

**ACTION MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CAREFREE TOWN COUNCIL**

WHEN: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

WHERE: CAREFREE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33 EASY STREET, CAREFREE, AZ 85377

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TIME: 5:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor John Crane
Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer
Councilmember Sheila Amoroso
Councilmember Stephen Hatcher
Councilmember Mike Johnson
Council Member Clint Miller

ABSENT:

Councilmember Vince D’Aliesio

Mayor Crane called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mary Cook led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed hereunder are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be discussed separately:

1. **Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting on August 1, 2023.**
Approved.
2. **Acceptance into the public record of the August 2023 paid bills.**
Approved.
3. **Acceptance of the cash receipts and disbursements report for June 2023**
Approved.

4. Approval of a Proclamation declaring September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

Approved.

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The following individuals spoke at Call to the Public:

Scott Whelan, Carefree – Local property owner introduced his plans for the property he owns in the Town Center.

John Mattes, Carefree – Asserted that approving the Economic Development Work Plan was a violation of open meeting law. The Council took an oath.

John Traynor, Carefree – Suggested the items he considers most important to be placed earlier on the agenda and respect for the public’s time.

Diane Roth, Carefree – Stated the median age of a Carefree resident is 67 years of age. Having a guard at the Council Meeting is offensive. Do not rush the Economic Development Plan.

Colleen Rose – Scurti, Carefree – Urged the Council Members to not approve the Economic Development Plan.

Mary Cook, Carefree - She got an email from Carefree Unity and does not know who that is or how they got her email. Gave her opinion on the term, “gaslighting.” Stated no one should ever be removed from a meeting. Stated that profanity at a meeting is never acceptable.

Cindy Burgin, Carefree – Is working on a draft of a General Plan. The process is being undermined. Gave an opinion on traffic calming.

REGULAR AGENDA:

(The following items were taken out of order)

7. Closure of Ho Hum and Easy Street, per the attached Exhibit A for the following dates of the Thunderbird Fine Art and Wine Festivals for 2023 and 2024.

Approved.

6. Current Events.

Community Conversations – Meet the mayor and others on Friday, September 8th from

11. Review, discussion and possible action to approve the closure of Ho Hum from Easy Street to 100 Easy Street October 14 from 1:00Pm to 7:00 PM for Empty Bowls.

Approved.

- 8. Review and discussion related to the General Plan Update process as led by Matt Klyszeiko, Michael Baker International, to include presentation of preliminary drafts of the General Plan Goals, Policies, and Actions for discussion. Focus will be given to addressing the drafting process, outlining the overall structure, responding to questions, and collecting review comments in regard to the draft material. No action will be taken at this time.**

Discussion only. No action taken.

Public Comment taken:

John Traynor, Carefree – Does not like what the Council said about not having money. Expressed there is one vote per Council Member, and it is a mistake to count on tourism.

Wendy Mattes, Carefree – Feels insulted, marginalized. Asked the Council to keep an open mind and referenced the October 21st meeting on Open Space.

Ariana Buser, Carefree – Insulted by comments. In regard to traffic calming makes no sense to add a resort on the corner. Told the Council they work for the citizens, not the other way around.

Art Veves, Carefree – Questioned a proposed boutique hotel. Nothing mentioned makes sense. Referenced COVID Zoom presentations. Spoke out against Pickleball.

- 12. 2023-24 Strategic Economic Development Workplan.**

Discussion only. Deferred to October 3, 2023 Town Council meeting for further consideration and possible action.

Discussion only. No action taken.

Public Comment taken:

John Matte, Carefree – Reiterated that he would file an Open Meeting Law violation with the Attorney General and go after the Councils' bonds. The Council is violating the Constitution.

Barbara Hess, Carefree – Read a letter into the record purportedly written by Stephanie Barbour of Carefree, AZ. Stated she does not understand what is being voted upon.

John Traynor, Carefree – Attacked the presentation of Steve Prokopek and stated it was a tool to violate zoning codes.

- 9. Review, discussion and possible action to enter into an agreement with VSS International and authorization of funds from the Capital Improvement Program for the Pavement Maintenance Project for 2023-2024.**

Approved.

Public Comment taken:

John Traynor – Carefree, questioned materials being used and reduced pricing for project.

10. Possible authorization for the appropriation of funds in the Streets/Facilities Operational Expense Budget to fund the purchase of a Broce Broom RTC-350 in the amount of \$89,203.73.

Approved.

13. Adjournment.

Approved.

The meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.

DATED this 7th day of September, 2023.

TOWN OF CAREFREE

BY: 
Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Items may be taken out of sequence.

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