

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

**WHEN:** TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 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 (*Telephonic*)  
Stephen Hatcher  
Michael Krahe  
Cheryl Kroyer  
Gene Orrico

**Absent:**

**Also Attending:**

Gary Neiss, Town Administrator; Michael Wright, Town Attorney; Beth Renfro, Marketing Director; Kandace French, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ralph Fero.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**ITEM #1** Approval of the January 8, 2019 Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

**ITEM #2** Approval of the January 15, 2019 Town Council Special Meeting Minutes.

**ITEM #3** Acceptance into the public record of the January, 2019 paid bills.

**ITEM #4** Acceptance of the cash receipts and disbursements report for December, 2018.

**ITEM #5** Approval of a Proclamation constituting March 2, 2019 as Dr. Seuss Day in recognition of the birthday of Dr. Seuss and the advancement of literacy and childhood reading programs in our community.

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item.

Agenda Item #4 was deferred to the March 5, 2019 Regular Council Agenda.

There were no questions regarding the remaining agenda items.

Council Member Krahe made a **motion** to approve Consent Agenda items 1, 2, 3, and 5. There was a **second** by Council Member Orrico. The motion was **carried** unanimously.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**ITEM #6      Call to the Public.**

Bob Schenkel appeared and spoke regarding the new letter sent out about the acquisition of Carefree Water Customers on the Cave Creek system.

John Traynor appeared and spoke regarding the cash receipts and disbursement reports.

**ITEM #7      Current Events.**

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda items.

Vice Mayor Crane announced information on the Garden Seminar on February 9, 2019.

**ITEM #8      Review, discussion and possible action to approve a contract with Villafane Studios for the Fall 2019 Enchanted Pumpkin Garden event.**

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item.

Marketing Director, Beth Renfro presented information on the contract with Ray Villafane and Villafane Studios for the 2019 Enchanted Pumpkin Garden event. She presented the proposed Agreement for Professional Services.

The council addressed questions of expenses incurred by Villafane Studios as well as the volume of attendance and accommodating the number of people attending.

Beth Renfro responded and referenced additional information coming forth in March.

There was a review and discussion regarding the costs and expenses by the Town and Villafane Studios.

There was additional discussion by the Council and the assistance of Council Member Orrico was requested to assist in resolution and restructuring the event.

There were no further questions or discussion.

Council Member Kroyer made a **motion** to approve Agenda Item #8 as presented. There was a **second** by Council Member Krahe. The motion was **carried** unanimously.

**ITEM #9**      **Review, discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2019-04 for an amended development agreement with Magnum Companies regarding the development of a Hampton Inn by Hilton on the property known as Easy Street North.**

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

Mr. Neiss presented preliminary information and background on the development of the Hampton Inn by Hilton. He then presented John Hughes and C.F Carter from Magnum Development Corporation.

Mr. Hughes and Mr. Carter presented renderings of the development of the hotel in the north lot property known as Easy Street North. Mr. Hughes affirmed their dedication and excitement regarding the development and provided insight as to the type of development, the price point and the look and presentation of the structure and surrounding area.

Mr. Carter provided more information on the price point and referenced the feasibility study done the year prior. He referenced seasonal averages. He also provided information regarding the timing of the build and anticipated opening date of mid-September, 2020. He stated he wanted the hotel to be fully running and smooth in time for the 2020 Pumpkin Festival.

There were additional comments and discussion regarding the timeframe and development strategy.

There were questions by the Council regarding what studies have been completed as of this date.

Mr. Carter responded and provided additional information.

There were additional questions regarding the capacity of the Town sewer and infrastructure to meet the needs of the hotel.

Mr. Carter affirmed everything was in place and further responded.

Mr. Neiss reminded the Council that the prior approved development for the property was more taxing to the system than the current hotel development.

After additional comments, Mayor Peterson requested a motion.

Council Member Orrico made a **motion** to approve Agenda items #9 as presented. There was a **second** by Council Member Kroyer. The motion was **carried** unanimously.

**ITEM #10**      **Presentation and discussion by Julia Young, Senior Government Relations Specialist for from Cox Communications regarding Cox's contributions and community presence.**

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item and introduced Julia Young, Senior Government Relations Specialist for Cox Communications.

Ms. Young updated the Council on the programs and projects undertaken by Cox Communications. She highlighted investments in Arizona communities, network transformation, Smart Cities and Smart Regions, Cox Automotive, small cell deployment and telemedicine. She also provided information on the streamlining created by Senate Bill 1140. She presented the new logo for Cox.

The presentation was for information only and no action was taken.

**ITEM #11 Adjournment.**

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item.

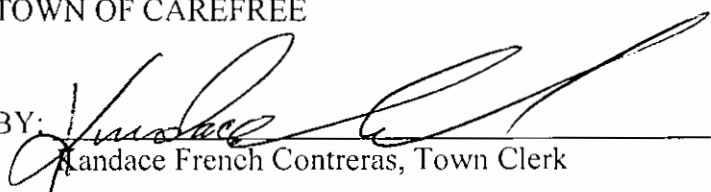
Council Member Krahe made a **motion** to adjourn. There was a **second** by Council Member Orrico. The motion was **carried** unanimously.

Meeting ended at 6:14 p.m.

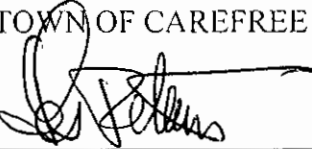
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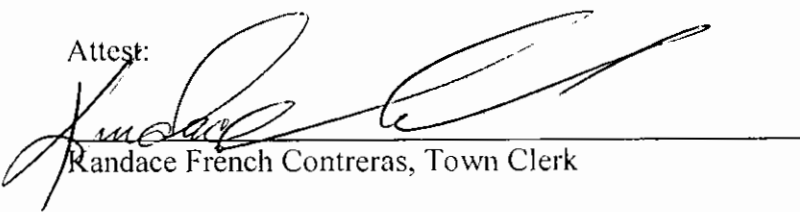
  
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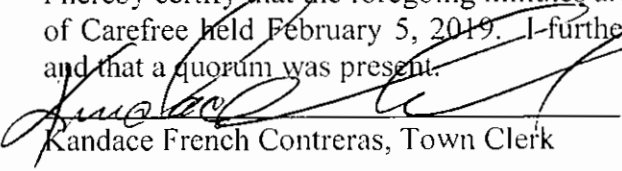
Les Peterson, Mayor

Attest:

  
Randace 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 February 5, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

  
Randace French Contreras, Town Clerk