – Library
PD Chief Frank Alanis
PD Lt. Tim Chavez

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Ruben Campos
Josie Campos
Sue Anderson
Pam Rabago
Barbara Amritage

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Besich led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. INVOCATION

Council Member Armitage gave the Invocation. There was a Moment of Silence for John Ellison, SUSD teacher.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - NONE

6. STAFF REPORTS

Mayor Besich – Thanked everyone for participating in the 3rd Annual State of the Town event. Sincere appreciation to our Council and Staff and all our Community helpers who help us accomplish all those goals. We have completed our Sister Cities Agreement. Met with Mayor of our sister city 2 weeks ago. They are very excited to come and visit us. The community is well known for making a mescal liquor. Shared many of their goods and products. We do have a celebration coming in November for WECOM. They are hosting an event to celebrate lighting of fiber in our multigen center. Today she was alerted to a flyer that's in town about a survey and petition about a new town flag. I want everyone to know there is not an official town flag project. We did hear from someone who offered a presentation for the town to pay them to design a flag. Staff and myself have let them know this is not a priority project for us. We love our flag with our seal. If you see this commentary on facebook, you are not happy with the design created, this is not something endorsed by the town. Created a lot of attention this afternoon. We have a beautiful seal and a beautiful town flag and a beautiful tourism logo that we use. No plans in time for anything new.

Town Manager Todd Pryor - Free Shredding at the Sr Center on September 11, 2023.

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 14, 2023.
2. Approval of Minutes of Town Council Work Session on September 14, 2023.
3. Approval of Lease Agreement between Geri Romero and Patricia Berkeley and the Town of Superior for one room located in the common space located in Superior Town Hall located at 199 N. Lobb Avenue, Superior, AZ. The lease is month to month and the cost is \$250.00 per month for the use of the premises.

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4. Approval of Airport Development Reimbursable Grant Agreement between the STATE OF ARIZONA, acting by and through its DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, through its Multimodal Planning Division, (“the State”) and the Town of Superior, a political subdivision of the State of Arizona (the “Sponsor”) for a grant of State funds for the purpose of adding in financing a Project of Helipads Construction (“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 \$413,685.00.
5. Approval of Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control Special Event License for Superior Optimist Club/Joann Besich for Mike McKee Car Show Memorial Dinner located at the Rose’s Roses Deck, 203 Main Street, Superior, AZ on Friday November 17, 2023, from 4:00 PM to 11:59 PM.
6. Approval of Town of Superior Alcohol Beverage Permit for Mario Lopez/Peligrosos Car Club for the Annual Toy Drive Fundraiser/Cornhole located at the Besich Park on Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM.
7. Approval of Town of Superior Alcohol Beverage Permit for Jessie Arroyos for a Wedding located at Besich Park on Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 AM.
8. Approval of Town of Superior Alcohol Beverage Permit for Superior Optimist Club/Joann Besich for Magma Royal Casino Night located at the Magma Club on Saturday, April 6, 2024, from 4:00 PM to 11:59 PM.
9. Approval of Affiliation Agreement between EMS University and the Superior Fire Department to provide field practical training for EMSU students.
10. Approval of Agreement between the Superior Unified School District and the Town of Superior, an Arizona municipal corporation, acting through its Police Department for the provision of School Resource Officer services.
11. Approval of contract for Engineering and Project Management services to be provided by EPS Group for the construction of the Panther Bridge.
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 Navarrette, second by Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Motion Carries.

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion/Possible Acceptance of resignation of Frank Alanis as Superior Chief of Police effective October 27, 2023. Possible Executive Session on this matter pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1),(2), (3) and (4).
Action Item No. 1

This is a council decision.

DISCUSSION: Chief Frank Alanis has submitted his letter of resignation. The council must formally act to accept his resignation. The council may choose to move into executive session to discuss this matter with the town attorney.

Chief Alanis stated he came with a purpose and has accomplished the purpose. He took on a position at CAC.

Mayor Besich stated he transformed the Police Department into a very capable, competent organization. We are very proud of you and thanked him for working with us. Left his mark of history here in Superior.

Council Members thanked Chief Alanis for his service.

Motion to Accept the resignation of Frank Alanis as Superior Chief of Police effective October 27, 2023 made by Vice-Mayor Alonzo, second by Council Member Lopez, Motion Carries.

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

- B. Discussion/Consideration of Appointing Interim Police Chief/ or New Chief of Police setting effective date and possible setting of salary. Possible Executive Session on this matter pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1),(2), (3) and (4).
Action Item No. 2

This is a council decision.

DISCUSSION: The town must have an acting police chief by code, and so must appoint a permanent or temporary replacement for Chief Alanis. They may choose to appoint a chief of the

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department on an interim or full-time basis. They may promote from within, or they may direct that an employment search be started.

Chief Frank Alanis has submitted a letter of recommendation to appoint Lt. Tim Chavez as the new police chief. The Lt. operated as the interim chief for three months.

FISCAL IMPACT: A chief search would cost in the range of \$10,000. Promoting the Lt to Chief would produce a savings of approximately \$20,000.

Mayor asked Council if they wanted to go into Executive Session or have discussion here.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION with the Town Council, Town Manager, Town Attorney, Town Clerk for no more than 20 minutes made by Vice-Mayor Alonzo, second by Council Member Byrd, Motion Carries. Went into Executive Session at 7:15 PM.

AYES – 6 Mayor Mila Besich, Vice-Mayor Michael Alonzo, Council Members:
Vanessa Navarrette, Olga Lopez, Bruce Armitage, Amy Bryd.

NOES – 0

ABSTINATIONS- 0

ABSENT – 1 Council Member Gilbert Aguilar

Return from Executive Session at 7:23 PM.

Motion to appoint Tim Chavez as New Chief of Police setting effective date and possible setting of salary at the next meeting, made by Council Member Armitage, second by Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Motion Carries.

AYES – 6 Mayor Mila Besich, Vice-Mayor Michael Alonzo, Council Members:
Vanessa Navarrette, Olga Lopez, Bruce Armitage, Amy Bryd.

NOES – 0

ABSTINATIONS- 0

ABSENT – 1 Council Member Gilbert Aguilar

- C. Discussion/Possible Approval of Resolution No. 2023-670, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR APPROVING FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TRANSFERS PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Action Item No. 3

This is a yearly adjustment.

1. Town Council authorizes the following budget transfer to adjust budgeted amounts for the indicated accounts for Fiscal Year 2022-2023:

TRANSFERS TO:

General Fund:	
Mayor and Council	8,000
Administration	160,000

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Police	400,000
Fire	5,000
Public Works	380,000
Swimming Pool	65,000
Parks	40,000
Economic Development	4,500
Transfer Station	37,500
Cemetery	6,000
Highways and Streets Fund	440,000

TRANSFERS FROM:

General Fund:

Contingency	(175,000)
Town Manager	(19,000)
Magistrate	(6,300)
Finance	(15,000)
Engineer	(120,000)
Library	(9,000)
Building Rentals	(2,000)
Senior Center-Congregate Meals	(15,000)
Senior Center-Home Delivery	(9,000)
Code Enforcement	(5,000)

Grants Fund:

Federal Land Purchase	(1,170,700)
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This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption by Town Council.

Motion to approval Resolution No. 2023-670, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR APPROVING FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TRANSFERS PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE made by Council Member Lopez, second by Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Motion Carries.

AYES – 6 Mayor Mila Besich, Vice-Mayor Michael Alonzo, Council Members:
Vanessa Navarrette, Olga Lopez, Bruce Armitage, Amy Bryd.

NOES – 0

ABSTINATIONS- 0

ABSENT – 1 Council Member Gilbert Aguilar

- D. Discussion/Possible Approval of Superior Public Library Policy Handbook prepared by Tony V. Solis, Library Director.
Action Item No.4

DISCUSSION: The council tabled this policy at the last meeting in order to further study the document. The Library Director made some adjustments based on feedback, and is asking for approval.

Motion to approve the original Library Policy Handbook that was first presented to us that the First Amendment Rights allows for the freedom to read and places the responsibility of the parents to decide what their children read made by Council Member Byrd, second by Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Motion Carries.
Mayor calls for a roll call vote.

AYES – 5 Mayor Mila Besich, Vice-Mayor Michael Alonzo, Council Members:
Vanessa Navarrette, Olga Lopez, Amy Bryd.
NOES – 1 Council Member Bruce Armitage,
ABSTINATIONS- 0
ABSENT – 1 Council Member Gilbert Aguilar

Mayor Besich stated the original proposed Superior Public Library Policy Handbook is what has been adopted by a five – one vote by the Council

9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Besich stated that our original policy preserves the Library Bill of Rights for Constitutional Right to Read and we as a Council trust our Librarian to make decisions and parents to make decisions for their books. That was what the original policy was with no changes.

Josie Campos – Thanked Council for adopting the first policy. Our current policy was revised in order to comply and adapt to changes in the library system. The “freedom to read” is the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States and every library throughout our country abides by this. The American Library Association is our main advocate for Intellectual Freedom, The Freedom to Read.

The librarians are the “gatekeepers” and in the 33 years I worked at the Superior Public Library there was never a problem. We were, and still are, always very careful in the selection of books for children. Parents are responsible for taking care of their children and knowing what they are reading. I feel that is very well outlined in our policies. Our selection of material for children is always carefully reviewed. I started working as the Children’s Librarian and later moved to Library Director. I can assure you that you can go into our children and juvenile section of our library and you will not find any book that will harm or compromise the children of our community.

The reason we have policies is to protect our organization. Policies are a set of rules that govern the organization and are an important aspect of the organization’s culture. They are created to ensure that the organization is operating in a way that is consistent with its values and goals.
Thank you.

Antonio Acosta - Thanked Council for adopting policy with the Library Bill of Rights. Democracy and the right to read has prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION NONE

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

A. Council Members:

Vanessa Navarrette – No comment
Amy Byrd – Looking forward to this weekends burro race. Happy Halloween.
Bruce Armitage -- Still offering glider rides this weekend- Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8 to 4. \$95 for a short trip. A lot of fun. No age limit. Only concerned about height and weight.
Olga Lopez – Have a nice weekend. Enjoy the weather.
Vice Mayor Alonzo – Thanked Chief Alanis. Welcomed new Chief Chavez.
Everybody have a safe weekend.

B. Mayor Besich -- The Burro run is Saturday. The Arboretum will kick off its centennial celebration with the Green Gala. Lots of fun Halloween Activities happening in our community. Again no new flags. Need to reenforce that. Thanked Chief Alanis and new Chief Chavez.

C. Town Manager - none

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

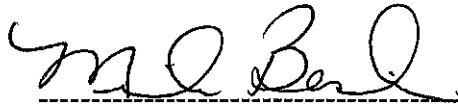
All meetings are held at Town Hall.

Emergency Services Committee	10/19/2023	6:00 PM
Community Development Committee	10/26/2023	6:00 PM
Planning & Zoning Committee	11/02/2023	6:00 PM
Town Council Meeting	11/09/2023	7:00 PM

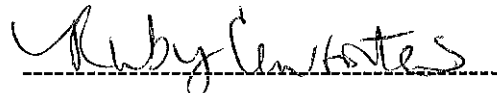
ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting of the Town Council made by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Byrd, Motion Carries. Meeting adjourns at 7:39 PM.

ATTEST:



Mila Besich, Mayor



Ruby Cervantes, Town Clerk