

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

WHEN: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 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.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members of the Council may participate by technological means or methods pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431(4).

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

Absent: Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer

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

Attendees: Mark Milstone, Town Engineer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance led by Wendy Mattes

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 September 5, 2023, Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes.
2. Acceptance of the cash receipts and disbursements report for July, 2023.
3. Approval of the Proclamation declaring November 1, 2023, as "Extra Mile "Day".

Mayor Crane announced the agenda items. There were no changes.

MOTION: Council Member D'Aliesio made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 3 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

REGULAR AGENDA:

4. Current Events.

Carefree Conversations to speak with the Mayor and other members will be held on October 13th from 8 am to 10 am at the Visitor's Center

Town Attorney Michael Wright has retired. The interim attorney is Denis Fitzgibbons. An RFQ for a new, contract attorney has been posted.

Planning and Zoning Commissioner, Ralph Ferro, has resigned after three years of service to the Town. Recruitment will be posted for applications through November 7th. The Council will appoint a new member on or about December 5th.

The Draft General Plan is on the website for public comment. The comment period ends December 1st. There is a workshop on the General Plan taking place at 5:00 pm on October 11th.

Call to the Public has been moved to the end of the Council agenda to allow for matters of interest to be heard by the Public first.

5. Review, discussion and possible action to approve the Proclamation declaring October 6, 2023 "Desert Treasures' 50th Anniversary Day'.

Mayor Crane announced the agenda item and introduced the owner of Desert Treasures. A plaque and proclamation was presented.

ACTION: Approved.

MOTION: Council Member D'Aliesio made a motion to approve the Agenda Item as presented.

SECOND: Council Member Amoroso.

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

Agenda Item 5 was approved by a vote of 6-0-1

6. Review, discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2023-11, a request by Carefree Park, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, to allow for the installation of a temporary sign in the Town's right-of-way intended to raise funds for the purchase of the adjacent property located at the Southeast corner of Cave Creek Road and Mule Train Road.

The matter was tabled.

7. Review, discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2023-10 adopting the 2023 - 2024 Strategic Economic Development Work Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Ariane Buser, Carefree - Comments on Consultant Fee costs and signage costs. Opposes the development of the Northwest corner. Questioned what changed on the Economic Development Plan.

Janet Veves, Carefree - Development of corner not called for on the General Plan survey. Referenced trapping residents in a "mini Sedona." NW corner has no water. Prefers single family homes not another Hampton Inn.

Colleen Rose - Scurti, Carefree - Economic Development Plan is mistimed. The 60-day comment period on the Economic Development Plan just started. Pass the General Plan first. Referenced costs of signage. Get more bids.

John Traynor, Carefree - Commented on the Economic Development Plan. Commented their was a "blind eye" to the cost of a resort. Should be open to scrutiny. Comments on signage costs.

Jan Neal, Carefree - Residents are working on a General Plan. Commented on the N.W corner resort development. Stated it is premature to address the Economic Development Work Plan.

Kathlina Lai, Carefree - Urged Council not to approve the Economic Development Plan. Urged the Council not to approve a resort as it will destroy the tranquility of Carefree. Approve the General Plan first.

Maureen Benedetto, Carefree - Questioned why there is a vote on an Economic Development Plan. Do not approve the Economic Development Plan. Change reference to a resort to "boutique" resort.

ACTION: Agenda item DEFERRED TO NOVEMBER MEETING.

MOTION: Council Member Hatcher.

SECOND: Council Member D'Aliesio.

VOTE: Approved 6-0-0.

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

8. Review and discussion regarding the Town of Carefree Floodplain Ordinance 2023-05 replacing Ordinance 2019-03. (First Reading).

Review and discussion only. No action taken.

9. Review, discussion and possible action to approve the contract for Carefree Drive Drainage Improvement Project.

ACTION: Agenda items APPROVED.

MOTION: Council Member Amoroso

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

10. Review, discussion and possible action to authorize capital funds for additional painting and replenishment of decomposed granite within Town Center Gardens.

ACTION: Agenda items APPROVED.

MOTION: Council Member D'Aliesio

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 and Discussion regarding landscaping parking islands within Town Center.

Presentation only. No action taken.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

John Traynor, Carefree - spoke on the National Broadcast test. He commented on the cost of establishing water service on the west side of town and his thoughts on a reasonable cost.

Ariane Buser, Carefree - Thanked the council for listening. Invited residents to the Carefree Park presentation on October 21 from 3 pm to 5 pm. Several speakers will present.

Cindy Burgin, Carefree - Asked for attention to landscaping by Chase bank. Thanked staff for changing meeting format. Urged Council to wait to approve Economic Development Work Plan.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION: Council Member D'Aliesio

SECOND: Council Member Amoroso.

VOTE: Approved 6-0-1.

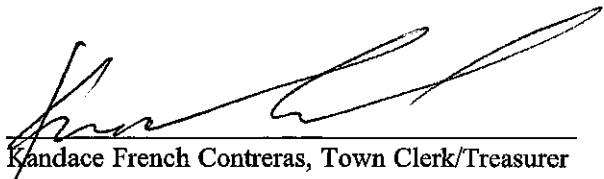
Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Mayor John Crane	Aye
Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer	Absent
Sheila Amoroso	Aye
Vince D'Aliesio	Aye
Tony Geiger	Aye
Stephen Hatcher	Aye
Mike Johnson	Aye

Meeting ended at 7:19 p.m.

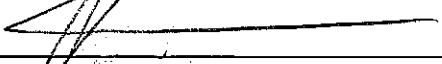
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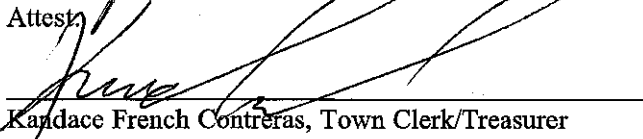
TOWN OF CAREFREE

BY:


Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk/Treasurer

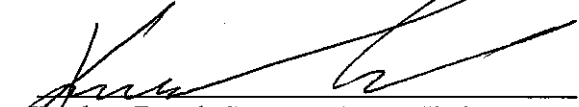
TOWN OF CAREFREE


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 October 3, 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.


Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk