

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

**WHEN:** TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

**WHERE:** ZOOM WEB <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3229729660>

MEETING ID: 322 972 9660

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

**Town Council Attending:**

Mayor Les Peterson  
Vice Mayor John Crane  
Vince D’Aliesio  
Tony Geiger  
Stephen Hatcher  
Cheryl Kroyer

**Town Council Absent:**

None

**Staff Present:**

Gary Neiss, Town Administrator; Michael Wright, Town Attorney; Tara Parascandola, Carefree – Cave Creek Municipal Court Judge; Alex Orozco, Communications Coordinator; Steve Prokopek, Economic Development Director; Kandace French, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

Vince D’Aliesio led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**ITEM #1**      **Approval of the June 1, 2021 Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes.**  
Approved.

**ITEM #2**      **Approval of the July 6, 2021 Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes.**  
Approved.

**ITEM #3**      **Acceptance into the public record of the August, 2021 paid bills.**  
Approved.

**ITEM #4**      **Acceptance of the cash receipts and disbursements report for June, 2021.**  
Approved.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

**ITEM #5**      **Call to the Public.**  
Public comment by Maureen Benedetto read into the record.  
Public comment by James Dove.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

- ITEM #6**      **Current Events.**  
Mayor Peterson highlighted the increased COVID activity in the Town.
- ITEM #7**      **Review, discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance 2021-03 amending Ordinance 2002(1-12, 4-1-1B(3)) eliminating the suspension fee in civil traffic cases and applying the suspension fee to criminal traffic cases only.**  
Approved.
- ITEM #8**      **Presentation by Communications Coordinator Alex Orozco regarding launch of the new Town of Carefree website.**  
Presentation only. No action taken.
- ITEM #9**      **Review, discussion and possible action to authorize the Mayor to enter into a lease with Rural Metro Fire Corporation to temporarily (month-to-month) house and store vehicles, equipment and employees from Cave Creek Firehouse Unit 825 at the Carefree Fire Station beginning in October, 2021.**  
Approved.
- ITEM #10**     **Approval of street closures for Thunderbird Artists' 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival Friday, November 5 through Sunday, November 7, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with set-up beginning November 4 at 5:00 p.m. and tear down on November 7 at 5:15 p.m. Road closures include Hum and HoHum Road, Easy Street, and Sundial Circle as shown in the attached map. Council approval tentative based upon COVID-19 state guidelines.**  
Approved with conditions.
- ITEM #11**     **Appointment of a Council Member to fulfil the unexpired term of the seat vacated by Council Member Michael Krahe pursuant to Carefree Town Code § 2-1-3. Applicants to be considered are:**
- Michael J. Johnson**  
**Gene Orrico**
- Michael J. Johnson was selected by the Council to fulfil the unexpired term.
- ITEM #12**     **Adjournment.**  
Approved.

The meeting ended at 6:48 p.m.

DATED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

TOWN OF CAREFREE

By: Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk