

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

**WHEN:** MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022

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

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

**Town Council Attending:**

Mayor Les Peterson  
Vice Mayor John Crane  
Tony Geiger  
Stephen Hatcher (*arrived at 5:12 p.m.*)  
Mike Johnson  
Cheryl Kroyer

**Town Council Absent:**

Vince D'Aliesio

**Staff Present:**

Gary Neiss, Town Administrator; Mark Milstone, Town Engineer, Stacey Bridge Denzak, Director of Planning and Zoning; Joshua Rison, Building Official; Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk, Treasurer

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

Chief Tim Soule led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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:

- ITEM #1**      Approval of the March 1, 2022 Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes.
- ITEM #2**      Approval of the September 6, 2022 Town Council and Planning and Zoning Commission Joint Work Session Meeting Minutes.
- ITEM #3**      Approval of the September 6, 2022 Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes.
- ITEM #4**      Acceptance into the public record of the September, 2022 paid bills.
- ITEM #5**      Acceptance of the cash receipts and disbursements report for July, 2022.

**ITEM #6** Approval of a Proclamation declaring November 1, 2022 to be Extra Mile Day.

**ITEM #7** Approve temporary street closure of Ho Hum adjacent to the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion 1:30 pm until 5:30 pm, Friday, November 11, 2022 for the Carefree Veterans Day program

**ACTION:** Agenda items 1 and 3 **DEFERRED.**

**ACTION:** Agenda items 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 **APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** Council Member Cheryl Kroyer.

**SECOND:** Council Member Mike Johnson.

**VOTE:** Approved 6-0

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

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

**ITEM #8** Call to the Public.

**Maureen Benedetto** of Carefree, appeared and spoke. She asserted that her questions from a prior had not been answered and inferred a violation of Public Meeting Law. She asked additional questions.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**ITEM #9** Current Events.

Presentation by Communications Director, Erica Shumaker.

OPEN HOUSE – Wednesday, October 12. This will include information on:

- Town Center Revitalization
- Wayfinding
- Pedestrian & Vehicular Circulation

**VOLUNTEER JOB FAIR & NON PROFIT EXPO – Wednesday, October 19**

The following 16 organizations attending the event:

- Arizona Department of Veterans' Services
- Daughters of the American Revolution
- Desert Foothills Land Trust
- Desert Foothills Library
- Every Swipe Counts
- Foothills Caring Corps
- Foothills Food Bank
- Kiwanis of Carefree
- Puppy Luv Animal Rescue
- The Cave Creek Museum
- The Holland Center
- Sonoran Arts League
- Soroptimist Saguaro Foothills
- Tierra Madre Horse Rescue
- Valley of the Sun YMCA
- Wild at Heart

Gary Neiss announced Citizen Engagement public meetings to get citizen input regarding fire service for the following dates:

- Wednesday, October 19 | 5:00 PM | Christ Anglican Church - 3550 North Cave Creek Road
- Wednesday, October 26 | 5:00 PM | Holland Community Center - 34250 North 60th Street
- Thursday, November 3 | 5:00 PM | Christ the Lord Lutheran Church - 9205 East Cave Creek Road
- Thursday, November 10 | 5:00 PM | Carefree Town Council Chambers - 33 Easy Street
- Thursday, November 17 | 5:00 PM | Meeting by Zoom

Mayor Peterson spoke and responded to prior criticism, including allegations of council communication with developers and invited members of the public to come into the office to ask questions at any time.

*(Item taken out of order)*

**ITEM #18**    **Review, discussion and possible action to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Michael Baker International for consultant services related to the *General Plan Update*.**

**ACTION:**    Agenda item **APPROVED**.

MOTION: Council Member Stephen Hatcher.

SECOND: Council Member Cheryl Kroyer.

VOTE: Approved 6-0

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

**ITEM #10** Approval of an Application for Series 6 Bar Liquor License for Lawrence Foppe and Sticks Golf & Cigar Lounge located at 37555 E. Hum Road, Suite 109, Carefree, AZ.

Business owner Larry Foppe appeared and spoke.

ACTION: Agenda item **APPROVED**.

MOTION: Council Member Tony Geiger.

SECOND: Council Member Mike Johnson.

VOTE: Approved 6-0

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

**ITEM #11** Presentation of Annual Report by District Chief Brett Russell, Rural Metro Carefree Station.

Chief Tim Soule requested a moment of silence for the victims of Hurricane Ivan in Florida.

He made a presentation of the Rural Metro Annual Report regarding the Town of Carefree.

**Maureen Benedetto** of Carefree, appeared and spoke regarding Chief Soule lack of knowledge of the subject.

**ACTION:** Presentation only.

**ITEM #12** **Presentation by Joyce Jordan, Kiwanis President, and Sandra Carrier, Executive Director, regarding the accomplishments and mission of the Kiwanis Club of Carefree.**

**ACTION:** Presentation only.

**ITEM #13** **Review and discussion regarding Ordinance 2022-02 adopting the revised Building Code to comply with the 2018 International Building Code. (First Reading).**

First reading presented by Building Official Joshua Rison.

**ACTION:** Presentation only.

**ITEM #14** **Review and discussion to approve Resolution 2022-16 approving the policy and procedure for taking and posting meeting minutes.**

**ACTION:** Agenda item APPROVED.

**MOTION:** Council Member Cheryl Kroyer.

**SECOND:** Vice Mayor John Crane.

**VOTE:** Approved 6-0

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

**ITEM #15** **Review, discussion and possible action to authorize the appropriation of the funds in the Public Works Capital Outlay fund to purchase an Articulated Boom Lift in the amount of \$51,847.21.**

**ACTION:** Agenda item APPROVED.

MOTION: Council Member Mike Johnson.

SECOND: Council Member Stephen Hatcher.

VOTE: Approved 6-0

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

**ITEM #16** Review, discussion and possible action to authorize VSS International as the preferred bidder and the appropriation of the funds in the CIP for the Carefree Pavement Maintenance Projects 2022-2023 in the amount of \$1,688,750.00

ACTION: Agenda item APPROVED.

MOTION: Vice Mayor John Crane.

SECOND: Council Member Cheryl Kroyer.

VOTE: Approved 6-0

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

**ITEM #17** Review, discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of a Rebel ATX brush truck from Fire Trucks Unlimited with the recently awarded grant funds from the Salt River Pima - Maricopa Indian Community as well as additional funding of \$75,000 to purchase supplemental equipment.

ACTION: Agenda item APPROVED.

MOTION: Council Member Cheryl Kroyer.

SECOND: Vice Mayor John Crane.

VOTE: Approved 6-0

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

**ITEM #19** Adjournment.

ACTION: Agenda item APPROVED.

MOTION: Council Member Cheryl Kroyer.

SECOND: Council Member Tony Geiger.

VOTE: Approved 6-0

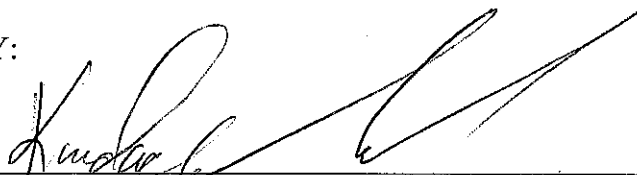
Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Mayor Les Peterson	Aye
Vice Mayor John Crane	Aye
Vince D'Aliesio	Absent
Tony Geiger	Aye
Stephen Hatcher	Aye
Mike Johnson	Aye
Cheryl Kroyer	Aye

***ADJOURNED AT 7:19 P.M.***

DATED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

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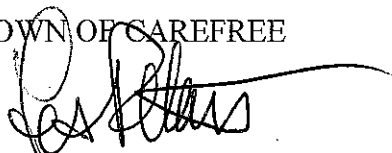
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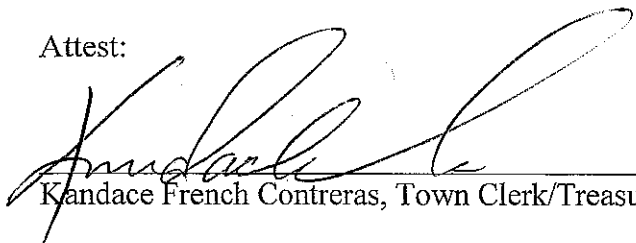
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Les Peterson, Mayor

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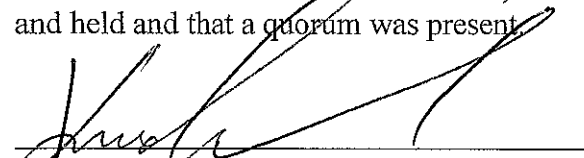


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Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk/Treasurer

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Carefree held October 4, 2022. 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