

**MINUTES
ORO VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 4, 2019
ORO VALLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
11000 N. LA CAÑADA DRIVE**

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
Joyce Jones-Ivey, Councilmember
Josh Nicolson, Councilmember
Rhonda Pina, Councilmember
Bill Rodman, Councilmember
Steve Solomon, Councilmember

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Winfield led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

UPCOMING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Clerk Mike Standish announced the upcoming Town meetings.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Winfield announced that he and several Council members attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the University of Arizona Center for Innovation at Oro Valley held Wednesday, September 4th.

Councilmember Piña recognized former Chief Financial Officer Stacey Lemos for her 14 years of service to the Town and community.

Councilmember Jones-Ivey reported that she attended the 15th annual *Shop with a Teacher* event, held by the Oro Valley Police Department and Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 53 on Tuesday, August 20, 2019. Councilmember Jones-Ivey also encouraged support of Project Graduation which is a nationally recognized alcohol and drug-free party designed to give high school graduates a safe alternative to celebrate their special night.

Councilmember Solomon provided additional background information regarding the conception of Project Graduation.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Mary Jacobs introduced Kevin Artz as the Interim Chief Financial Officer. Ms. Jacobs also encouraged citizens to attend the annual Fall Community Academy starting on September 27th, 2019.

Town Clerk Mike Standish announced that new artwork was on display in the Council Chambers by artist Alexandra Terelckij.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There were no informational items.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Oro Valley resident Jeff Weir spoke regarding the half cent sales tax designation.

Oro Valley resident Jennifer Lafave spoke regarding the collection of Airbnb taxes.

Oro Valley resident Maggie Falter spoke regarding pro-business tax cuts.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation - Diaper Need Awareness Week

Mayor Winfield proclaimed the week of September 23 through September 29th as Diaper Need Awareness Week.

Executive Director of the Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona Dan Moxely and Administrative Assistant Ian Arthur accepted the proclamation.

2. Proclamation - National Preparedness Month

Mayor Winfield proclaimed the month of September as National Preparedness Month.

Oro Valley Police Commander Chris Olson accepted the proclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Barrett left the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

- A. Minutes - July 24 and July 31, 2019
- B. Resolution No. (R)19-41, authorizing and approving a task force agreement between the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Town of Oro Valley for the participation of one (1) Oro Valley police officer in the Pima County HIDTA Investigative Task Force
- C. Resolution No. (R)19-42, authorizing and approving a task force agreement between the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Town of Oro Valley for the participation of two (2) Oro Valley police officers in the DEA Tucson Task Force

- D. Request for approval regarding Conceptual Architecture for three new commercial buildings at the El Corredor Commercial Center, located at the northeast corner of Oracle Road and Linda Vista Boulevard

Motion by Councilmember Bill Rodman, **seconded by** Councilmember Rhonda Pina to approve Consent Agenda items (A) - (D).

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

Vice Mayor Barrett returned to the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE TOWN OF ORO VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER AND GOLF OPERATIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:
 - A. INITIATION OF EFFORTS TO REZONE THE TOWN OWNED GOLF COURSES
 - B. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE GOLF COURSE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS
 - C. PROPOSED GOLF COURSE RE-PURPOSING LANDSCAPING STUDY
 - D. THE CANADA HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION'S OFFER TO CONTRIBUTE \$100,000 ANNUALLY TO SUPPORT THE CONTINUATION OF THE EL CONQUISTADOR AND LA CANADA 36 HOLES OF GOLF
 - E. THE PUSCH RIDGE NINE GOLF COURSE

Councilmember Solomon requested clarification regarding how item #1A was placed on the agenda.

Town Clerk Mike Standish clarified that Vice-Mayor Barrett requested item #1A and was seconded by Councilmember Nicolson.

The following individuals spoke regarding item #1.

Oro Valley resident Bill Gardner
Oro Valley resident Stephanie Cetti
Oro Valley resident John Isenbarger
Oro Valley resident Jeff Weir
Oro Valley resident Bob Cuberson
Oro Valley resident Stephen Feder
Oro Valley resident Greg Kishi
Oro Valley resident Bill Gardner
Oro Valley resident Rob Wanczyk
Oro Valley resident Jose Echeverri
Oro Valley resident Danette Bewley
Oro Valley resident Ron Stewart

Water Utility Director Peter Abraham clarified questions and concerns regarding reclaimed and potable water rates.

Councilmember Steve Solomon provided additional information regarding the Water Utility Enterprise and configuration of reclaimed and potable water rates.

Motion by Councilmember Steve Solomon, **seconded by** Councilmember Bill Rodman to move that the Town continues to operate the 36 holes of golf at both the La Canada and El Conquistador courses and Community center and re-initiate discussions between the town, homeowners and HSL for an acceptable solution for the Pusch Ridge Course.

Vote: 3 - 4 Failed

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

Vice Mayor Barrett provided information regarding item #1A and the reason she was requesting a rezoning of the Town owned golf courses.

Discussion ensued among Council and staff regarding item number 1A.

Mayor Winfield recessed the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor Winfield reconvened the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

The following individuals spoke regarding item #1.

Oro Valley resident Emily Funk
Oro Valley resident Greg Kishi

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding item #1.

Motion by Mayor Joseph C. Winfield, **seconded by** Councilmember Bill Rodman to have the conditions presented in support of the 36 hole golf option be evaluated by staff and that staff includes in the Pro-forma, the sales tax revenue generated from golf, \$175,000.00 and the report shall be completed and placed on a Council agenda no later than October 2nd, 2019

Conditions for 36 hole golf option;

- Operate as a municipal public course with a membership model that welcomes outside play
- Have tax subsidy of no more than \$750,000.00 dollars annually
- Membership rates are raised 10% by January 1, 2020 to reflect the membership revenue projected in the Troon 36 hole Pro-forma
- Make tee times available for all 36 holes as indicated by Troon to maximize outside play and increase revenue by \$175,000.00 and include monthly measurable targets and penalties if not achieved
- Needed capital improvements implemented on a pay-as-you-go basis. Focusing first on the 18 hole Conquistador Course from the Community Center sales tax fund or the General Fund with support for starting on the Conquistador side since the land is owned by the Town
- If the Community Center sales tax funds can't cover the pay-as-you-go improvements, then discussion can begin about utilizing the General Fund. If General Fund monies are used, then golf repairs will need to compete with the other priorities of the community
- Close the Overlook restaurant and that an alternative food service vendor operate a coffee/sandwich shop at ground level consistent with municipal golf course food service operations
- Reduce Troon's contract expenses by 5% beginning January 1, 2020
- Address concerns with the proposed HOA financial offers. Concerns include; terms of precedent to neighborhoods paying additional fees for amenities, target this revenue towards the future of youth or other incentive programs; discuss incentives or matching programs to improve the revenue stream and long term viability of the courses

- Establish measurable and time sensitive targets for revenue, rounds played and memberships to monitor the viability of operating and maintaining the 36 holes of golf
- Become an enterprise that meets the \$750,000.00 threshold or better
- Have a viable plan in place to transition to a 18 hole golf course if the \$750,000.00 tax subsidy threshold is exceeded for two consecutive years
- Preserve open space in perpetuity by putting zoning in place that protects the interest of the Town

Vote: 6 - 1 Carried

OPPOSED: Councilmember Steve Solomon

Motion by Vice-Mayor Melanie Barrett, **seconded by** Councilmember Josh Nicolson moved that to protect open space in the Town of Oro Valley and eliminate confusion regarding the disparate zoning of the Town owned golf courses, provide consistency between the contractual deed restrictions and the zoning of the property and achieve general plan compliance and consistency; the Town of Oro Valley shall expeditiously proceed with the rezoning of the La Cañada and El Conquistador Town owned golf courses to be zoned parks and open space with a conditional use as golf courses and what ever zoning package is required to help that occur.

Vice Mayor Barrett amended the motion to include the language that the neighborhood meetings would start after the October 2nd analysis comes back to Council, Councilmember Nicolson seconded the amendment.

Discussion continued amongst Council and staff regarding the motion on the floor.

Vice Mayor Barrett agreed to withdraw the motion, seconded by Councilmember Nicolson.

Councilmember Rodman asked that Town staff work with HSL to proceed with discussions regarding the Pusch Ridge Nine hole golf course.

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding item #1E.

Motion by Councilmember Bill Rodman, **seconded by** Councilmember Rhonda Pina to direct staff to work with HSL to arrive at a mutually acceptable lease for golf operations regarding the Pusch Ridge Nine golf course with input from Troon and the HOA.

Councilmember Rodman withdrew the motion under the condition that this item would be added to the September 11, 2019 Executive Session agenda, Councilmember Piña agreed to the withdraw and condition.

Mayor Winfield recessed the meeting at 10:17 p.m.

Mayor Winfield reconvened the meeting at 10:24 p.m.

2. AMENDING TOWN CODE SECTION 3-6-6 LIAISON AND AMENDING TOWN COUNCIL POLICIES 5 AND 8 REGARDING ADVISORY BOARDS AND COUNCIL LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
 - A. RESOLUTION NO. (R)19-43, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND TOWN COUNCIL POLICY 5 ADVISORY BOARD; COMMISSIONS; AND COMMITTEE RELATIONSHIPS WITH TOWN COUNCIL AND STAFF
 - B. RESOLUTION NO. (R)19-44, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND TOWN COUNCIL POLICY 8 COUNCIL LIAISON TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
 - C. PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. (O)19-07, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND TOWN CODE SECTION 3-6-6 LIAISON

Town Attorney Gary Cohen gave an overview of item #2

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding item #2.

Motion by Councilmember Bill Rodman, **seconded by** Councilmember Rhonda Pina to approve Resolution No. (R)19-43, amending Town Council Policy 5 Advisory Board; Commission; and Committee Relationships with Town Council and Staff and include the following language in Section III of Policy 5; about matters they are currently considering or are likely to consider in the future.

Vote: 7 - 0 Carried

Motion by Councilmember Bill Rodman, **seconded by** Councilmember Rhonda Pina to approve Resolution No. (R)19-44, amending Town Council Policy 8 Council Liaison to Boards and Commissions and include the following language in Section II of Policy 8; about matters they are currently considering or are likely to consider in the future.

Vote: 7 - 0 Carried

Mayor Winfield opened the public hearing.

No comments were received.

Mayor Winfield closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Bill Rodman, **seconded by** Councilmember Rhonda Pina to approve Ordinance No. (O)19-07, amending Town Code Section 3-6-6 Liaison.

Vote: 7 - 0 Carried

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDY AND MASTER PLAN

Councilmember Solomon presented item #3.

Parks and Recreation Director Kristy Diaz-Trahan provided a brief overview of item #3.

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding item #3.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE POLICE CHIEF SELECTION PROCESS

The following individual spoke regarding item #4.

Oro Valley resident Ted Dreisinger

Councilmember Piña gave an overview of item #4 and asked for clarification regarding the process.

Town Manager Mary Jacobs clarified the process and verified the Town's current status in the process.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING THE TOWN'S SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH PROGRAM

Councilmember Piña requested clarification regarding the processes of the Spotlight on Youth Program.

Strategic Initiatives Manager Amanda Jacobs provided an overview of the recent changes to the Spotlight on Youth Program.

Oro Valley Police Department Deputy Chief Jason Larter provided additional comments on the SRO Officers role regarding the Spotlight on Youth Program.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Solomon requested a non date specific future agenda item to initiate a zoning amendment regarding the Town grading conditions and for staff to study and come back to Council with recommendations. Seconded by Councilmember Rodman.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

No comments were received.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Bill Rodman, **seconded by** Mayor Joseph C. Winfield to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 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 4th day of September 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Michael Standish, CMC
Town Clerk