



## Minutes Town Council Regular Meeting June 9, 2022

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Minutes of the Guadalupe Town Council Regular Meeting held on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 6:00 P.M., at Guadalupe Town Hall, 9241 South Avenida del Yaqui, Museum Room, Guadalupe, Arizona.

A. Mayor Molina called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

### B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Valerie Molina. The following councilmembers participated via video conference: Vice Mayor Ricardo Vital, Councilmember Mary Bravo, Councilmember Gloria Cota, and Councilmember Joe Sánchez

Councilmembers Absent: Councilmember Elvira Osuna and Councilmember Anita Cota Soto

Staff Present: Jeff Kulaga – Town Manager / Clerk, Annette Padilla – Community Action Program Director, and Jennifer Drury – Assistant to the Town Manager; and, participating via video conference, David Ledyard – Town Attorney

### C. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Bravo provided the invocation. Mayor Molina then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None.

E. CALL TO THE PUBLIC: No one spoke. Mayor Molina announced that Town Hall is open and that the public is welcome to address the Council in person or via e-mail.

### F. MAYOR and COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Molina introduced Erika De Rienzo, Fees College Preparatory School Principal, and Brent Brown, Marcos de Niza High School Principal, both of who participated via video conference.

Ms. Rienzo and Mr. Brown provided background information on their education and professional experience.

Councilmembers welcomed Ms. Rienzo and Mr. Brown and voiced enthusiasm for partnership opportunities with the Town.

In response to a question regarding what steps school officials are taking to recover from the pandemic and to address gang activity, Mr. Brown stated that class periods are being extended. School officials will be focused on working with students that are not excelling. Professional development for teachers is underway and will continue. Students' progress will be evaluated quarterly. Attendance has become an issue. School officials will be developing a plan to partner with parents.

A Councilmember suggested that Daniel Perez, Community Response Intervention Coordinator for the Tempe Union High School District (TUHSD), work with Fees College Preparatory School students just as he does with Marcos de Niza students.



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Mayor Molina announced that agenda item E: CALL TO THE PUBLIC will be taken out of order and called upon Angelina and Frank Lopez to address the Council.

Angelina Lopez submitted a flash drive containing videos and pictures documenting a firewood delivery to a lot that is zoned residential and requested that the videos and pictures be entered into the official record. Firewood is located on the property fence line.

Frank Lopez stated that he lives across the street from 9215 South Call Vaou Nawi. Mr. Lopez discussed piles of wood on the property and their height; how the wood poses a fire danger to the neighborhood; property safety issues; and, the impact that smoke has on individuals that have asthma. He does not support converting the lot into a commercial lot. Allowing businesses to operate on residential lots is not good for the community.

#### G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

##### 1. PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE PARTNERSHIP – RESOLUTION NO. R2022.18

Mayor Molina stated that this item is for Council to consider adopting a resolution declaring a partnership with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and the Town of Guadalupe for the Town to allow the discounted use of the Mercado patio and Multi-purpose Room for various events.

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, stated that the Town has had an on-going positive relationship with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe (PYT). In keeping with the past three years, the Town would like to offer the PYT the use of the Mercado patio and multi-purpose room once a month at a discounted rate.

**Motion by Vice Mayor Vital to approve agenda item G1; second by Councilmember Cota. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote 5-0.**

Councilmembers adopted **RESOLUTION NO. R2022.18** declaring a partnership with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and the Town of Guadalupe for the Town to allow the discounted use of the Mercado patio and Multi-purpose Room for various events.

##### 2. COMMUNITY PARTNERS – RESOLUTION NO. R2022.19

Mayor Molina stated that this item is for Council to consider adopting a resolution designating the Conrado F. Bilducia American Legion Post 124, Native Health, and Arizona State University – School of Human Evolution and Social Change, Global Health Division, as Community Partners and allowing the discounted use of the Mercado patio and Multi-purpose Room for various events.

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, stated that the Conrado F. Bilducia American Legion Post 124, Native Health, and Arizona State University – School of Human Evolution and Social Change, Global Health Division, have been partnering with the Town over the past few years. In keeping with the past few years, the Town would like to offer these community partners the use of the Mercado patio and multi-purpose room at a discounted rate.

**Motion by Councilmember Bravo to approve agenda item G2; second by Vice Mayor Vital. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote 5-0.**

Councilmembers adopted **RESOLUTION NO. R2022.19** designating the Conrado F. Bilducia American Legion Post 124, Native Health, and Arizona State University – School of Human Evolution and Social Change, Global Health Division, as Community Partners; and, for the Town to allow the discounted use of the Mercado patio and Multi-purpose Room for various events.



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### 3. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – HOMELESSNESS SERVICES

Mayor Molina stated that this item is for Council to consider awarding a homelessness services contract with Community Bridges Inc. (CBI), in the amount of \$77,464.90. The contracted services to be provided include bilingual outreach, crisis mitigation, diversion assistance, and long-term preventative and chronic condition care management. Funding for these services is available from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF), awarded to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to respond to COVID-19 impacts. The Pascua Yaqui Tribe awarded ARPA funds to the Town of Guadalupe in September 2021 and the Council approved \$325,000 for homelessness services.

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, stated that in January, 2022, Council approved a contract with Chicanos por la Causa (CPLC) to provide homelessness services. Staff is now recommending that Council approve a contract with Community Bridges, Inc. (CBI) to provide additional homelessness services to those in need in the Town of Guadalupe. CBI provides community outreach, navigates available services and diversion programs, and works on long term solutions to chronic homelessness conditions. Funding is available from COVID-19 monies.

In response to a question regarding how mental health issues will be addressed, Annette Padilla, Community Action Program Director (CAP), stated that CBI offers a host of services to the mentally ill and disabled homeless populations. Many of the clients that CAP staff serve have mental health and anger management problems.

A Councilmember suggested that CAP staff work with Valleywise, a local health clinic, on assisting with the homelessness initiative.

Ms. Padilla stated that CAP staff assists clients after evaluating what their needs are. Assistance can be in the form of providing transportation, hotel vouchers, food, etc., to ensure that proper wrap around services are being provided. There has been an increase in CAP clients due to the heat. Some of the CAP clients do not want to receive social services. CPLC and CBI have been making site visits to homelessness encampments.

Ms. Padilla outlined program outcomes and successes. CPLC hotel vouchers are typically for 60 days. Ideally, clients transition into an apartment after the 60-day timeframe. In addition, CBI offers a variety of housing and healthcare options, including halfway houses and mental health facilities.

A CBI representative stated that CBI focuses on continuity of care. Medicine management and providing transportation to doctors appointments are provided to clients. CBI partners with landlords and serves as a resource to landlords when tenants (CBI clients) need assistance. Counties and cities offer homeless shelter options, which assist clients in becoming stable.

In response to a question regarding whether there is coordination among local agencies to ensure there is no overlapping of services, Ms. Padilla stated that CPLC, CBI, Maricopa County, and the Town are working on best practices and sharing information. The CPLC hotel vouchers are for hotels located in either Tempe or Phoenix.

A Councilmember noted that the Tempe CARE 7 team is working with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to provide resources. A Councilmember requested that a program update be provided to Council in August.

**Motion by Vice Mayor Vital to approve agenda item G3; second by Councilmember Cota. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote 5-0.**



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Councilmembers awarded a homelessness services contract (C2022-25) with Community Bridges Inc. (CBI), in the amount of \$77,464.90. The contracted services to be provided include bilingual outreach, crisis mitigation, diversion assistance, and long-term preventative and chronic condition care management. Funding for these services is available from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF), awarded to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to respond to COVID-19 impacts. The Pascua Yaqui Tribe awarded ARPA funds to the Town of Guadalupe in September 2021 and the Council approved \$325,000 for homelessness services.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – COUNCIL CHAMBERS AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT**

Mayor Molina stated that this item is for Council to consider awarding a contract to Technology Providers, Inc., in the amount of \$98,933.65. The purpose of the contract is for Technology Providers, Inc. to purchase audio-visual equipment as part of the Council Chamber renovation project. The audio-visual equipment will replace the existing and outdated speaker system and add video equipment to allow for remote meeting access and streaming on social media platforms. Funding for this equipment purchase is available from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF), awarded to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to respond to COVID-19 impacts. The Pascua Yaqui Tribe awarded ARPA funds to the Town of Guadalupe in September 2021 and the Council approved \$325,000 for Council Chamber renovations and remodel.

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, stated that staff is recommending awarding a contract in the amount of \$98,933.65 to Technology Providers to remove and replace the speaker system in the Council Chamber with current technology. Acoustics will be improved, and remote meeting access will also be available for live streaming of Council meetings on social media platforms. Construction will begin this month and the project should be completed in October.

**Motion by Vice Mayor Vital to approve agenda item G4; second by Councilmember Bravo. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote 5-0.**

Councilmembers awarded a contract (C2022-26) to Technology Providers, Inc., in the amount of \$98,933.65. The purpose of the contract is for Technology Providers, Inc. to purchase audio-visual equipment as part of the Council Chamber renovation project. The audio-visual equipment will replace the existing and outdated speaker system and add video equipment to allow for remote meeting access and streaming on social media platforms. Funding for this equipment purchase is available from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF), awarded to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to respond to COVID-19 impacts. The Pascua Yaqui Tribe awarded ARPA funds to the Town of Guadalupe in September 2021 and the Council approved \$325,000 for Council Chamber renovations and remodel.

#### **5. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT - AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

Mayor Molina stated that this item is for Council to consider authorizing the Mayor, or designee, to sign a contract, authorizing the Area Agency on Aging to provide funding in the amount of \$167,622 for congregate meals and home delivered meals, multipurpose center operations, and transportation services for the Guadalupe Senior Center. The contract term is July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. Approval of the contract would authorize the Mayor, or designee, to sign all necessary documents in furtherance of this contract.

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, stated that this agenda item is the annual contract with the Area Agency on Aging that supports Senior Center operations. Staff recommends approval of the contract.

**Motion by Vice Mayor Vital to approve agenda item G5; second by Councilmember Bravo. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote 5-0.**





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Councilmembers authorized the Mayor, or designee, to sign a contract (C2022-29), authorizing the Area Agency on Aging to provide funding in the amount of \$167,622 for congregate meals and home delivered meals, multipurpose center operations, and transportation services for the Guadalupe Senior Center. The contract term is July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. Approval of the contract authorizes the Mayor, or designee, to sign all necessary documents in furtherance of this contract.

#### 6. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – ARIZONA COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION

Mayor Molina stated that this item is for Council to consider authorizing the Mayor, or designee, to sign a contract authorizing Arizona Community Action Association, dba Wildfire, to provide funding in the amount of \$10,074 to the Town of Guadalupe for utility services and utility related appliance repair or replacement financial assistance to eligible Guadalupe families through the Community Action Program (CAP). The contract term is July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. Approval of the contract would authorize the Mayor, or designee, to sign all necessary documents in furtherance of this contract.

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, stated that this item is a contract that would authorize Wildfire to provide \$10,074 to the Town of Guadalupe for utility services and utility related appliance repair or replacement financial assistance. The goal is to assist low-income households. This is a new partnership and program.

In response to whether this program will fall under existing CAP application processes, Annette Padilla, CAP Director, stated that it would be a separate application process using the Wildfire database. This project is funded by the utility companies. There are program eligibility requirements that are similar to County requirements. Staff is anticipating that this program will continue to grow. An inspector will determine if an appliance should be repaired or replaced. Staff will be assisting with the purchase of needed appliances.

In response to a question about requiring proper electricity in homes where appliances need to be repaired or replaced, Mr. Kulaga replied yes, Wildfire has program perimeters that staff will be mindful of as the program progresses.

**Motion by Vice Mayor Vital to approve agenda item G6; second by Councilmember Cota. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote 5-0.**

Councilmembers authorized the Mayor, or designee, to sign a contract (C2022-30), authorizing Arizona Community Action Association, dba Wildfire, to provide funding in the amount of \$10,074 to the Town of Guadalupe for utility services and utility related appliance repair or replacement financial assistance to eligible Guadalupe families through the Community Action Program (CAP). The contract term is July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. Approval of the contract authorizes the Mayor, or designee, to sign all necessary documents in furtherance of this contract.

#### H. TOWN MANAGERS' COMMENTS

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk

- July 2, 2022 – Independence Day celebration, Stottlemeyer Park.
- Avenida del Yaqui Street Improvement Project is nearing its final phase. June 15, the project will begin addressing pavement improvements. Traffic will continue to move in north and south bound lanes. Traffic delays and areas of restrictive access will be occurring.
- The Guadalupe Road bridge will be closed on Father's Day weekend. The northern side of the bridge will be expanded to include a sidewalk and gutter leading up to the bridge on both the Guadalupe and Phoenix sides of the bridge. Public notification of the bridge closure is located on the Town's various social media sites, Town website, as well as on the marquee.
- Saturday, June 25, 2022 – Vaccination/booster event, I'tom Hiapsi building.
- South Mountain Community College & Guadalupe Boys and Girls Club – offering various summer youth programs and opportunities.



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## I. COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

### Vice Mayor Vital

- o Saturday, June 25, 2022 – Vaccination/booster event, I'tom Hiapsi building.
- o Saturday, July 23, 2022 – Vaccination/booster event, Frank Elementary School.

### Councilmember Sánchez

- o Urged everyone to stay safe in the heat.
- o Thanked staff for their work.

### Councilmember Bravo

- o Thanked staff for their work.
- o Urged everyone to stay hydrated.
- o Urged everyone to get vaccinated.

### Mayor Molina

- o South Mountain Community College & Storyteller Institute – offering various summer youth programs and opportunities.
- o The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and the Gang Taskforce are exploring ways to engage youth in a positive manner.
- o Thanked staff for their work.
- o Restrooms at Biehn Park have been repaired.
- o Wished everyone a safe weekend.

## J. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Councilmember Bravo to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting; second by Councilmember Sánchez. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote 5-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

  
Valerie Molina, Mayor

## ATTEST:

  
Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Town Clerk

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the June 9, 2022, Town of Guadalupe, Town Council Regular Meeting. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

  
Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Town Clerk