



Minutes Town Council Regular Meeting August 25, 2022

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Mayor

Ricardo Vital
Vice Mayor

Mary Bravo
Councilmember

Gloria Cota
Councilmember

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Minutes of the Guadalupe Town Council Regular Meeting held on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 6:00 P.M., at Guadalupe Town Hall, 9241 South Avenida del Yaqui, Museum Room, Guadalupe, Arizona.

A. Councilmember Soto called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Valerie Molina and Vice Mayor Ricardo Vital. The following councilmembers participated via video conference: Councilmember Mary Bravo, Councilmember Elvira Osuna, and Councilmember Anita Cota Soto

Councilmembers Absent: Councilmember Gloria Cota and Councilmember Joe Sánchez

Staff Present: Jeff Kulaga – Town Manager / Clerk, and Jennifer Drury – Assistant to the Town Manager, and David Ledyard – Town Attorney

C. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Molina called for a moment of silence in support of the community and for a Council colleague. Mayor Molina then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the August 11, 2022, Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of the August 17, 2022, Town Council Special Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Councilmember Bravo to approve agenda items D1 and D2; second by Vice Mayor Vital. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote 5-0.

1. Councilmembers approved the August 11, 2022, Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes.
2. Councilmembers approved the August 17, 2022, Town Council Special Meeting Minutes.

E. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Molina called upon Collin Morgan to address the Council. Mr. Morgan discussed concerns regarding education curriculum for students.

Mayor Molina called upon Samantha Reyes to address the Council. Ms. Reyes discussed an increase in violence due to gang activity, concern about the actions of the Sheriff's department, and the importance of keeping youth safe. Ms. Reyes posed several questions to Council for consideration.

Mayor Molina stated that the Town Manager / Clerk will be contacting Ms. Reyes to follow up with Ms. Reyes regarding her concerns.



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F. MAYOR and COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS: None.

G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

1. SUPER BOWL LEGACY GRANT (RESOLUTION NO. R2022.22)

Mayor Molina stated that this agenda item is for Council to consider adopting Resolution No. R2022.22 authorizing the submittal of a grant application requesting \$235,000 from the Super Bowl Legacy Grant Program for the purchase and installation of a new playground to be located in Biehn Colony Park. The deadline to submit a grant application is Monday, August 29, 2022. If adopted, the Mayor, or designee, would be authorized to sign all necessary documents in furtherance of this grant application.

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, stated that the Super Bowl Host Committee has allocated \$2 million in grant funding for local non-profit organizations and governmental organizations with a focus on improving the health and wellness of youth. One requirement of applying for grant funding is the adoption of a resolution from the governing body. Grant funding is needed for the renovation of the Biehn Colony Park playground. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Motion by Councilmember Bravo to approve agenda items G1; second by Councilmember Soto. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote 5-0.

Councilmembers adopted **RESOLUTION NO. R2022.22** authorizing the submittal of a grant application requesting \$235,000 from the Super Bowl Legacy Grant Program for the purchase and installation of a new playground to be located in Biehn Colony Park. The deadline to submit a grant application is Monday, August 29, 2022. The Mayor, or designee, is authorized to sign all necessary documents in furtherance of this grant application.

2. CLAIMS

Mayor Molina stated that this agenda item is for Council to consider approving the check register for July 2022, totaling \$771,264.85.

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

Councilmembers approved the check register for July 2022, totaling \$771,264.85.

H. TOWN MANAGER/CLERK'S COMMENTS

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk

- The Avenida del Yaqui Street Improvement Project will be completed in approximately three weeks. Roadway striping is yet to be completed. A raised pedestrian median will soon be installed at Calle Gloria and Avenida del Yaqui.
- Monday, August 29, 2022 – a new sidewalk will be installed south of Guadalupe Road on Calle Vaou Nawi. The project will take approximately one month.

I. COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Councilmember Bravo

- There is a lot of work to be done to make the Town safer.

Councilmember Soto

- Thanked everyone for participating in the meeting.
- There is a lot of work to be done to make the Town safer.



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Councilmember Osuna

- Everyone needs to take responsibility for their actions.
- Everyone needs to participate in raising and educating the youth in the community.
- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Vice Mayor Vital

- Saturday, August 27, 2022 – Vaccination clinic.
- Everyone needs to work together as a community to solve problems.

Mayor Molina

- Thanked attendees for participating in a recent event Coffee with a Cop. There will be another Coffee with a Cop event in September.
- School is a safe environment. Children should not live in fear. The Town is working on providing youth programs. If the participation rate is low, the programs will not be available.
- The Guadalupe Boxing Gym, the Boys and Girls Club, and South Mountain Community College offer youth programs.
- Marcos de Niza High School will be offering a mentoring program.
- Community members need to report things that are occurring in the community.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vice Mayor Vital to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting; second by Councilmember Osuna. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 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 August 25, 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