

**MINUTES
ORO VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 7, 2021
ONLINE ZOOM MEETING**

REGULAR SESSION AT OR AFTER 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Winfield called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Josh Nicolson, Councilmember

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1) and (A)(3) Personnel matter - Chief of Police annual performance review

Mayor Winfield announced that the following staff members would be joining Council in Executive Session: Chief of Police Kara Riley, Town Attorney Jonathan Rothschild and Town Clerk Mike Standish.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Steve Solomon to go into Executive Session at 5:02 p.m. pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1) and (A)(3) Personnel matter - Chief of Police annual performance review

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

Councilmember Nicolson joined the meeting.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION AT OR AFTER 6:00 PM

Mayor Winfield reconvened the Regular Session 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
Steve Solomon, Councilmember

Absent Josh Nicolson, Councilmember

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Barrett led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

UPCOMING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Clerk Mike Standish announced the upcoming Town meetings.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor Barrett reported that she and other Council members had toured the University of Arizona Vaccine Point of Distribution Center. She also expressed her appreciation for the volunteers at this site.

Councilmember Nicolson joined the meeting.

Councilmember Bohen reported that he had attended and toured several Oro Valley businesses with Dave Perry of the Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Winfield reported that the Celebrate Oro Valley event would be held virtually and would take place April 19 through April 23, 2021. Mayor Winfield also reported that he had attended the Tucson Medical Center Vaccination site and expressed his appreciation for the volunteers helping at the vaccination sites.

Councilmember Greene provided a brief overview of a few Stormwater Utility Commission projects.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Mary Jacobs reported the following information:

- Update on upcoming Oro Valley Podcast topics and Podcast statistics
- Status update regarding the former Vistoso Golf Course

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Winfield re-organized the agenda as follows: Regular Session item #2 will go before Regular Session item #1.

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

Bob Hagen spoke regarding the proposed Westward Look annexation.

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

Oro Valley resident Rosa Daily spoke regarding the Vistoso Golf Course.

Matt Bailey spoke regarding the proposed Westward Look annexation.

Ranay Guifarro spoke regarding the proposed Westward Look annexation.

Oro Valley resident Marcia Sieben spoke regarding the Vistoso Golf Course.

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

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

John Rowley spoke regarding the proposed Westward Look annexation.

Oro Valley resident Roy Meyer spoke regarding the Vistoso Golf Course.

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

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

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

Oro Valley resident Pat Tebo spoke regarding the Vistoso Golf Course.

Oro Valley resident Gayle Mateer spoke regarding the Vistoso Golf Course.

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

Oro Valley resident Jennifer Seman spoke regarding the Vistoso Golf Course.

Oro Valley resident Bruce Baier spoke regarding the Vistoso Golf Course.

Oro Valley resident Craig MacKay spoke regarding the Vistoso Golf Course.

Oro Valley resident Nancy Olson spoke regarding the Vistoso Golf Course.

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

Councilmember Solomon addressed criticism of staff regarding the Vistoso Golf Course.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation to outgoing Magistrate, George Dunscomb

Mayor Winfield read the proclamation and recognized George A. Dunscomb for his honorable service and contributions to the Town of Oro Valley and to its residents since 1999, and offered profound thanks and best wishes in his retirement on behalf of a grateful community.

Judge Dunscomb accepted the proclamation.

Council and staff provided recognition and comments to Judge Dunscomb.

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

Arts and Cultural Ambassador Sasha Case introduced the pieces of artwork via video which were created by students from Quest for Education and Arts.

3. Presentation and update by Executive Director Kate Marquez of the Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance (SAACA)

Kate Marquez, Executive Director of the Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural Alliance (SAACA), presented the following information regarding the 2021 partnership update:

- SAACA organization
- History of the Partnership
- An Overview of the Work
- COVID - 19, The Creative Sector & Arizona
- The Long Term Effects on the Creative Sector
- Our Response to COVID - 19
- Oro Valley Programming Success During COVID -19
- Photography Competition
- Virtual Tree Lighting
- Virtual Experiences
- In Person Spring Market
- Charting a Path For Future Opportunity

4. Proclamation - Week of the Young Child

Mayor Winfield proclaimed April 10 - 16, 2021 as the *Week of the Young Child* in the Town of Oro Valley and encouraged all citizens to support and invest in early childhood education in our community.

Kelly Ann Larkin, Executive Director of the Southern Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, accepted the proclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes - March 17, 2021

Mayor Winfield recessed the meeting at 7:52 p.m

Mayor Winfield reconvened the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Vice-Mayor Melanie Barrett to approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote: 7 - 0 Carried

REGULAR AGENDA

1. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PSPRS LIABILITY FUNDING OPTIONS

Oro Valley Chief Financial Officer Dave Gephart provided a brief background and introduced Clark Partridge, a representative from the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS).

Mr. Partridge provided the following information;

- Arizona Pension Plans
- Understanding Pensions - Past, Present & Future
- Unintended Consequences
- Changes Implemented
- Present
- Defined Benefit
- Unfunded Liability
- Funded %
- Pension Funding Equation
- Unfunded Liability - Debt
- Where Does the Money Come From?
- Oro Valley Police
- Oro Valley Police Department
- Oro Valley Police Department FY2021
- Oro Valley Police Department if 100% Funded

Discussion ensued amongst Council, staff and Mr. Partridge regarding PSPRS liability funding options.

Mr. Gephart introduced Bill Siegenthaler, representative from CBIZ.

Mr. Siegenthaler introduced Tom Mennie and Hugh Blaxall, also with CBIZ, and presented the following information regarding the Town of Oro Valley Pension Funding Alternatives:

- Table of Contents
- Objectives
- Key Assumptions
- Risk Factors
- Recommendation - Hybrid of Significant Contribution of \$10 Million and Debt Issuance of \$17 Million
- Other Alternatives Analyzed

Discussion continued amongst Council, staff, Mr. Partridge and representatives from CBIZ.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Vice-Mayor Melanie Barrett to authorize staff to incorporate into the FY21/22 Recommended Budget and bring forward any other required authorizations necessary to execute the recommended option of making a \$10 million payment from General Fund reserves and issuing Pension Obligation Bonds at or around \$17 million to be deposited into the Town's PSPRS and CORP pension plans, while continuing to pay the current employer rates to PSPRS and CORP for next fiscal year

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding item #1.

Motion by Councilmember Steve Solomon, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to amend the main motion to postpone this item for 60 days until a Regular Session or Study Session can be convened with public input.

Discussion continued amongst Council and staff regarding item #1.

Councilmember Solomon withdrew the amended motion, seconded by Councilmember Greene.

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Vote: 6 – 0 – 1

ABSTAINING: Councilmember Harry Greene

Mayor Winfield recessed the meeting at 10:07 p.m

Mayor Winfield reconvened the meeting at 10:12 p.m.

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FY21/22 - FY22/23 TOWN COUNCIL STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP PLAN

Town Manager Mary Jacobs provided an overview of item #2.

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding the FY21/22 - FY22/23 Town Council Strategic Leadership Plan. The recommended changes from Council would be incorporated and the final draft plan would be placed on a future agenda for possible adoption.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Solomon requested a future agenda item to consider resuming in-person Council meetings open to the public and restoring the public's Zoom meeting access to view all participants. Seconded by Councilmember Jones-Ivey.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Harry Greene to adjourn the meeting at 11:34 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 7th day of April 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Michael Standish, CMC
Town Clerk