

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

**WHEN:** TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019

**WHERE:** CAREFREE TOWN COUNCIL CENTER  
33 EASY STREET, CAREFREE, AZ 85377

**TIME:** 5:00 P.M.

**Town Council Attending:**

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

**Town Council Absent:**

None

**Staff Present:**

Gary Neiss, Town Administrator; Michael Wright, Town Attorney; Stacey Bridge – Denzak, Director of Planning; Kandace French, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vicki Bobo.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**ITEM #1** Approval of the June 4, 2019 Town Council Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes.

**ITEM #2** Approval of the June 4, 2019 Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

**ITEM #3** Approval of the July 2, 2019 Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

**ITEM #4** Acceptance into the public record of the July, 2019 paid bills.

**ITEM #5** Acceptance of the cash receipts and disbursements report for June, 2019.

Mayor Peterson announced the consent agenda and asked if there were any questions.

There being no questions, Mayor Peterson asked for a motion to approve items 1 through 5.

Vice Mayor Crane made a **motion** to approve the Consent Agenda items #1 through #5 as stated. There was a **second** by Council Member Orrico. The motion was **carried** unanimously.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**ITEM #9**      **Call to the Public.**

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item and asked if anyone wished to speak at Call to the Public.

Charles Reaux, of Carefree, appeared and spoke in support of the acquisition of the Cave Creek water service area providing service to the Carefree residents. He stated he was in complete support and asked that the Council move forward as quickly as possible.

**ITEM #10**      **CURRENT EVENTS:**

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item and reported on the completion of the annual budget. He gave a breakdown of the increase in reserves and the purpose of using it to benefit the Carefree residents. He provided an update on the Town's year end finances. He confirmed that it was 10.1 million in reserves, the highest in the Town's history.

**ITEM #8**      **Presentation by David Court, Executive Director of the Desert Foothills Library, and Robert Hindle, President of the Library Board of Directors, providing an update regarding the Desert Foothills Library.**

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item and introduced David Court and Robert Hindle.

Mr. Court gave a history and update on the library. He provided a Power Point and highlighted the mission of the Desert Foothills library. He reminded the public and Council that the library is far more than books and the Board looks at many aspects to advance the mission of the library. He gave statistics on the loaning of books, DVDs, music CDs and eBooks. He stated they held 1076 adult programs attended by 15,699 people. He broke down the numbers for youth programs and passport processing. He gave kudos to the library for having a passport office open seven days a week; one of the few office in the area as well as community rooms that were used by schools and local businesses and the library staff has coordinated with local businesses to hold programs at the library. Twelve employees and over 120 volunteers make up the staff at the Desert Foothills library. There are over 8,000 card holders with 20% of them living in Carefree.

He emphasized the community participation and the Little Free Library, one of which is in the Carefree Desert Gardens. He highlighted the Cave Creek Museum, Foothills Food Bank, Caring Corp and other community partners, as well as the Desert Foothills Land Trust and other entity partners.

Mr. Court emphasized there is no cost to the Town of Carefree for its availability.

Mayor Peterson reminded the public that a plaque at the library acknowledged its appreciation to the Town of Carefree as one of the largest donors to the Desert Foothills Library.

Mr. Court stated that, for the first time, the library has an operating budget in excess of \$1 million. David Court stated he was just finishing his ninth year as the library's director and the use of the library has increased significantly.

The library has three distinct areas of focus; to reinvent the library, increase the library's profile and to embrace new technology. He provided further information on how each of those areas would be addressed. There is also a strong emphasis to increase the visibility of knowledge of the library and its services to the community. He went over the marketing plan for the library and the tasks involved.

He asked the Town of Carefree to market the library, advertise the library and be a champion for the library. He thanked the Town for its participation and support.

Vice Mayor Crane broke down the participation and card holder numbers to highlight that approximately 40% of the citizens of Carefree are card holders of the Desert Foothills library. He said the library is an important part of the community.

Council Member D'Aliesio made additional comments regarding the use of the library. He appreciated the library being open on Sunday to accommodate his own family.

Mayor Peterson invited the library to hold programs in Carefree and its Town Council Center as well.

There were additional comments by the Council.

The agenda item was a presentation only and no action taken.

**ITEM #9 Presentation by Vicki Bobo, Regent of the Black Mountain Foothills Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution regarding Constitution Week and a request to approve of a Proclamation designating September 17<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup> as Constitution Week.**

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item and introduced Vicki Bobo.

Ms. Bobo thanked the Mayor and explained that with her background and education in teaching, she uses it, as a Daughter of the American Revolution to go around the community and teach children and young adults about the United States Constitution and all the areas surrounding the Constitution. She referenced the Suffrage Movement and the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. She reminded the Council and public that Arizona was far ahead of the U.S.A regarding women's voting rights. She went into character to provide additional information regarding the Suffrage Movement and the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

Ms. Babo thanked the Town for the opportunity to present the information on the Suffrage Movement as well as the DAR and the Black Mountain Chapter of the DAR. She also gave information on a contest that is running for the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. She outlined some of the things that her Chapter does for the Town of Carefree and the services that her organization provides.

Vice Mayor Crane spoke regarding all the volunteer work done by the DAR for the Veteran events that benefit the Town of Carefree.

Mayor Peterson thanked Ms. Babo and then read the proclamation which proclaimed Constitution Week September 17<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**ITEM #10 Presentation and discussion regarding the amendment of the Town of Carefree, Arizona, Ordinance Number 2007-03, the Town's existing floodplain management regulations. This text amendment addresses minor updates in line with current regulations in a continued effort to reduce risk to life and property from future flooding hazards in the Town of Carefree. Public comments will be taken. (First Reading).**

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item and introduced Stacey Bridge - Denzak.

Ms. Bridge Denzak thanked the Mayor and reminded the Council that her presentation at this meeting was for information only and no action would be taken on the matter as it required two readings.

She presented a Power Point and provided information regarding the agenda item and why the update to the text amendment and Ordinance is important. She gave the history of the existing Ordinance which was adopted in 2005 and revised in 2007. She described the Ordinance and the need to maintain efforts to reduce flood damage to insurable property, continue a comprehensive approach to floodplain management and sustain Carefree's good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program.

Ms. Bridge – Denzak pointed out the mark up provided to the Council and explained that the newest amendment updates the most recent FEMA Flood Insurance Study effective date, updates the most recent FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map effective date, updates the most recent FCDMC Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County revised regulations, expands upon the Floodplain Managers responsibilities and other minor corrections.

She reiterated that the matter before the Council was a first reading and no action was requested at this time. She asked if there were any questions from the Council or public.

The Council commented and discussed the matter and it concluded.

**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.**

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item and asked for a Motion.

Vice Mayor Crane made a **motion** to go into Executive Session. There was a **second** by Council Member Crane. The motion **carried** unanimously.

**Entered Executive Session: 5:50 p.m.**

**Returned from Executive Session: 6:12 p.m.**

**ITEM #12**    **Adjournment**

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item and asked for a motion.

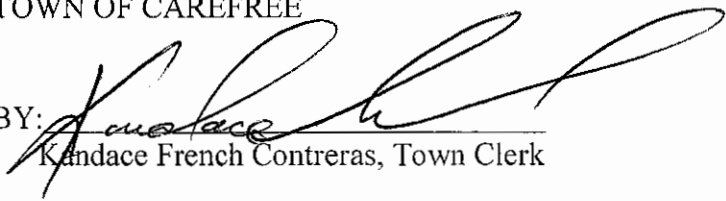
Council Member Hatcher **moved** to adjourn. There was a **second** by Council Member D'Aliesio. The motion **carried** unanimously.

Meeting ended at 6:13 p.m.

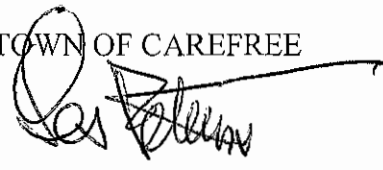
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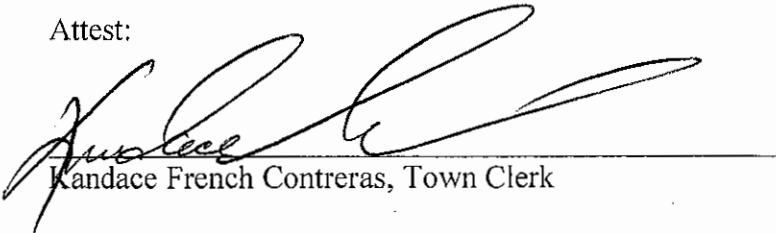
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Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk

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Les Peterson, Mayor

Attest:

  
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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 August 6, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

  
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Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk