

Minutes Town Council Regular Meeting October 29, 2020

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Minutes of the Guadalupe Town Council Regular Meeting held on Thursday, October 29, 2020, at 6:00 P.M., at Guadalupe Town Hall, 9241 South Avenida del Yaqui, Museum Room, Guadalupe, Arizona.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Molina called the meeting to order at 6:08 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

Councilmember Absent: Councilmember Anita Cota Soto and Councilmember Elvira Osuna

Staff Present: Jeff Kulaga – Town Manager / Clerk, Jennifer Drury – Assistant to the Town Manager; Cachi Castorena, MCSO Deputy, and David Ledyard – Town Attorney (*participated via video conference*)

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.

F. MAYOR and COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS: None.

G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

1. COVID-19 ACTION UPDATE

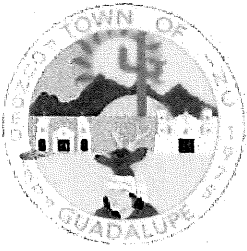
Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, provided an update from Town staff regarding current steps taken to safe guard public health and safety in response to the Coronavirus and its impact to Town services.

The cemetery hours during Dia de los Muertos will be 5:00 AM – 10:00 PM on Sunday, November 1, and Monday, November 2, 2020. Face mask are required, social distancing of 6 feet apart, and no gatherings of more than 10 people. Dia de los Muertos and Halloween guidelines have been posted on the Town's website and social media pages.

On November 21, there will be a free flu shot and COVID-19 testing event in the Mercado Multi-purpose Room. In conjunction with this free event, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and the Town is hosting a Thankful Saturday drive-through event in the Mercado parking lot whereby a food bag and cleaning supply bag will be provided to each household.

Mr. Kulaga stated that 5 new positive COVID-19 cases were reported in Town during the past week.

A Councilmember noted that no food vendor permits have been issued for Dia de los Muertos.



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2. PUBLIC HEARING – NOISE ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. O2020.27)

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, stated that staff is proposing the that Town's existing noise ordinance be repealed and replaced with the same language as what Maricopa County uses for their noise ordinance. This will assist the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office in enforcing the ordinance.

Motion by Vice Mayor Vital to open the public hearing; second by Councilmember Bravo; motion passed unanimously on a voice vote 5-0.

Mr. Kulaga stated that there are no members of the public that wish to participate in the public hearing.

In response to a question regarding notable changes in the proposed ordinance, Mr. Kulaga stated that the ordinance addresses motor vehicle noises when vehicles are not in motion; and more specific language regarding the maintenance of heating and cooling equipment for businesses between the hours of 5:00 AM – 9:00 PM.

Motion by Councilmember Bravo to close the public hearing; second by Vice Mayor Vital; motion passed unanimously on a voice vote 5-0.

Held a public hearing to receive public input regarding an amendment to the Town of Guadalupe Code of Ordinances to repeal and replace Title XIII General Offenses, Chapter 130, Section 130.07 Noise (A), (B), and (C) with new language for the purpose of clarification. *(related to G3)*

3. NOISE ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. O2020.27)

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

Staff confirmed that the ordinance will become effective 30 days after its adoption. David Ledyard, Town Attorney, reviewed the fines associated with violating the noise ordinance.

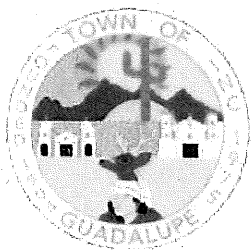
Councilmembers adopted **ORDINANCE NO. O2020.27** an amendment to the Town of Guadalupe Code of Ordinances to repeal and replace Title XIII General Offenses, Chapter 130, Section 130.07 Noise (A), (B), and (C) with new language for the purpose of clarification. The proposed ordinance amendment aligns with the Maricopa County Noise Ordinance language. *(related to G2)*

4. DIA DE LOS MUERTOS PROCLAMATION

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, stated that upon further review, staff and Mr. Ledyard would recommend that the Council not take action to approve the proposed Proclamation. Instead, staff is proposing that the hours of operation for the cemetery (7:00 AM – 4:00 PM) be incorporated into an ordinance, and include amended hours for Dia de los Muertos of 5:00 AM – 10:00 PM.

Councilmember discussed the possibility of including summer and winter hours of operation for the cemetery. Perhaps open the cemetery 6:00 AM – 4:00 PM during the summer due to the heat.

Councilmembers did not approve the proclamation. Due to the public health emergency to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Guadalupe cemetery will be open to the public during Dia de los Muertos from 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM on Sunday, November 1, 2020 and Monday, November 2, 2020, allowing time for families to pray, reflect, and remember friends and family who have passed.



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5. AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY GAMING GRANT INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (RESOLUTION NO. R2020.31)

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, stated that on March 26, 2020, the Town Council approved two grant applications to the Ak-Chin Indian Community. Mr. Kulaga thanked the Ak-Chin Indian Community for their support in approving a grant for \$70,000 for fire fighter equipment and training. Staff recommends approval of this agenda item.

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

Councilmembers adopted **RESOLUTION NO. R2020.31** authorizing the Mayor, or designee, to execute an intergovernmental agreement (C2020-42) between the Ak-Chin Indian Community and the Town of Guadalupe to accept a 12% contribution grant in the amount of \$70,000 for the purchase of protective firefighter equipment and training. The equipment and training will better prepare Guadalupe Firefighters responding to active shooter, violent, and/or multiple patient incidents. The Mayor, or designee is authorized to sign all necessary documents in furtherance of this agreement.

6. COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM VEHICLE PURCHASE

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, stated that the proposed vehicle purchase is for a 2019 Ford Escape to be used by the Promotoras for the delivery of supplies to residents that have been impacted by COVID-19.

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

Councilmembers approved the purchase of a 2019 Ford Escape (C2020-46) for use by the COVID-19 Response Team Promotoras to provide educational materials, personal protective equipment, food boxes, and hygiene and sanitizing supplies to families in need as a result of COVID-19. The cost of the vehicle is \$20,188.34. This purchase is funded through the COVID-19 Relief Funds of \$2 million received from the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, as approved by Town Council at their August 13, 2020 meeting.

7. SENIOR CENTER PAINT CONTRACT

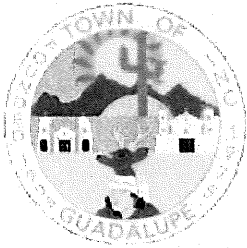
Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, stated that the Senior Center is currently closed due to COVID-19. Building repairs and improvements are underway. Staff is recommending that the exterior of the building and portions of the interior of the building be repainted. Metzger's Painting response to the proposal was the most comprehensive of the four quotes received.

Mr. Kulaga noted that staff is requesting that an additional \$350 be added to the contract amount in response to a Councilmember requesting that Metzger's use a higher grade of paint for the timbers above the entryway to the Senior Center. If approved, the original contract amount of \$11,005 would be increased to \$11,355.

A Councilmember questioned what type of masonry and wood crack sealant products would be used; and, what type of cedar products would be used.

In response to a question regarding paint colors, Mr. Kulaga stated that neutral colors will be used on the exterior of the building; and, for the interior, the staff will have a variety of neutral colors to choose from.

Motion by Vice Mayor Vital to approve agenda item G7 in the amount of \$11,355; second by Councilmember Bravo. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote 5-0.



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Councilmembers awarded a contract (C2020-44) with Metzger's Painting to paint the exterior Guadalupe Headstart / Ed Pastor Senior Center Senior Center and the interior of the Ed Pastor Senior Center for the sum of \$11,355.

8. WATER/WASTEWATER RATE INCREASE UPDATE

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, provided an update on the water/wastewater rate increases as proposed by City of Tempe representatives to the Town Council at the October 8, 2020, Regular Council Meeting. Mr. Kulaga reported that one resident participated in the City of Tempe survey concerning the proposed water/wastewater rate increase, however the respondent did not make a recommendation.

In terms of next steps, the Tempe City Council will consider the proposed water/wastewater rate increase on December 3, 2020. The next Guadalupe Town Council meeting is on November 12, at which time the Guadalupe Town Council could provide direction to staff to forward a recommendation to the Tempe City Council regarding the proposed rate increases.

City of Tempe staff is providing four options for water/wastewater rate increases to the Tempe City Council based on ensuring a healthy fund balance:

1. 5.5% increase beginning January 1, 2021, annually for the next ten years
2. 6.25% increase beginning July 1, 2021, annually for the next ten years
3. 6.5% increase beginning October 1, 2021, annually for the next ten years
4. 6.75% increase beginning January 1, 2022, annually for the next ten years

Mr. Kulaga noted that the rate increase on an average single family home in the Town of Guadalupe will amount to approximately \$3.25/month. A 5.5% increase would amount to \$39/year to a homeowner. The proposed rate increases will impact all water users in Tempe and Guadalupe.

In response to a question, Mr. Kulaga noted that the Community Action Program office provides rental and utility assistance for eligible Town residents. There are 1,200 water/wastewater accounts in Guadalupe, which consist of residences and businesses.

There is no material for this agenda item.

9. CLAIMS

Motion by Vice Mayor Vital to approve agenda item G9; second by Councilmember Bravo. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote 5-0.

Councilmembers approved the check register for September 2020, totaling \$907,912.68.

H. TOWN MANAGERS' COMMENTS

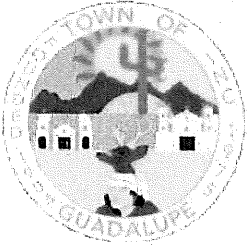
Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk

- o Provided early voting dates/times at the Mercado Multi-purpose Room. Voters that are in line at 7:00 PM on election will be allowed to vote. Voters that arrive after 7:00 PM will not be allowed to vote. Town Hall is not a ballot drop off location. Ballots can be dropped off at the Mercado.

I. COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Councilmember Sánchez

- o Discussed using a hot pressure washer to clean bus stops and restrooms, due to COVID-19.
- o Thanked everyone for their work.



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Councilmember Bravo

- o Thanked everyone for their work and thanked the community for being safe.
- o Wear a mask and remain vigilant.

Vice Mayor Vital

- o The Mercado voting center is not limited to Guadalupe residents. Encouraged everyone to vote.
- o Wear a mask and remain vigilant.

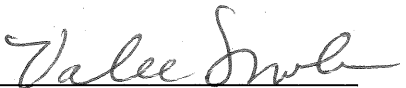
Mayor Molina

- o The Town is not issuing party permits. The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office will be monitoring that activity if it occurs.


J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vice Mayor Vital to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting; second by Councilmember Bravo. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 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 October 29, 2020, Town of Guadalupe, Town Council Regular Meeting. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.