

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

WHEN: TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020

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

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

Town Council Attending:

Mayor Les Peterson
Vice Mayor John Crane
Vince D'Aliesio
Stephen Hatcher
Michael Krahe
Cheryl Kroyer
Gene Orrico

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 5:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Debbi Burdick.

CONSENT AGENDA

- ITEM #1** Approval of the December 3, 2019 Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes.
- ITEM #2** Acceptance into the public record of the December, 2019 paid bills.
- ITEM #3** Acceptance of the cash receipts and disbursements report for November, 2019.
- ITEM #4** Approval of Resolution 2019-12 accepting the Condominium Plat and supplementary Amended Subdivision Improvement Agreement for The View Carefree subdivision generally located at the southeast corner of Easy Street and Carefree Drive. This new plat supersedes the previous Final Plat for The View Carefree approved under Resolution 2019-10.

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda items and asked the Council Members if they had in questions.

Council Member Orrico asked to pull Agenda Item #3 for questions.

Council Member Krahe made a **motion** to approve the Consent Agenda items Nos. 1, 2, and 4 as presented. There was a **second** by Council Member Kroyer. The motion was **carried** unanimously.

Council Member Orrico questioned the increase in the average gross monthly payments versus prior months.

Town Administrator Gary Neiss responded, stating that the increase was due to the payment of the contractor for the street improvement project previously approved by the Council.

Council Member Orrico made a **motion** to approve the Consent Agenda items No. 3. There was a **second** by Council Member Kroyer. The motion was **carried** unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

ITEM #5 Call to the Public.

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item and introduced those who requested to speak.

Linda Rawles, of Carefree, appeared and spoke regarding status of the problem with speed and noise from motorcycles going through the Town of Carefree. She explained she met with the Captain and Lieutenant of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and reported her meeting results. She provided additional input regarding a deeper problem with the culture and speed of the motorcycle riders coming through Carefree on their way to Cave Creek. She requested more strict enforcement of the noise ordinance.

Robert Jacobsen, of Carefree, appeared and spoke regarding continued concern for the trees that continue to grow in the median. He reminded Mayor Peterson that he has been requesting that all the trees be removed from the median for four years.

ITEM #6 Current Events.

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item.

Vice Mayor Crane announced the next Garden Seminar series, *Desert Garden Simplified*, on Saturday, January 11th.

Vice Mayor Crane also clarified and corrected an incorrect statement made at the prior council meeting regarding a lack of support by the property owner for the Haunted House at the Carefree Pumpkin Festival. He stated Rod deSzendeffy, the owner of the property, was fully supportive of

another Haunted House at his location and is very gracious for its use in the future. The Vice Mayor apologized for the erroneous comment.

Mayor Peterson announced the *State of the Town* address. Mayor Peterson gave some highlights of what will be in his published *State of the Town*. \$1.2 million has been added to the reserve fund. In addition, there are significant investments being made in the Town infrastructure during the current fiscal year and there has been a 12 percent increase in sales tax revenues. The major projects in the works are an integrated, dependable water system for all the Carefree residents, a comprehensive street maintenance program, improving the four crosswalks across Tom Darlington and Cave Creek Road, traffic enforcement during the Bike week at the end of March, improving our emergency and fire response, including a new fire truck for the Carefree Fire Station. He described that the *State of the Town* will go out in COINS and various publications in the near future.

ITEM #7 Presentation of the “Carefree Cares” / CCUSD Excellence Award in conjunction with Cave Creek Unified School District, honoring a teacher from each school in the district each quarter.

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item and introduced Cheryl Kroyer.

Council Member Kroyer gave a brief overview of the schedule for the evening. She stated each member of the Council would announce one of the 7 award winners and the winners would also be recognized at an upcoming CCUSD quarterly meeting in addition to the presentation this evening. She explained the purpose of the Excellent Award and described the criteria for selection. She then introduced CCUSD Superintendent Debbi Burdick.

Afterwards, Council Member Gene Orrico read the nomination of Ronda Walton, from Desert Sun Academy.

Council Member Vince D’Aliesio read the nomination of Lori Drube from Black Mountain Elementary School.

Vice Mayor Crane read the nomination of Cindy Minor from Desert Willow Elementary School.

Mayor Peterson read the nomination of Lijia Luo of Horseshoe Trails Elementary School.

Council Member Michael Krahe read the nomination of Liz Kramer of Lone Mountain Elementary School.

Council Member Cheryl Kroyer read the nomination of Ashley Fauss from Sonoran Trails Middle School.

Council Member Stephen Hatcher read the nomination of John Trenton from Cactus Shadows High School.

The recipients were congratulated again and Dr. Burdick was thanked for her involvement and support of the program.

All the recipients and their families stood for a photo.

Council Member D'Aliesio expressed his positive experience with the CCUSD teachers and staff.

ITEM #8 Discussion regarding techniques to control safe traffic speeds in the Town of Carefree, including an option for photo radar enforcement.

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item and introduced Town Administrator, Gary Neiss.

Mr. Neiss explained the historic concerns with traffic enforcement and speeding in the Town of Carefree. He explained that many east valley communities have found that photo enforcement has been a very positive step towards enforcing speed in the community and catching those that break the law. He explained the camera's operation. He cited the Town of Paradise Valley and its effective program.

Mr. Neiss explained different companies that provide such services. He addressed the apprehension of those that are not comfortable with the idea of photo enforcement. He suggested that it would be beneficial to move forward with a Request for Proposal. He described recent modifications to the state law, including the need for an enforcement agency to review the ticket before the citation goes out to the alleged violator and explained that the requirement needs further review to determine who can review the tickets in Carefree. There may be changes to the Town Code to address those requirements.

There were questions by the Council regarding sound ordinance violations by motorcycles and number of photo radar locations.

Mr. Neiss responded.

Council Member Kroyer suggested the engineers for the crosswalks also look into the photo radar matter.

There was additional discussion by Mr. Neiss and the Council.

Vice Mayor Crane acknowledged the concerns and asked for further input by the Maricopa County Sheriff's office and their thoughts for a parallel solution. He noted the reduced police presence in Carefree.

Linda Rawles, of Carefree, appeared and spoke regarding her conversation with MCSO Captain Whelan.

Lyn Hitchen, of Carefree, appeared and spoke regarding her conversation with Lloyd Myers and the decibel readers purchased by the Town.

The matter was concluded.

ITEM #9 Discussion and possible action to go into Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03(A)(1), (3) and (4) for discussion and consultation for legal advice with the attorney of the public body and to discuss its position regarding contracts that are subject of negotiations, pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions in order to avoid or resolve litigation.

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item and asked for a Motion.

Council Member Orrico made a **motion** to go into Executive Session. There was a **second** by Vice Mayor Crane. The motion **carried** unanimously.

Entered Executive Session: 5:49 p.m.
Returned from Executive Session: 6:38 p.m.

ITEM #10 **Adjournment**

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item and asked for a motion.

Council Member D'Aliesio **moved** to adjourn. There was a **second** by Council Member Krahe. The motion **carried** unanimously.

Meeting ended at 6:39 p.m.

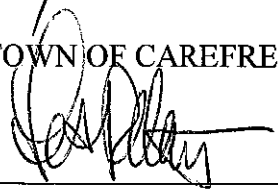
DATED this 12th of January, 2020.

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BY:


Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk

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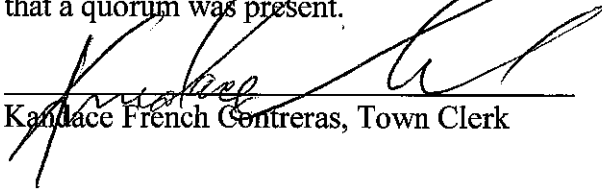

Les Peterson, Mayor

Attest:


Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the meeting of the Town of Carefree held January 7, 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk