

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

WHEN: TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023

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

LIVESTREAM: CAREFREE YOUTUBE CHANNEL
<https://www.youtube.com/@CarefreeAZgov>

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Crane
Councilmember Amoroso
Councilmember D'Aliesio
Councilmember Hatcher
Councilmember Johnson

ABSENT:

Vice Mayor Kroyer

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vice Chair Member Roberts
Commissioner Dymoke
Commissioner Ferro
Commissioner Smith

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chair Member Cross
Commissioner Burns
Commissioner Dahlman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Melissa Price led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

- ITEM #1** Approval of the May 2, 2023 Town Council Meeting minutes. (As amended)
- ITEM #2** Approval of the May 18, 2023 Town Council Budget Workshop minutes.
- ITEM #3** Approval of the May 23, 2023 Town Council Special Meeting minutes.
- ITEM #4** Approval of the May 25, 2023 Town Council Budget Workshop minutes.
- ITEM #5** Acceptance into the public record of the March, 2023 paid bills.

ITEM #6 Acceptance into the public record of the May, 2023 paid bills.

ITEM #7 Acceptance of the cash receipts and disbursements report for April, 2023.

MOTION: Council Member D’Aliesio made a motion to approve Agenda Item #1 as amended and approve Agenda Items #2 through #7 as presented.

SECOND: Council Member Hatcher.

VOTE: Approved 5-0-1.

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

ITEM #8 Call to the Public.

The following public appeared and spoke:

John Mattes, Carefree, AZ – Appeared and spoke regarding DUIs within the Town and the lack of activity by Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office.

REGULAR AGENDA:

ITEM #9 Current Events.

Applications for Town Council Vacancy – Applications being taken until June 23, 2023. An appointment will be made at the Town Council Meeting on July 11, 2023.

Three upcoming workshops regarding the General Plan have been scheduled:

- June 12, 2023 Update and Group Exercise
- June 19, 2023 Third Community Workshop
- July 17, 2023 Community Workshop and Open Space/State Land Discussion

The workshops will be held virtually as well as in person.

ITEM #10 Review, discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2023-05 adopting the tentative budget and bottom line for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

The agenda item was presented by Town Administrator, Gary Neiss.

There was additional discussion and questions.

The following public members appeared and spoke:

Colleen Rose Scurti Carefree, AZ – Stated that there needs to be clarification regarding the budget in regards to the fire truck and signage.

John Traynor, Carefree, AZ – The General Plan schedule is ‘bass-ackwards’. The public general plan workshop should be conducted before the Planning and Zoning Commission workshop.

MOTION: Council Member Amoroso made a motion to approve Agenda Item #10 as presented.

SECOND: Council Member Hatcher.

VOTE: Approved 5-0-1.

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

ITEM #11 Review, discussion, and possible action to approve Technical Memorandum D (“Tech Memo D”) of the *Comprehensive Sign and Circulation Plan*, which includes final sign designs, messaging, and implementation including costs and phasing.

Presentation by Planning and Zoning Director, Stacey Bridge – Denzak and Rebecca Fields. Referenced 11 meetings since 2021 and outlined various updates and community wide workshops.

The following public members appeared and spoke:

Colleen Rose Scurti , Carefree, AZ – Suggested that sign plan was premature and had questions.

Wendy Mattes, Carefree AZ, Spoke out against the current signage plan.

Michael Braun, Carefree, AZ. Spoke out against the current signage plan without additional work.

Jan Neal, Carefree, AZ. Spoke out against the current sign plan and suggested it was premature and without notice to the public.

Margaret McKernan, Carefree, AZ. Spoke out against the current sign plan.

Ariane Buser, Carefree, AZ. Spoke out against the current sign plan and suggested it was premature and without notice to the public. Was flabbergasted by cost of consulting fees for the signs and how it could be better used. Used to live in California and she was a consultant. The consultant's fees could have been better spent on a park.

John Mattes, Carefree, AZ. Complained about a committee not being appointed by the Council and that an informal committee was appointed. Looked back and filed an open meeting violation. But the AG didn't do anything with it.

Kerrie Johnson, Carefree, AZ organized and represents the *Carefree Institute*, a "thinktank developed to crafting a new vision to make Carefree a better place to live, work and visit. She spoke out against the signage plan.

Additional comment by Town Council and staff.

John Traynor, Carefree, AZ. – Spoke about the deteriorating Gardens and the photos he has taken showing damage and cracked sidewalks.

Jacque Szenoji Scottsdale, AZ – She is into landscaping, and she complained that the landscapers don't maintain the Gardens. No granite and inappropriate dirt. She is with the Cave Creek – Carefree Tourist Bureau. It was hard to explain how to get into Carefree without signs. Arches are great. Spanish Village is unknown and there is no signage.

Don Little, Carefree, AZ. – Thinks the signage plan is too expensive. Would rather spend money on things other than signs. Restaurants are doing great. Find a way to attract people to the other businesses. Spoke of the Friday Night Jam Session. Asked that people stop attacking the Town Council personally and he appreciates their hard work. Spoke of receiving a bad review on Yelp regarding his bicycle shop because he had a political sign in his business window.

NO ACTION: The Council chose not to act on the agenda item at this time and directed staff to work with the public on

ITEM #12 **Presentation and discussion with Rebeca Field of Kimley-Horn, consultant for the *Comprehensive Sign and Circulation Plan*, to include updating the Town Council and Planning and Zoning Commission on the *Plan's* circulation strategies (*Project Assessment* or "*PA*") and to include soliciting feedback for incorporation into the final draft of the *PA*. This is for informational purposes only. No action will be taken. Comments from the public will be taken.**

Presentation by Economic Development Director, Steve Prokopek and discussion by the Council.

Additional presentation by Kimley Horn staff regarding parking, Town Center Concept Plan and signage.

Colleen Rose Scurti, Carefree, AZ. – Her input was not reflected in the current plan. Wants to keep Carefree Rural and not downtown Scottsdale. The proposed circulation plan will change their culture.

Michael Braun, Carefree, AZ. Thanked the Council for listening to the community and their desires.

Stuart Scurti, Carefree, AZ. Thanked the Council for listening. Spoke out against the current street plan and how it will change the character of the Town. Spoke of rear end accidents and neon green bike lanes.

NO ACTION

ITEM #13 Review, discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2023-03 extending the contract for services with the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office.

Presentation by Town Administrator Gary Neiss and Maricopa County Sheriff Captain Brandimarte and staff. Captain Brandimarte also explained the DUI taskforce and the DUI van in the parking lot of Carefree Town Hall.

MOTION: Council Member Hatcher made a motion to approve Agenda Item #13 as presented.

SECOND: Council Member D’Aliesio.

VOTE: Approved 5-0-1.

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

ITEM #14 Adjournment.

MOTION: Council Member D’Aliesio made a motion to adjourn

SECOND: Council Member Johnson.

VOTE: Approved 5-0-1.

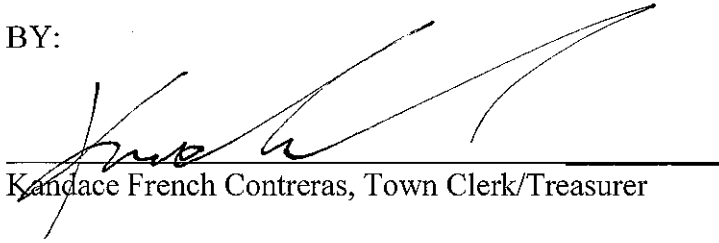
Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Mayor John Crane	Aye
Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer	Absent
Sheila Amoroso	Aye
Vince D'Aliesio	Aye
Stephen Hatcher	Aye
Mike Johnson	Aye

ACTION: ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M.

DATED this 8TH of June, 2023.

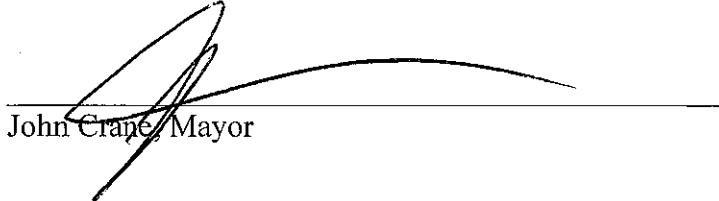
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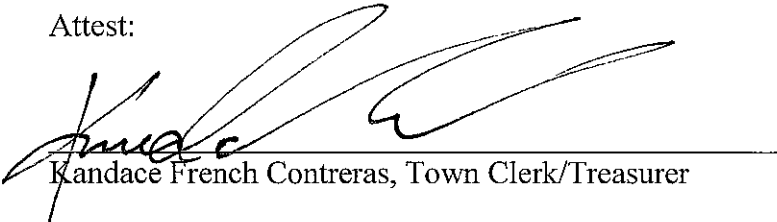
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John Crane, Mayor

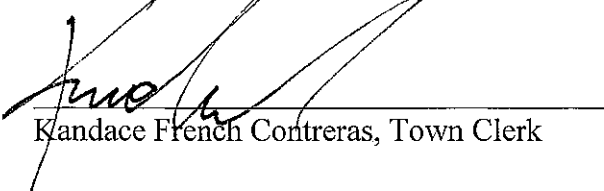
Attest:



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 June 6, 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk