

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

WHEN: TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 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
Cheryl Kroyer
Gene Orrico

Town Council Absent:

Michael Krahe

Staff Present:

Gary Neiss, Town Administrator; Stacey Bridge – Denzak, Planning Director; 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 Mike Wold.

CONSENT AGENDA

- ITEM # 1** Approval of the January 7, 2020 Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes.
- ITEM # 2** Approval of the February 4, 2020 Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes.
- ITEM # 3** Acceptance into the public record of the February, 2020 paid bills.
- ITEM # 4** Acceptance of the cash receipts and disbursements report for December, 2019.
- ITEM # 5** Acceptance of the cash receipts and disbursements report for January, 2020.

Mayor Peterson announced the Consent Agenda items and asked Council Members if there were any questions.

There being no questions, Mayor Peterson asked for a motion.

Vice Mayor Crane made a **motion** to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. There was a **second** by Council Member Kroyer. The motion was **carried** unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

ITEM # 6 Call to the Public.

Mike Wold, Carefree, appeared and thanked the Council and staff for the support of the veterans and the veteran services that they provide to the community. He also wanted to highlight the upcoming April 17, 2020 Healing Memories Workshop focused solely to help women veterans. He thanked all the sponsors of the workshop.

Les Hardie, of Carefree, appeared and spoke regarding an update to the Wheels and Wings Classic event being held on April 7, 2020. He said he thought he would have 50 cars and 10 airplanes sign up. He was happy to report that at this time there are 107 cars entered as well as 21 airplanes. He gave detailed information regarding the entries, the drone show presentation and the vendors that will be available to the public at no charge. He was also thankful to all the Town staff that was tremendously helpful in making it happen. It was a pleasure to work with a Town Council and staff for being helpful. He also went through the entire list of generous sponsors and thanked them for being a part of the inaugural show.

Mayor Peterson announced that the Soroptimist will be holding their awards dinner on May 10, 2020, 6:00 PM at the Holland Center. Mayor Peterson explained that Soroptimist is an organization that helps single mothers to get back on their feet, raise money as well as sponsor a number of programs.

Lou Matusiak, President of Ridgeview Estates Homeowners Association, presented a petition to Council, signed by 41 households of Ridgeview Estates regarding the acquisition of the water service rights for those Carefree residents and businesses currently being serviced by the Cave Creek water company and incorporating them into the Carefree water system.

ITEM # 7 Current Events.

Vice Mayor Crane encouraged attendance to the Desert Gardens Seminar being held on March 14, 2020 – Blending Hardscapes with Landscapes.

Councilperson Kroyer announced the Sights and Sounds events being held in the Desert Gardens beginning on April 5, 2020 to the first week in May.

ITEM # 8 Presentation by Mike Wold regarding the Veteran's Memorial in Carefree.

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item and introduced Mike Wold.

Mr. Wold presented via PowerPoint, an update on the meeting of the teams for the Veterans Memorial at Carefree. He highlighted that it was a community and regional memorial of Carefree and Cave Creek.

Mr. Wold gave the background on how the project came about and listed the team for the project. He acknowledged the hard work by all the members that represented every branch of the military:

Mike Ferrell (Army) – Team Leader
Bob Jenkins (Marines)
Pratt Ashworth (Air Force)
Dick Hartig (Coast Guard)
Mike Wold (Navy)
Vice Mayor John Crane – Town Council Liaison
Joe Henkemeyer – Landscape Design/Contractor
Howard Bertram - Bertram Signs & Graphics

Mr. Wold then went over the design requirements for the project as it was developed by the team. He listed the project milestones that had been completed to date and the project milestones that are on the schedule to be completed in the future. He stated there would be a community meeting on March 25th at 5:30 p.m. at the Carefree Town Council Chambers and they would begin design implementation. The target date for completion is April 30th with a dedication planned on or about Memorial Day, May 25th.

Mr. Wold presented a photo of the site that was selected within the Carefree Desert Garden and he provided a conceptual design in two views. He explained the design features, including three pieces of Arizona Coconino flagstone of varying heights and a brass plaque on the monument dedicating it to the men and women of the armed forces. He also highlighted the illuminated flag pole project at the entrance being conducted by Eagle Scout, Devin Smith of Troop 603, in Cave Creek. The flag pole is being donated by Jason Marke, of Flag Pole Today.

The cost and funding plan was explained and a website was provided for anyone to view the status of the project as well as to provide a tax deductible donation to the local AT&T Veteran fund. Donations can be made “in memory of” or “in honor of” anyone the donor wants to recognize.

Vice Mayor Peterson spoke and reminded the Council Members and the public that the project was not being funded by the Town of Carefree, but was completely funded by donations. He said the entire team is donating their time, came up with the concept and are implementing the project. It is truly a grass roots project. It is not just for the Town of Carefree but for neighboring communities as well. He said there were flyers available on the way out for anyone that was interested and the website address was reiterated.

Mr. Wold and the team were thanked by the Council and Mayor for all their work and dedication in bringing the project forward.

ITEM # 9 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 Council Member Kroyer.

Council Member Kroyer explained the concept of the Carefree Cares award and how each well deserving teacher was nominated and the criteria for the nomination. She invited each Council Member to introduce a teacher for the presentation of a Carefree Cares pin and further recommendation.

The following teachers were honored:

Mrs. Kristine Paul – Kindergarten teacher at Desert Sun Academy

Mrs. Jennifer Parks, Special Education Teacher at Black Mountain Elementary School

Mrs. Trish Doran – 6th Grade Language Arts Teacher at Desert Willow Elementary School

Mrs. Suzanne Allen – 6th Grade Science and Social Studies Teacher – Horseshoe Trails Elementary School.

Mr. Brian Rinderknecht – 5th Grade Science and Social Studies Teacher – Lone Mountain Elementary School.

Ms. Haley Arnold – English Language Arts Teacher – Sonoran Trails Elementary School

The teachers were congratulated by the Council and Mayor and recognition was given to Debbie Burdick, Superintendent of the Cave Creek Unified School District was thanked for her effort and involvement

ITEM # 10 Review, discussion and possible action to accept the recommendations by Rick Engineering to improve existing pedestrian crosswalks connecting into the Town Center on both Town Darlington Drive and Cave Creek Road.

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

Mr. Neiss gave a brief history of the pedestrian crosswalk improvement project and introduced Rick Engineering, Dale Miller.

Dale Miller presented via PowerPoint, an overview of the crosswalk improvement project's primary goals. He explained various ideas to implement these improvements, such as enhancing safety to crosswalk users, proposed traffic slowing measures and methods to alert drivers of pedestrians in the crosswalks. Mr. Miller shared traffic and pedestrian counts as well as historic accident counts for various intersections associated with the project. Mr. Miller responded to question from Mayor Peterson regarding speed hump configuration in relation to motorcycles and large trucks. Councilperson Hatcher inquired regarding the material used to mark the crosswalks. Mr. Miller explained that the proposed marking material is a thermal plastic. Miller described lane re-configurations, raised crosswalk lighting design, aesthetics and explained costs related to the project. Council and Miller discussed MAG grants and other funding options. A site walk will be planned for Council to gain a better perspective of the project details.

Mayor Peterson called for a motion to table item #11.

Moved by Council Member Orrico, seconded by Councilperson D'Aliesio, carried unanimously.

ITEM # 11 Review, discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of the professional services contract with Kimley Horn for a Town Center comprehensive signage study.

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item.

Planning Director Stacey Bridge Denzak presented via PowerPoint, details of the comprehensive signage study. Ms. Denzak explained the wayfinding process, a system to get people from one point to another or a destination. It could be a gateway, signage or a map. This project is about revitalizing re invigorating the Town center. Ms. Denzak also explained the necessity to contract professional services for the study to assist in developing the right strategies, branding and types of signage. The Town issued an RFQ and 4 submittals were received. With the selection process, the decision was made to hire Kimley Horn. Ms. Denzak and Project Manager with Kimley Horn, Rebecca Field, addressed questions from the Council. Council further discussed the intent, needs and goals of the project.

Mayor Peterson called for a motion to accept the proposal.

Moved by Council Member Orrico , There was a **second** by Council Member D'Alessio. The motion **carried** unanimously.

ITEM #12 Discussion and possible action to go into Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03(A)(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.

Entered Executive Session: 6:59 p.m.

Returned from Executive Session: 7:31 p.m.

ITEM #13 Adjournment

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

Mayor Peterson **moved** to adjourn. There was a **second** by Council Member Kroyer. The motion **carried** unanimously.

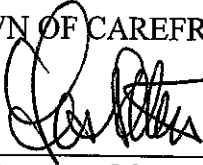
Meeting ended at 7:32 p.m.

DATED this 3rd of March, 2020.

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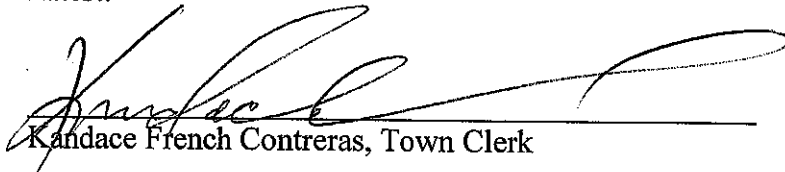
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Les Peterson, Mayor

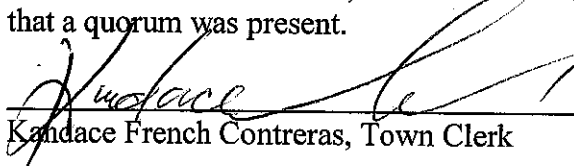
Attest:



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 March 03, 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk