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MINUTES ORO VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION NOVEMBER 18, 2020 ONLINE ZOOM MEETING

REGULAR SESSION AT OR AFTER 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Winfield called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Joseph C. Winfield, Mayor
Melanie Barrett, Vice-Mayor
Tim Bohen, Councilmember
Harry Greene, Councilmember
Joyce Jones-Ivey, Councilmember
Josh Nicolson, Councilmember
Steve Solomon, Councilmember

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Solomon led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

UPCOMING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Clerk Mike Standish announced the upcoming Town meetings.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Winfield extended a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and provided a few COVID-19 safety guidelines for the holiday season.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Mary Jacobs reported the following information:

- Town has reduced lane fees for all swim teams through the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Town staff will meet with Pima County representatives to determine if there would be a safe way to accommodate swim meets at the Aquatic Center during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Update on the OVsafesteps program
- Public feedback was welcomed on the Parks concept plans and could be provided via the new "Discuss" feature on the Town's website

- The annual tree lighting will not be held this year as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- The Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance will hold a virtual tree lighting and arts festival from December 1st through December 5, 2020

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Winfield reviewed the order of business and stated that the order would stand as posted.

Mayor Winfield provided the guidelines for participation in the Town Council's Regular Session Zoom meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There were no informational items.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Oro Valley resident Michael Bilodeau voiced his concerns regarding the new Zoom meeting format.

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding Mr. Bilodeau's concerns.

Mayor Winfield re-opened the Call to Audience item

Oro Valley resident Bill Sugars voiced his concerns regarding the new Zoom meeting format.

Oro Valley resident Mr. McLaughlin voiced his concerns regarding the new Zoom meeting format.

Oro Valley resident Mr. Bean voiced his concerns regarding the new Zoom meeting format.

Oro Valley resident Judy Davis spoke regarding the importance of Council knowing how many people participated in the meetings.

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding the new Zoom meeting format concerns.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation - Youth Art Program by the Arts and Culture Ambassadors

Arts and Cultural Ambassador Shasha Case introduced the pieces of artwork via video which were created by students from Innovation Academy.

2. Presentation - Maria Vianey Valdez-Cardenas of the U.S. Census Bureau

Ms. Maria Vianey Valdez-Cardenas of the U.S. Census Bureau presented an overview of the 2020 U.S. Census response statistics.

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff.

3. Proclamation - Small Business Saturday

Mayor Winfield proclaimed November 28, 2020 as Small Business Saturday in the Town of Oro Valley and urged the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

Oro Valley resident and President of the Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce Dave Perry accepted the proclamation.

4. Presentation and possible discussion of the Town's Fiscal Year 2020/21 financial update through September 2020

Town of Oro Valley Finance and Budget Administrator Wendy Gomez present the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Financial Update Through September 2020 and included the following:

- General Fund Revenues
- General Fund Expenditures
- General Fund
- Highway Fund
- Community Center Fund

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding Presentation item #4.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes - November 4, 2020

Councilmember Solomon inquired if the new Zoom meeting format could be switched back to the previous version to address constituent concerns.

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding the Zoom meeting format.

Town Manager Mary Jacobs stated she would provide the Council with a full report on the Zoom meeting format change.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Joyce Jones-Ivey to approve the November 4, 2020 minutes.

Vote: 7 - 0 Carried

REGULAR AGENDA

1. PUBLIC HEARING: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A SERIES 12 (RESTAURANT) LIQUOR LICENSE FOR FIRETRUCK BREWING COMPANY, LOCATED AT 9630 N. ORACLE ROAD

Town Clerk Mike Standish presented item #1.

Mayor Winfield opened the public hearing.

No comments were received.

Mayor Winfield closed the public hearing.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Melanie Barrett, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to recommend approval of the issuance of a Series 12 Liquor License to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for Kevin Arnold Kramber for Firetruck Brewing Company, located at 9630 N. Oracle Road.

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Melanie Barrett, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to recommend approval of the issuance of a Series 12 Liquor License to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for Kevin Arnold Kramber for Firetruck Brewing Company, located at 9630 N. Oracle Road.

Vote: 7 - 0 Carried

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CLOSED VISTOSO GOLF PROPERTY

Councilmember Solomon clarified the reason for requesting agenda item #2.

Motion by Councilmember Steve Solomon, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene that the Council authorize the Town to participate in a working group to include a representative from each of the following; Rompsen, the Town of Oro Valley, Preserve Vistoso, and Vistoso Community Association and to include the Town Managers Office, the Planning Department, Legal Department, Financial Department and the Parks and Recreation Department.

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding item #2.

The following individuals spoke regarding item #2:

Oro Valley resident Bill Sugars
Oro Valley resident Rich Molnar
Dave Younkin
Oro Valley resident Tom Stegman
Oro Valley resident Rosa Dailey
Oro Valley resident Sharon Jarvis
Oro Valley resident Bill Garner
Oro Valley resident Stephen Panebianco
Oro Valley resident John Medlen
Oro Valley resident Terry Hart
Oro Valley resident Michael Bilodeau
Oro Valley resident Richard Beam

Discussion continued amongst Council and staff regarding item #2.

Motion by Councilmember Steve Solomon, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene that the Council authorize the Town to participate in a working group to include a representative from each of the following; Rompsen, the Town of Oro Valley, Preserve Vistoso, and Vistoso Community Association and to include the Town Managers Office, the Planning Department, Legal Department, Financial Department and the Parks and Recreation Department.

Vote: 2 - 5 Failed

OPPOSED: Mayor Joseph C. Winfield
Vice-Mayor Melanie Barrett
Councilmember Tim Bohlen
Councilmember Joyce Jones-Ivey
Councilmember Josh Nicolson

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Joyce Jones-Ivey direct the Town Manager and the Town Attorney's as follows: First, to initiate communications with Romspen and any other third parties in their discretion in an effort to negotiate the sale, subject to Mayor and Council approval, of acreage at the former Vistoso Golf Course zoned open space, golf, for fair market value on or before April 1, 2021. Second, to keep the Council regularly informed on the status of these efforts.

Discussion continued amongst Council and staff regarding item #2.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Joyce Jones-Ivey direct the Town Manager and the Town Attorney's as follows: First, to initiate communications with Romspen and any other third parties in their discretion in an effort to negotiate the sale, subject to Mayor and Council approval, of acreage at the former Vistoso Golf Course zoned open space, golf, for fair market value on or before April 1, 2021. Second, to keep the Council regularly informed on the status of these efforts.

Vote: 7 - 0 Carried

Mayor Winfield recessed the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Mayor Winfield reconvened the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING THE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Vice Mayor Barrett clarified the reason for requesting agenda item #3.

The following individuals spoke regarding item #3.

Oro Valley resident Terry Hart
Oro Valley resident Tom Stegman

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding item #3.

The following individual spoke regarding item #3.

Oro Valley resident Anna Clark

Discussion continued amongst Council and staff regarding item #3.

Mayor Winfield recommended that staff focus on providing access and connectivity of the trail systems to various amenities and that management priorities and actions to improve and maintain the Town's natural surface and multi use paved trails be included in Phase two. The plan should also identify funding priorities for the trail systems similar as they are to the other Town parks.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PUSCH-9 GOLF COURSE

Vice Mayor Barrett clarified the reason for requesting agenda item #4.

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding item #4.

The following individuals spoke regarding item #4

Oro Valley resident Sasha Case
Oro Valley resident Paul Sedon
Oro Valley resident Bill Doddle
Peter Bell

Oro Valley resident Stan New
Oro Valley Jim Bakarich
Dan Talsma
Oro Valley resident Michael Barclay
Oro Valley resident Tony D'Angelo
Oro Valley resident Randal Johnson
Oro Valley resident Carolyn Weinig
Oro Valley resident Payton Davies

Motion by Councilmember Steve Solomon, **seconded by** Mayor Joseph C. Winfield to request the Town Manager and the Town Attorney to initiate discussions with HSL and the HOA's that surround the Pusch Ridge Golf Course in an effort to negotiate an acceptable plan for the maintenance and use of that course subject to Council approval.

The following individual spoke regarding item #4.

Oro Valley resident Nirranjan Vescio

Discussion continued amongst Council and staff regarding item #4

Motion by Councilmember Steve Solomon, **seconded by** Mayor Joseph C. Winfield to request the Town Manager and the Town Attorney to initiate discussions with HSL and the HOA's that surround the Pusch Ridge Golf Course in an effort to negotiate an acceptable plan for the maintenance and use of that course subject to Council approval.

Vote: 6 - 1 Carried

OPPOSED: Councilmember Tim Bohlen

5. RESOLUTION NO. (R)20-54, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REPLACING RETIRING TOWN MAGISTRATE GEORGE DUNSCOMB

Town Manager Mary Jacobs and Human Resource Director Judy Boros presented item #5 and provided the proposed recruitment process and timelines.

Motion by Councilmember Steve Solomon, **seconded by** Councilmember Joyce Jones-Ivey to approve Resolution No. (R)20-54, authorizing the recruitment of a new Town Magistrate to replace retiring Magistrate George Dunscomb, in accordance with the proposed schedule and process.

Vote: 7 - 0 Carried

6. RESOLUTION NO. (R)20-55 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO REFINANCE WATER REVENUE BONDS

Chief Financial Officer David Gephart provided a brief overview of item #6 and introduced Mark Reader, Managing Director of Stiffel Financial Corporation and Tim Stratton, Bond Counsel from Gust Rosenfeld PLC.

Mr. Reader presented the following information regarding the possible refinancing of Water Revenue Bonds:

- Water System Supported Debt Service (before refunding)
- Tax-Exempt and Taxable Interest Rate Movement
- Municipal Market Update
- Summary of Bond Refinancing Approach
- Savings
- Financing Calendar / Next Steps

- Stifel Contact Information
- Disclosure

Discussion ensued amongst Council, staff, Mr. Reader and Mr. Tim Stratton regarding item #6.

Town Manager Mary Jacobs indicated that staff would work with advisors to perform a detailed analysis to better determine if there was a notable advantage to amortizing longer. If an advantage is found, staff would be supportive.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to approve Resolution No. (R)20-55, authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to take any and all steps necessary to refund the 2007 and 2009 WIFA loans, as well as the 2012 Sr. Lien Water Revenue bonds

Vote: 7 - 0 Carried

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were requested.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Vice-Mayor Melanie Barrett to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 p.m.

Vote: 7 - 0 Carried

Michelle Stine, MMC
Deputy Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular session of the Town of Oro Valley Council of Oro Valley, Arizona held on the 18th day of November 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Michael Standish, CMC
Town Clerk