

**MINUTES
ORO VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 17, 2021
ONLINE ZOOM MEETING**

REGULAR SESSION AT OR AFTER 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Winfield called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Jones-Ivey led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

UPCOMING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Clerk Mike Standish announced the upcoming Town meetings.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Jones-Ivey recognized Audrey Alameda, a fourth grade student at Innovation Academy K-5 Stem School, for her academic excellence and outstanding community service.

Mayor Winfield recognized Town Attorney Gary Cohen for his service to the Town of Oro Valley and wished him well in his new position as a Superior Court Judge.

Mayor Winfield recognized and thanked Sister Loya of Immaculate Heart School for their kind words, drawings and letters to the Town Council.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Mary Jacobs reported the following information:

- Update on the OVsafesteps Program and Hardship Grants
- Status update regarding Romspen and the former Vistoso Golf Course

Ms. Jacobs also congratulated Town Attorney Gary Cohen on his new position.

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 Rosa Dailey spoke regarding the Vistoso Golf Course.

Oro Valley resident Cindy Wicker spoke regarding the Vistoso Golf Course.

Oro Valley resident Tom Stegman spoke regarding the Vistoso Golf Course.

Oro Valley resident Ray Barth spoke regarding the Vistoso Golf Course.

Oro Valley resident Caryn Hill spoke regarding the Vistoso Golf Course.

Oro Valley resident Rich Molnar spoke regarding the Vistoso Golf Course.

Oro Valley resident Richard Beam spoke regarding the Vistoso Golf Course.

Oro Valley resident Teresa Marrow spoke regarding the Vistoso Golf Course.

Oro Valley resident Charlene Donovan spoke regarding the Vistoso Golf Course.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentation items.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes - February 3, 2021
- B. Resolution No. (R)21-07, approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for fiscal years 2021/22 and 2022/23 between the Town of Oro Valley and the Public Safety Employee Group

- C. Resolution No. (R)21-08, approving the Agenda Committee assignment for the period of March 1, 2021, to May 31, 2021

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Josh Nicolson to approve Consent Agenda item (A) - (C).

Vote: 7 - 0 Carried

REGULAR AGENDA

1. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PUSCH 9 GOLF COURSE

Town Manager Mary Jacobs provided a brief overview of item #1.

Assistant Town Manager Chris Cornelison presented item #1 and included the following:

- Background
- Pusch 9 Golf Course Main Options
- Pusch Golf 5-Year Summary Proforma
- Option A- Continued Golf Operations (Cont.)
- Conversion to Natural Desert Open Space 5-Year Summary Proforma
- Option B - Convert Course to Natural Desert Open Space
- Community Center Fund Impact
- Pusch Course Options Summary

The following individuals spoke in support of the Pusch 9 Golf Course.

- Oro Valley resident Tim Forsythe
- Oro Valley resident Jerry Ward
- Oro Valley resident Paul Sedon
- Oro Valley resident Sasha Case
- Oro Valley resident Rosi Bucciarelli
- Oro Valley resident Bruce DaCosta
- Oro Valley resident Paul Marshall
- Oro Valley resident Jeannee Yermakoff
- Oro Valley resident Angelo Bifano
- Oro Valley resident Bill Dowdall
- Oro Valley resident Stan New
- Oro Valley resident Niranjana Vescio
- Oro Valley resident Bud Watson
- Oro Valley resident Ray Dissinger
- Oro Valley resident Carolyn Weinig
- Oro Valley resident Judy Smith
- Oro Valley resident Rene Fritz
- Oro Valley resident Maryann Berlin
- Oro Valley resident Art Scarla
- Oro Valley resident Tony D'Angelo
- Oro Valley resident Paul Byrne
- Oro Valley resident Karl Koch
- Oro Valley resident Foster Bucher

Mayor Winfield recessed the meeting at 8:06 p.m

Mayor Winfield reconvened the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding the Pusch 9 Golf Course.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to approve option "A" to continue to operate golf on the 9 hole Pusch course and include that the Town pursue a request for proposals for a third party lease.

Councilmember Solomon requested an amendment to the main motion as follows; the Town form a working group consisting of up to seven (7) experienced resident volunteers that have a minimum of 10 years professional experience in golf course design, management, operations, turnarounds or marketing and include a representative from HSL and from the homeowners' association. The working group should also consist of staff representation from the Assistant Town Manager, Town golf operator and Councilmember Greene as the Council Liaison.

Mayor Winfield accepted the amendment made by Councilmember Solomon. Amendment seconded by Councilmember Greene.

Mayor Winfield withdrew the amended motion, seconded by Councilmember Greene and requested that the Town Manager come back to Council in two weeks with a more developed focus and guidance.

Motion by Councilmember Steve Solomon, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene that the Town Council direct staff to return with a plan for operating the Pusch Ridge golf course to be evaluated within three years as to its continued feasibility, capital improvement requirements while also looking at alternatives to look at water usage, potential new configurations and the possibility of a third-party lease.

Vice-Mayor Barrett requested an amendment to the main motion. No second received.

Discussion continued amongst Council and staff regarding the Pusch Ridge golf course.

Vice-Mayor Barrett requested an amendment to the main motion by including the language "that the Town will go out for an RFP". Councilmember Solomon accepted the amendment.

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Vote: 6 - 1 Carried

OPPOSED: Councilmember Tim Bohen

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were requested.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Joyce Jones-Ivey to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 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 17th day of February 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Michael Standish, CMC
Town Clerk