

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP
OF THE CAREFREE TOWN COUNCIL**



WHEN: THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023

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

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

Town Council Attending:

Mayor John Crane
Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer
Sheila Amoroso
Vince D'Aliesio
Stephen Hatcher
Mike Johnson

Town Council Absent:

Staff Present:

Gary Neiss, Town Administrator; Jim Keen, Town Accountant; Stacey Bridge Denzak, Director of Planning and Zoning; Samantha Gesell, Planning Clerk; Mark Milestone, Town Engineer; The Honorable Tara Parascandola, Carefree – Cave Creek Municipal Court; Danielle Stutz, Court Administrator, Carefree – Cave Creek Municipal Court; Greg Crossman, Carefree Water Company Manager; Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk, Treasurer.

Mayor Crane called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA

ITEM #1 **Workshop to discuss Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget.**

Presentation by Gary Neiss. Discussion by Town Council, including the tentative budget to date and responding to questions and clarification regarding staff positions, numbers and costs.

The following individual appeared and spoke:

Bill Dougherty, Carefree, AZ spoke and referenced his thoughts on ways to reduce the budget. He questioned if staff could be reduced and asked if the Town utilized a bid process to cut costs. He also questioned if the Town should just go back to subscription fire service.

John Mattes, Carefree, AZ spoke and said the budget was confusing. He gave his opinion on public works and Gary's Neiss' Power Point content.

Stephanie Barbour, Carefree, AZ spoke and questioned if the water transition was over budget and the cost of the booster pump and other construction costs.

Greg Crossman, Carefree Water Company Manager, appeared and responded to questions posed by the public as it related to the budget and construction costs.

Discussion only. No action was taken.

ITEM #2 **Adjournment.**

MOTION: Vice Mayor Kroyer made a motion to adjourn.

SECOND: Council Member D’Aliesio.

VOTE: Approved 6-0.

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

ADJOURNED AT 4:21 P.M.

DATED this 2nd day of June, 2023.

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 Budget Workshop held on May 25, 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present for a vote of the council.

Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk