

**MINUTES
ORO VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 1, 2020
ORO VALLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
11000 N. LA CAÑADA DRIVE**

REGULAR SESSION AT OR AFTER 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Winfield called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Joseph C. Winfield, Mayor
Melanie Barrett, Vice-Mayor (attended via phone)
Joyce Jones-Ivey, Councilmember (attended via phone)
Rhonda Piña, Councilmember
Bill Rodman, Councilmember
Steve Solomon, Councilmember

Absent: Josh Nicolson, 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.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

● **COVID-19 Town Update and possible discussion thereon**

Town Manager Mary Jacobs welcomed the Town's new Chief Financial Officer David Gephart and Human Resource Director Judy Boros.

Ms. Jacobs reported that April 1st was Census Day and the Town's self-response rate was at 47.7%. Ms. Jacobs encouraged participation for those residents who had not completed the Census.

Ms. Jacobs also reported that the Town's Information Technology Department was securing ZOOM to further assist with the continuation of Town business and public engagement.

Ms. Jacobs and Oro Valley Police Chief Kara Riley provided an update regarding the COVID-19 pandemic that included information regarding training and preparedness, continuing operations, regional partnerships, video updates, conference calls, year-end reductions and project holds, staffing level changes, telecommuting, essential businesses as defined in the Governor's proclamation, flexible budget development and laws regarding mandatory leave implemented as a direct result of COVID-19.

Chief Riley recognized several groups including Pima County Law Enforcement leaders, Golder Ranch Fire District and their staff, the Oro Valley Community, and the men and women of the Oro Valley Police Department for their collaboration, generosity, kindness and dedication.

Town Manager Mary Jacobs thanked staff for their dedication and work during this crisis.

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding the COVID-19 Town update.

Mayor Winfield recessed the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Mayor Winfield reconvened the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Discussion continued amongst Council and staff regarding the COVID-19 Town update.

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.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Piña thanked first responders, business stakeholders, Town staff and colleagues for their help during the COVID-19 crisis.

Councilmember Piña provided an update on the current procedures and staffing levels for the Water Utility Department implemented as a result of COVID-19.

Councilmember Piña reminded citizens that the 2019 Water Utility Report was available on the Town's website.

Councilmember Piña advocated for citizen participation in the Arizona Gives Day held on April 7, 2020. Arizona Gives Day is a statewide, 24-hour online giving campaign that helps people find, learn about and contribute to the causes they believe in while enabling nonprofits to share their stories and engage the community through a unique online giving platform.

Councilmember Jones-Ivey encouraged citizens to donate laptops and other items to Amphi School district to help assist students perform their online schooling during this COVID-19 pandemic. Councilmember Jones-Ivey also encouraged citizens to stay home and follow social distancing during this time

Vice Mayor Barrett provided an update of the Planning and Zoning Commission and provided information regarding their last meeting.

Vice Mayor Barrett recognized educators for going above and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Vice Mayor Barrett also encouraged citizens to participate in Arizona Gives day.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

No comments were received.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Jones-Ivey requested that item (B) be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

- A. Minutes - February 28 and March 4, 2020
- C. Resolution No. (R)20-13, authorizing and approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Town of Oro Valley and Pima County, extending the terms of the existing IGA for Pima County to provide street naming and addressing services
- D. Resolution No. (R)20-14, authorizing and approving Grant Contract No. 2020-405d-058 between the Oro Valley Police Department and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for funding DUI/impaired driving enforcement related equipment – One (1) fully-equipped police package vehicle
- E. Request for approval for conceptual art for Pusch Ridge Christian Academy, located east of Oracle Road between Calle Concordia and Linda Vista Boulevard

Motion by Councilmember Bill Rodman, **seconded by** Councilmember Rhonda Piña to approve Consent Agenda items (A), and (C - E)

Vote: 6 - 0 Carried

- B. Appointment of Judge Pro Tempore for the Oro Valley Magistrate Court

Motion by Councilmember Bill Rodman, **seconded by** Councilmember Rhonda Piña to appoint Hon. Michael Pollard and Matthew Randle as Judges Pro Tempore for the Oro Valley Magistrate Court.

Councilmember Jones-Ivey voiced her concerns regarding the possible lack of qualifications for one of the applicants.

Oro Valley Magistrate Judge George Dunscomb addressed Councilmember Jones-Ivey's concerns.

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding the appointment of Judge Pro Tempore for the Oro Valley Magistrate Court.

Motion by Councilmember Bill Rodman, **seconded by** Councilmember Rhonda Piña to appoint Hon. Michael Polard and Matthew Randle as Judges Pro Tempore for the Oro Valley Magistrate Court.

Vote: 5 - 1 Carried

OPPOSED: Councilmember (attended via phone) Joyce Jones-Ivey

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. DISCUSSION REGARDING ACTIONS THE COUNCIL MAY TAKE TO ASSIST ORO VALLEY BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS

Town Manager Mary Jacobs provided a summary of actions the Town had taken to assist Oro Valley businesses affected by the COVID-19 Virus. Actions included:

- Provide resources for businesses
- Outreach to businesses
- Designated a Business Ombudsman
- Greater OV Chamber of Commerce contract amendment to assist with business resources for residents
- Provide significant Police Presence
- Business License late fees waived during crisis
- Waived fees for business repairs and emergency service permits
- Extending water disconnects and late fees for Water Utility services
- Skype Inspection testing
- Suspended regulations regarding the Town's temporary sign ordinances for businesses affected by the COVID-19 virus

The following individual spoke on item #1.

Oro Valley resident and President and CEO of the Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce Dave Perry

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding item #1.

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING TEMPORARY WAIVER AND OR MODIFICATION OF THE TOWN'S TEMPORARY SIGN ORDINANCES FOR BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Rodman requested that future meetings be held remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Bill Rodman, **seconded by** Councilmember (attended via phone) Joyce Jones-Ivey to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Vote: 6 - 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 1st day of April 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