

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

**WHEN:** TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

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

**LIVESTREAM:** CAREFREE YOUTUBE CHANNEL  
<https://www.youtube.com/@Carefree.AZgov>

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

*Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Town Council of the Town of Carefree, Arizona and to the general public that the members of the Town Council will hold a meeting open to the public. For any item listed on the agenda, the Council may vote to go into Executive Session for advice of counsel and/or to discuss records and information exempt by law or rule from public inspection, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.03.*

**Present:** Mayor John Crane  
Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer  
Councilmember Sheila Amoroso  
Councilmember Vince D'Aliesio  
Councilmember Stephen Hatcher  
Councilmember Michael Johnson  
Councilmember Clint Miller

**Staff Present:** Gary Neiss, Town Administrator; Stacey Bridge-Denzak, Dir. Planning & Zoning; Denis Fitzgibbons, Interim Town Attorney; Steve Prokopek, Economic Development Dir.; Mark Milstone, Town E; Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk/Treasurer

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Captain David Letourneau.

**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 October 3, 2023, Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes.
2. Acceptance into the public record of the September 2023 paid bills.
3. Acceptance into the public record of the October 2023 paid bills.

4. Acceptance of the cash receipts and disbursements report for August 2023.
5. Acceptance of the cash receipts and disbursements report for September 2023
6. Approval of the closure of Ho and Hum streets on Saturday, November 11, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Carefree's Veterans Day Celebration.

Mayor Crane read the Consent Agenda. He explained Consent Agenda Item #1 was not completed and would be deferred to the next regular council meeting. He also requested Consent Agenda Item #6 be pulled to be discussed separately. He asked for a motion on the remaining consent items.

**MOTION:** Council Member D'Aliesio made a motion to approve Consent Agenda #2 through 5 as presented.

**SECOND:** Vice Mayor Kroyer.

**VOTE:** Approved 7-0-0.

Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Mayor John Crane	Aye
Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer	Aye
Sheila Amoroso	Aye
Vince D'Aliesio	Aye
Stephen Hatcher	Aye
Mike Johnson	Aye
Clint Miller	Aye

Mayor Crane addressed Consent Agenda Item #6 and asked for a correction as to the times. He stated the time for the requested road closure was from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**MOTION:** Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the road closure as amended.

**SECOND:** Vice Mayor Kroyer.

**VOTE:** Approved 7-0-0.

Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Mayor John Crane	Aye
Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer	Aye
Sheila Amoroso	Aye
Vince D'Aliesio	Aye
Stephen Hatcher	Aye
Mike Johnson	Aye
Clint Miller	Aye

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

7. Current Events.

Mayor Crane introduced the new Communications Director, Madisyn Garrett. Mayor Crane announced the upcoming neighborhood meeting of the developer of the suggested Storage Facility at Bloody Basin and Cave Creek Road to answer concerns and questions. He also announced the next "Community Conversations" taking place at the Visitors Center from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and the Veterans Day celebration taking place at the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion. He reminded the public of the comment period for the General Plan and that the application period ended for the recruitment for the vacant seat on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Applicants would be interviewed prior to the selection at the December Town Council meeting. He also provided information on the upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting and Kiwanis Christmas event on December 2, 2023.

8. Presentation and discussion by Bill Dolezel, Interim Superintendent of Cave Creek Unified School District.

The Mayor introduced Interim Superintendent, Bill Dolezel. Mr. Dolezel highlighted information on the upcoming plans for the school district.

9. Introduction of Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) District 4 Captain David Letourneau and review and discussion of MCSO service within the Town of Carefree.

Captain Letourneau introduced himself and provided information on the focus of his patrol in the upcoming months.

Public Comment:

Ariane Buser, Carefree, Az, appeared and spoke regarding speeding traffic in the Town.

*(Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer left the meeting)*

10. Review, discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2023-10 approving the 2023-2024 Strategic Economic Development Workplan.

Chairman Crane announced the agenda item. Steve Prokopek presented and provided information on edits since the last presentation.

The following members of the public appeared and spoke against the agenda item as written:

Diane Roth, Carefree, AZ  
Mike Braun, Carefree, AZ  
John Traynor, Carefree, AZ  
Stephanie Barbour, Carefree, AZ  
Ariane Buser, Carefree, AZ  
Jan Neal, Carefree, AZ  
Janet Veves, Carefree, AZ

**MOTION:** Council Member D'Aliesio made a motion to approve as presented.

**SECOND:** Council Member Johnson.

**VOTE:** Approved 6-0-1.

Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Mayor John Crane	Aye

Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer	Absent
Sheila Amoroso	Aye
Vince D'Aliesio	Aye
Stephen Hatcher	Aye
Mike Johnson	Aye
Clint Miller	Aye

11. Review, discussion and possible action to approve a contract with CEC in order to meet Arizona Department of Environmental Quality requirements.

The matter was presented by Town Engineer, Mark Milstone.

Council Member Amoroso made a motion to approve entering into the contract as presented.

SECOND: Council Member Johnson.

VOTE: Approved 6-0-1.

Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Mayor John Crane	Aye
Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer	Absent
Sheila Amoroso	Aye
Vince D'Aliesio	Aye
Stephen Hatcher	Aye
Mike Johnson	Aye
Clint Miller	Aye

12. Review, discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2023-11 adopting the Municipal Traffic Calming Policy.

Town Engineer Mark Milstone, presented the Municipal Traffic Calming Policy and explained the goals and objectives as well as the benefits and limitations and project prioritization. He asked the Council to approve the resolution.

Public Comment:

Chairman Crane announced the agenda item. There were no changes.

Colleen Rose - Scurti, Carefree, AZ. appeared and spoke against the policy as written.

MOTION: Council Member D'Aliesio made a motion to approve the Municipal Traffic Calming Policy as presented.

SECOND: Council Member Amoroso.

VOTE: Approved 6-0-1.

Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Mayor John Crane	Aye
Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer	Absent

Sheila Amoroso	Aye
Vince D'Aliesio	Aye
Stephen Hatcher	Aye
Mike Johnson	Aye
Clint Miller	Aye

13. Review, discussion and public hearing to approve the Town of Carefree Floodplain Ordinance 2023-05 replacing Ordinance 2019-03 (*Second Reading*).

Town Engineer Mark Milstone presented the agenda item. He reminded the Council the Ordinance had its first reading in October and there were no changes or objections. There was discussion by the Council.

Mayor Crane opened the hearing at 7:30 p.m.

No comments were offered.

The hearing closed at 7:31 p.m.

Chairman Crane announced the agenda item. There were no changes.

**MOTION:** Council Member Hatcher made a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented.

**SECOND:** Council Member Miller.

**VOTE:** Approved 6-0-1.

Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Mayor John Crane	Aye
Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer	Absent
Sheila Amoroso	Aye
Vince D'Aliesio	Aye
Stephen Hatcher	Aye
Mike Johnson	Aye
Clint Miller	Aye

14. Review, discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2023-12 approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona Department of Revenue and the Town of Carefree for the administration, collection, audit and/or licensing of transaction privilege tax.

The agenda item was presented by Town Clerk/Treasurer, Kandace French Contreras. She explained the history of the Department of Revenue tax collection for the Town and the amendments to the prior contract. There were no questions from the Council.

**MOTION:** Council Member D'Aliesio made a motion to approve the Resolution and enter into the new contract with the Arizona Department of Revenue.

**SECOND:** Council Member Johnson.

**VOTE:** Approved 6-0-1.

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Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Mayor John Crane	Aye
Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer	Absent
Sheila Amoroso	Aye
Vince D'Aliesio	Aye
Stephen Hatcher	Aye
Mike Johnson	Aye
Clint Miller	Aye

15. Review, discussion and possible action to authorize approximately \$21,500 of Town Center Capital Funds for Easy Street storefront median landscape.

Council Member Miller provided updated information, drawings and prices for the Easy Street storefront median landscape that had developed since his last presentation.

Public Comment:

Mike Braun, Carefree, Az - appeared and questioned Council Member Miller about his selection of vegetation and asked questions about native trees.

MOTION: Council Member Amoroso made a motion to authorize funds for the project as presented.

SECOND: Council Member D'Aliesio.

VOTE: Approved 6-0-1.

Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Mayor John Crane	Aye
Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer	Absent
Sheila Amoroso	Aye
Vince D'Aliesio	Aye
Stephen Hatcher	Aye
Mike Johnson	Aye
Clint Miller	Aye

## CALL TO THE PUBLIC

16. The following members of the public appeared and spoke:

Anton Wilke, Carefree, AZ - appeared and spoke regarding the economic development portion of the General Plan. He assessed that the two ways to raise funds for the Town is sales tax and property tax. He went over the income that would raise from developing commercial corners. He asserted the current General Plan works. He stated that opposition to a property tax and the opposition to development cannot work for the financial viability of the Town.

Sarah Gondell, Carefree, AZ - She thanked the Council and staff for their work and suggested that it would be better served in everyone that came into the meeting by making the assumption that the Council and staff were working in the best interest of the Town. She supports a property tax to avoid additional commercial development. But, if the majority do not want a property tax so

commercial development is necessary. Open space doesn't fund services.

Ariane Buser, Carefree, AZ- Asked for clarification on Tom Darlington and Carefree Highway zoning and that the General Plan references it as a resort.

17. Adjournment.

MOTION: Council Member D'Aliesio made a motion to adjourn.

SECOND: Council Member Johnson.

VOTE: Approved 6-0-1.

Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Mayor John Crane	Aye
Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer	Absent
Sheila Amoroso	Aye
Vince D'Aliesio	Aye
Stephen Hatcher	Aye
Mike Johnson	Aye
Clint Miller	Aye

VOTE: Approved 6-0-1.

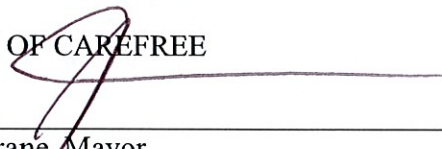
Adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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BY:

  
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 Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk/Treasurer

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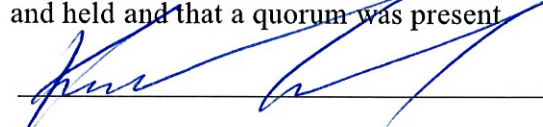
  
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 John Crane, Mayor

Attest:

  
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 Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk/Treasurer

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Carefree held November 7, 2023. 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/Treasurer