

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

WHEN: TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019

WHERE: CAREFREE TOWN COUNCIL CENTER - 33 EASY ST., CAREFREE, AZ.

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

Attending:

Mayor Les Peterson
Vice Mayor John Crane
Vince D'Aliesio
Stephen Hatcher
Michael Krahe
Cheryl Kroyer
Gene Orrico

Absent:

Also Attending:

Gary Neiss, Town Administrator; Jim Keen, Town Accountant/Assistant Town Clerk; Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Mayor Peterson opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- ITEM #1** Approval of the April 2, 2019 Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes.
- ITEM #2** Approval of the April 16, 2019 Town Council Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes.
- ITEM #3** Approval of the April 23, 2019 Town Council Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes.
- ITEM #4** Approval of the April 30, 2019 Town Council Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes.
- ITEM #5** Acceptance into the public record of the April, 2019 paid bills.
- ITEM #6** Acceptance of the cash receipts and disbursements report for March, 2019.

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda items and asked if any of the Council Members had questions.

Council Member Orrico stated he had questions regarding Agenda Item #5. He asked for clarification of the credit card payment to National Bank of Arizona, CenterPoint Events and the law firm of the Town Attorney, Sherman and Howard.

Jim Keen responded and clarified each payment.

Vice Mayor Crane made a **motion** to approve Agenda Items #1 through #6. There was a **second** by Council Member Krahe. The motion was **carried** unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

ITEM #7 **Call to the Public.**

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item.

John Traynor, Cave Creek Road, appeared and spoke in regard to term limits, the FY 2019-2020 budget, and the water matter with the Town of Cave Creek.

Federico Venturini and Philip Igneri, of Pizzicata Restorante Pizzeria appeared and introduced themselves and their new restaurant, which will open in a few months in the Historic Spanish Village.

ITEM #8 **Current Events.**

Mayor Peterson introduced the agenda item and announced the special meeting of the Town Council on May 8, 2019 at Town Hall to consider the liquor license application for Pizzicata Restorante Pizzeria

Gary Neiss provided a status update of the street improvement project that began in April. He stated that inclement weather can impact the project and has created some delays. The crack seal has been completed and the micro surfacing is being performed. The last two roads to be completed are Stagecoach Pass and Mule Train. The contractor is coordinating with the CIVANA Resort. The contractor is putting out door hangers to keep residents updated to the status of the project in each area and has a public information officer assigned to address residents' questions.

Vice Mayor Crane announced the upcoming Restaurant Week May 5th through 11th in the Town of Carefree. Friday, May 10th is National Public Garden Day and the Carefree Desert Garden will host the annual photo contest at 12:30 p.m.

ITEM #9 **Review, discussion and possible action regarding residents' concerns over Bike Week**

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item and presented the concerns he heard from residents and the background of the event, including the routes used for attendees of Bike Week to arrive at the Cave Creek Bike Week. He explained the extensive number of complaints regarding group behavior, noise, daring and dangerous riding, criminal behavior and other complaints.

Mayor Peterson provided a map of the roads used to access Cave Creek Bike Week and pointed out that every routes go through the Town of Carefree. He stated there is extensive disruption and concerns for the residents without any benefit for the negative impact.

Lieutenant Scott presented on behalf of the Maricopa County Sheriff's office. Lieutenant Scott explained that Captain Whelan and Lieutenant Summers were unavailable. He explained that he is normally in Anthem and Desert Hills, AZ but he had extensive input and involvement in the Sheriff's office patrol and control of Bike Week.

He pointed out that there were no acts of violence, no one was hurt and there were no vehicular deaths. He explained in detail what was done to provide for the patrol and protection, including increased staff. There was a lake patrol and DUI taskforce in effect. The SWAT and K9 team were also utilized. As for safety, they consider the event a success.

He then explained what was being done to increase even more surveillance, patrol and protect in the next year. He stated they were already planning for the next event and control and procedures in place to watch gang activity. He explained to the Council the difficulty enforcing noise ordinances.

The Council Members provided comments and had questions regarding speeding, drag racing from the restaurants and challenges when large groups of motorcycles refuse to stop at the intersections.

Vice Mayor Crane stated his appreciation of the efforts and the prevention of harm to those in Carefree. However, he pointed out that there is no benefit to the citizens of Carefree and that they go through a larger inconvenience each year. He explained that it is only getting worse and the last Bike Week was the worse to date.

There was additional discussion regarding the disruptions, gangs, and the need to address concerns next year.

Lieutenant Scott explained the meetings that are already scheduled with other sections of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and what could be offered to assist in obtaining solutions to the concerns of the Carefree residents.

There were additional comments and observations regarding Bike Week by the Council Members

Tony Geiger, Carefree resident, appeared and spoke on the matter. He stressed that he has lived in Carefree for 20 years and it is getting worse every year and causes extreme disruptions and deaths each year. He stressed there are always traffic fatalities even if they do not incur in Cave Creek proper. He stressed the marketing made to draw more bikers and the traffic and parking created to make the event even larger despite the complaints of a majority of the Cave Creek residents. He stated the negative impact on the quality of life of the citizens. He provided suggested solutions and questioned the option of using DUI checkpoints.

John Traynor, Carefree resident, appeared and spoke on the matter. He acknowledged the efforts of MCSO but stated it was not sufficient. He supported the thoughts of Mr. Geiger. He talked

regarding driving drunk or impaired and he has seen a large interruption to residents' peace at 3:00 a.m. He provided his thoughts on remedies to the problems, including citizen involvement.

There were additional questions and comments by the Council Members.

Mayor Peterson explained that the matter would be investigated further for solutions.

ITEM #10 Review, discussion and possible action regarding adoption of the tentative budget of the Town of Carefree Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 and calling for a special meeting and public hearing on June 5, 2018.

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item and introduced Town Administrator, Gary Neiss.

Mr. Neiss provided a Power Point and went over the previous steps taken in regard to the new fiscal year budget development and presentation and the workshops and what was accomplished and discussed.

He explained what was expected to take place at this meeting with the adoption of a tentative budget and the presentation of the final budget at the next meeting. He went over the anticipated items in the next fiscal year and what was contributing to the Town revenue.

He spoke of the CIVANA remodel and the new Hampton Inn and projected town homes in Town Center. He explained the critical mass that would be created. He explained the anchor businesses' success and the primary trade area and improved economy. He spoke of increased local businesses and the increased traffic anticipated to the current businesses.

Mr. Neiss also presented information regarding expenses and showed them to be consistent. He pointed out that the reserves are the highest at \$9.6 million dollars and increasing. He pointed out the importance of reinvesting in the Carefree infrastructure and showed what was being done to meet those goals. He presented a budget dashboard to the Council and showed the capital improvements and anticipated costs.

He outlined the \$10.8 million dollar budget, excluding WIFA and HURF. He also broke out the revenues and revenue stream coming to the Town, the cost recovery model for the Pumpkin Festival and other sources of income to the Town. He also broke down the marketing department budget and the cost recovery model showing it actually had a smaller overall budget than the numbers reflected. He broke out the remaining categories within the budget. He asked the Council to approve the preliminary budget and the bottom line.

Council Member Orrico asked for additional information regarding the Enchanted Pumpkin Garden entry fees.

Beth Renfro spoke and broke down the admission fee structure as set forth in the prior Council Meeting.

Council Member Orrico asked additional questions regarding wrist bands, attendance and vendor fees.

Mr. Renfro responded to each subject and outlined new procedures and policies.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Peterson requested a motion.

Council Member Krahe made a **motion** to approve Agenda Items #10 as set forth. There was a **second** by Council Member Kroyer. The motion was **carried** by a vote of 6 in favor and Council Member Orrico opposed.

ITEM #11 **Discussion and possible action to go into Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for discussion and consultation for legal advice with the attorney of the public body and to discuss its position regarding contracts that are subject of negotiations, pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions in order to avoid or resolve litigation.**

Council Member Krahe made a **motion** to enter into executive session. There was a **second** by Vice Mayor Crane. The motion was **carried** unanimously.

Council entered Executive Session: 6:03 p.m.

Council exited Executive Session: 6:58 p.m.

ITEM #2 **Adjournment.**

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item.

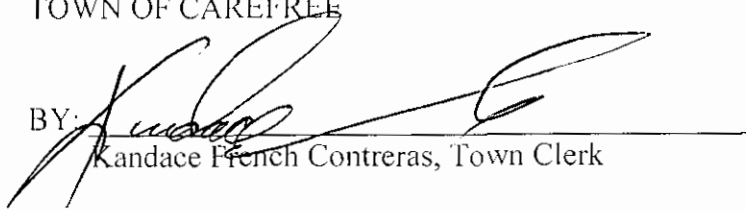
Council Member Orrico made a **motion** to adjourn. There was a **second** by Council Member Kroyer. The motion was **carried** unanimously.

Meeting ended at 6:59 p.m.

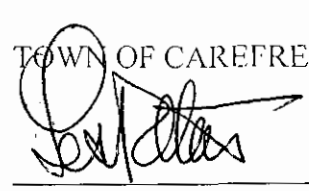
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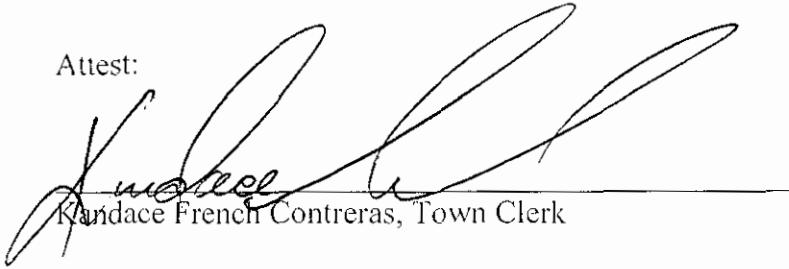
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Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk

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Les Peterson, Mayor

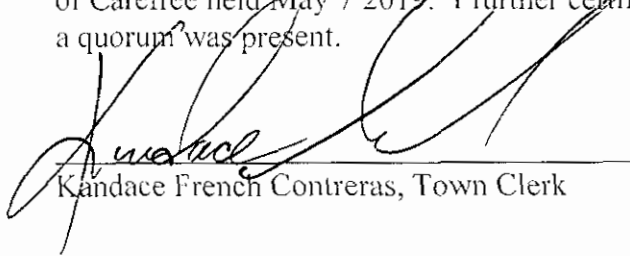
Attest:



Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the meeting of the Town of Carefree held May 7 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk