

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

**WHEN:** TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023

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

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

**Town Council Attending:**

Mayor John Crane  
Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer  
Sheila Amoroso  
Vince D'Aliesio  
Tony Geiger  
Mike Johnson

**Town Council Absent:**

Stephen Hatcher

**Staff Present:**

Gary Neiss, Town Administrator; Michael Wright, Town Attorney; Stacey Bridge Denzak, Director of Planning and Zoning; Greg Crossman, Water Company Manager; Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk, Treasurer.

Mayor Crane called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Susie Dymoke led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**ITEM #1** Approval of the March 7, 2023 Town Council meeting minutes.

**ITEM #2** Acceptance into the public record of the March, 2023 paid bills.

**ITEM #3** Acceptance of the cash receipts and disbursements report for February, 2023.

Mayor Crane noted that the Council Members did not receive Agenda Item #2 timely and did not have an opportunity to review it. Therefore, he suggested it be moved to the next regular meeting.

MOTION: Council Member D'Aliesio made a motion to approve Consent Agenda #1 and #3 and defer #2 to the next regular meeting.

SECOND: Vice Mayor Kroyer.

VOTE: Approved 6-0-1

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

### CALL TO THE PUBLIC

#### ITEM #4 Call to the Public.

The following individuals appeared and spoke at Call to the Public:

Sandi Carll, Desert Foothills Theater – Spoke regarding the upcoming production of *The Secret Garden*.

Mike Wold, Healing Memories Workshops – Spoke regarding the history of the workshops and the upcoming workshop focused on female veterans.

Tim Soule, Rural Metro Fire Department – Spoke regarding the current discussion on mutual aid, automatic and his regrets for unintentionally getting involved in politics and being misquoted.

Greg Warner, Carefree, AZ – Spoke in opposition of the property tax.

Lisa Rinde, Carefree, AZ – Spoke in favor of the property tax and automatic aid.

Ryan York, Carefree, AZ – Spoke in opposition rezoning of the commercial property on the northeast corner Carefree Highway and Cave Creek Road.

Kevin Fecteau, Carefree, AZ - Spoke in opposition rezoning of the commercial property on the northeast corner Carefree Highway and Cave Creek Road. And spoke against those who made false accusations to the aligning HOA.

John Bohlke, Carefree, AZ – Spoke in opposition of high density housing and rezoning of the northeast corner of Carefree Highway and Cave Creek Road. He spoke out against accusations made at the prior meeting.

Ariane, Buser, Carefree, AZ – Spoke in opposition of Automatic Aid services.

Glenn Miller, Carefree, AZ – Spoke out in opposition of Automatic Aid services and a proposed property tax on behalf of Captain Mark Cichocki, Rural Metro Fire Department.

Stuart Scurti, Carefree, AZ – Spoke out in opposition of Automatic Aid.

Carlene Rose Scurti, Carefree, AZ – Spoke out in opposition of Automatic Aid.

Spencer Peters, Carefree, AZ - Spoke out in opposition of Automatic Aid.

Jan Neal, Carefree, AZ – Spoke out in opposition of Automatic and the property tax initiative.

William Dougherty, Carefree, AZ – Spoke out in opposition of the property tax initiative.

Dr. Marty Margetis, Carefree, AZ – Spoke out in support of Automatic Aid and the property tax initiative.

Kathlina Lai, Carefree, AZ – Spoke out in opposition of Automatic Aid and the property tax initiative.

John Traynor, Carefree, AZ – Spoke out against Automatic Aid and the property tax initiative.

Glen Ernst, Carefree, AZ – Spoke out against Automatic and the property tax initiative.

Stephanie Barbour, Carefree, AZ – Spoke regarding her questions and concerns for the zoning and development of a resort on the northwest corner of Carefree Highway and Tom Darlington

**At the conclusion of an open call to the public, the following individual members of the public body responded to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body:**

Sheila Amoroso, Council Member

Vince D'Aliesio, Council Member

Tony Geiger, Council Member

Cheryl Kroyer, Vice Mayor

John Crane, Mayor

Mike Johnson, Council Member

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**ITEM #5      Current Events.**

General Plan Update Community Workshops on April 26 and June 19.

Last Desert Garden Seminar, April 15<sup>th</sup>

Earth Day Celebration, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

**ITEM #6 Review and discussion regarding items discussed at March's Town Council Call to the Public.**

Presentation only. No action taken.

**ITEM #7 Review, discussion and possible action to approve the closure of Ho Hum Drive (behind Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion) on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm for the Earth Day Celebration Event.**

MOTION: Vice Mayor Kroyer made a motion to approve Agenda #7.

SECOND: Tony Geiger

VOTE: Approved 6-0-1.

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

**ITEM #8 Review, discussion and public hearing to amend then Planning and Zoning Code Section 3.02 Planning and Zoning Commission and Section 3.03 Development Review Board to set out term limits for each. (Second Reading).**

**Hearing Opened – 7:15 p.m.**

No one asked to appear and speak.

**Hearing Closed – 7:16 p.m.**

MOTION: Council Member Geiger made a motion to approve Agenda #8.

SECOND: Council Member D'Aliesio

VOTE: Approved 6-0-1.

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

**ITEM #9**      **Review, discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance 2023-01 regarding zoning definitions amended to align with and support the recently passed short-term rentals regulations.**

**Hearing Opened – 7:17 p.m.**

No one asked to appear and speak.

**Hearing Closed – 7:18 p.m.**

**MOTION:**      Vice Mayor Kroyer made a motion to approve Agenda #9.

**SECOND:**      Council Member D'Aliesio

**VOTE:**          Approved 6-0-1.

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

**ITEM #10**      **Adjournment.**

**MOTION:**      Vice Mayor Kroyer made a motion to adjourn.

**SECOND:**      Council Member D'Aliesio

**VOTE:**          Approved 6-0-1.

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

**ADJOURNED AT 7:18 P.M.**

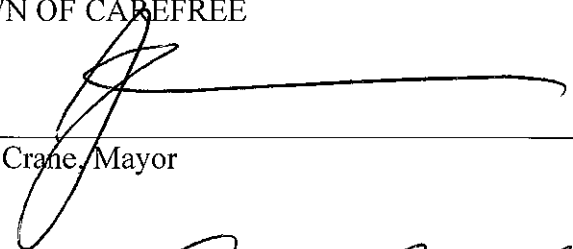
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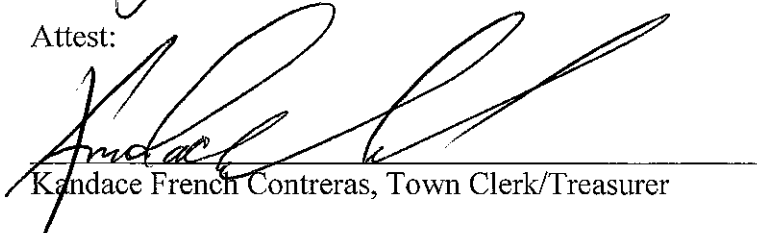
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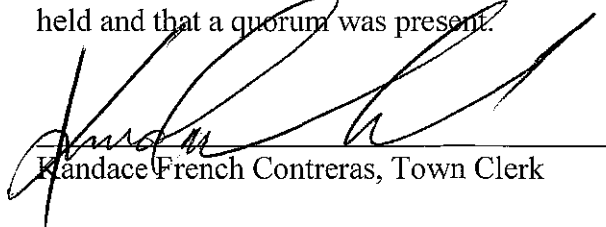
  
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 John Crane, Mayor

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 Town Council of the Town of Carefree. 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