

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

WHEN: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021
WHERE: ZOOM WEB
TIME: 5:00 P.M.

Town Council Attending:

Mayor Les Peterson
Vice Mayor John Crane
Vince D'Aliesio
Tony Geiger
Stephen Hatcher
Michael Johnson
Cheryl Kroyer

Town Council Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Gary Neiss, Town Administrator; Michael Wright, Town Attorney; Kandace French, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Vice Mayor Crane led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM #1 Approval of the October 5, 2021 Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

ITEM #2 Acceptance into the public record of the October, 2021 paid bills.

ITEM #3 Acceptance of the cash receipts and disbursements report for August, 2021.

Vice Mayor Crane **MOVED TO APPROVE** CONSENT AGENDA Items #2 & #3; Item #1 was deferred. **SECONDED** by Councilperson Kroyer. **CARRIED**, unanimously.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

ITEM #4 Call to the Public.

Mayor Peterson reminded, the Town of Carefree has notified the community regarding written public comment protocols. Reiterating, written public comment should be submitted; half page, 12 pt., double spaced with a 3-minute maximum. Further explaining, the Carefree Town Council will be making an exception to that rule for the proceeding written public comment, giving Carefree Town Council the opportunity to respond to aspects of the letter.

Town Clerk, Kandace French-Contreras read written public comment received from John Mattes - 37262 NE Greythorn Circle, Carefree AZ. Mr. Mattes expressed opinion regarding Town of Carefree communications and processes.

In response to Mr. Mattes' public comment letter, Mayor Peterson declared; the purpose of an elected Town Council is for representation for and of the people of the Town. Representation is about both the decision makers and decision making for the good of the community.

Mayor Peterson and Councilperson Geiger provided facts, rational and logic as it pertains to the resolve of historic and current infrastructure issues within the Town of Carefree.

Mayor Peterson concluded, Carefree Town Council has a certain minimum requirement that Carefree Town Council makes to all its citizens, to balance and provide the benefits in an equivalent manner across the board.

REGULAR AGENDA:

ITEM #5 Current Events.

Vice Mayor Crane announced the November 11th, 2021, Veterans Day Honor to be held at the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion. Also providing information for the Saturday, November 13th, 2021 the AT & T Veterans Walk Run beginning on Easy St. In addition, Kiwanis will be hosting their Pancake Breakfast in Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion.

Vice Mayor Crane provided information regarding the redistricting process that is underway. Explaining, every ten years, after the census, the districting boundaries for the state legislature and congress are redrawn and the Independent Redistricting Commission is responsible for redrawing those boundaries. Adding, the Commission is open to public input and recommended anyone with interest in this, visit www.irc.az.gov for a list of all meetings happening thru December 04, 2021. Later in December the Independent Redistricting Commission will finalize their boundaries and submit them to the Arizona Secretary of State. Concluding, the Independent Redistricting Commission takes public input very seriously and this is a real opportunity for the public to weigh in and voice their opinion.

Mayor Peterson provided updates on the completion of the Hampton Inn and was delighted to inform, 18 of 28 of The View Carefree Townhouses have sold thus far.

Councilperson Kroyer provided information regarding the Thunderbird Artist event this coming weekend, November 5th, 6th and 7th. Adding, that this will be the weekend that the Ambassador Program will debut. Consisting of a group of fifteen volunteers, wearing turquoise vests, will be available to answer questions, provide information and furnish directions. This program is a nice compliment for the Town of Carefree, promoting an amiable environment and assisting in the accessibility of the Town.

Mayor Peterson recognized the passing of Paul Keeler and announced the Celebration of Life for Mr. Keeler on Monday, November 8th.

Mayor Peterson shared information from the mayors meeting regarding homelessness in Arizona. Providing an alarming statistic, Mayor Peterson stated, Arizona has the fastest growth rate of

homelessness of any state in the country. Emphasizing, this is something to be aware of and work needs to be done to address those needs of the varied people who are homeless.

ITEM #6 Review, discussion and possible action to a Series 7 Beer and Wine Bar Liquor License for the Hampton Inn Carefree.

Town Clerk, Kandace French-Contreras provided information regarding the Hampton Inn (Carefree Hospitality), and their application for the approval of a liquor license. Ms. French-Contreras provided clarification as to the entities referenced in the application. Adding, the application was posted publicly for 20 days, as required by Arizona State Statute and requirement for posting has passed and no public comment regarding the application was received. Ms. French-Contreras does not anticipate any further challenges with the application.

Councilperson Johnson **MOVED TO APPROVE** a Series 7 Beer and Wine Bar Liquor License for the Hampton Inn Carefree. **SECONDED** by Councilperson Geiger. **CARRIED** 6-1, with Councilperson D'Aliesio dissenting.

ITEM #7 Adjournment.

Councilperson Kroyer **MOVED TO ADJOURN**. **SECONDED** by Vice Chairperson Crane. **CARRIED**, unanimously.

The meeting ended at 5:41 p.m.

DATED this 2nd day of November 2021.

TOWN OF CAREFREE

BY:

Samantha J. Gesell, Planning Clerk

TOWN OF CAREFREE



Les Peterson, Mayor

Attest:



Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk

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 2, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



Samantha J. Gesell, Planning Clerk