

Minutes Town Council Regular Meeting March 28, 2019

Minutes of the Guadalupe Town Council Regular Meeting held on Thursday, March 28, 2019, at 6:00 P.M., at Guadalupe Town Hall, 9241 South Avenida del Yaqui, Guadalupe, Arizona, in the Council Chambers.

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Molina called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Valerie Molina, Vice Mayor Ricardo Vital, Councilmember Mary Bravo, Councilmember Anita Cota, and Councilmember Elvira Osuna

Councilmembers Absent: Councilmember Gloria Cota and Councilmember Joe Sánchez

Staff Present: Jeff Kulaga – Town Manager / Clerk, Wayne Clement – Fire Chief, Jennifer Drury – Assistant to the Town Manager, Gerardo Moreno – Public Works Director, Nancy Holguin, Community Development, Catalina Alvarez – CAP Director, Veronica Matuz, Senior Center Director, Kay Savard, Deputy Town Clerk, and David Ledyard – Town Attorney

C. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Motion by Vice Mayor Vital to approve the March 14, 2019, Town Council Regular Meeting minutes; second by Councilmember Bravo. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

Approved the March 14, 2019, Town Council Regular Council Meeting minutes.

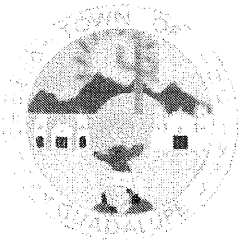
E. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – None.

F. MAYOR and COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS – None.

G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

1. **PROPOSED 2019 GAMING GRANT APPLICATIONS:** Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, provided an overview of the proposed 2019 tribal gaming grant requests which include 21 funding requests for Town services, programs, equipment, and infrastructure needs totaling \$2,171,000. Mr. Kulaga reviewed grant funding previously received from various tribal entities; and, whether or not each of the proposed funding requests were new requests. One item not included in this year's funding requests is public safety costs for the upcoming car show. Mr. Kulaga noted that the deadline for the Gila River Indian Community gaming grant application is March 29, 2019, and provided the application deadlines for the remaining tribal entities as follows:

May 1, 2019	Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
May 31, 2019	Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; and, Tohono O'odham Nation
July 12, 2019	Ak-Chin Indian Community



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Mr. Kulaga noted that in order for staff to submit gaming grant applications, the Town Council must adopt a resolution authorizing that activity, for each tribal entity. He discussed an opportunity to schedule a gaming grant discussion during the May 17, Pascua Yaqui Tribe and Guadalupe Town Council Joint Meeting.

Councilmembers noted that the deadline for the Gila River Indian Community gaming grant is tomorrow (March 29); however, there is time for additional discussion of the remaining tribal gaming grants, and potentially reprioritizing some of the grant requests to align with tribal priorities.

In response to questions, Mr. Kulaga stated the tribal entities take into consideration if a jurisdiction is asking multiple tribal entities for funding assistance for the same item(s). Responses from the tribal entities to the gaming grant requests typically occurs by mid-September. The four trucks that were purchased from gaming grant funds will have the Town logo added to each vehicle.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. R2019.01:** Councilmembers tabled the adoption of Resolution No. R2019.01 authorizing the submittal of an application for a grant from the Ak-Chin Indian Community for public safety and Senior Center purposes.

Motion by Councilmember Anita Cota to table agenda item G2; second by Councilmember Osuna. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. R2019.02:** Councilmembers tabled the adoption of Resolution No. R2019.02 authorizing the submittal of an application for a grant from the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for public safety and neighborhood parks purposes.

Motion by Councilmember Anita Cota to table agenda item G3; second by Vice Mayor Vital. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. R2019.03:** Councilmembers adopted **RESOLUTION NO. R2019.03** authorizing the submittal of an application for a grant from the Gila River Indian Community for public safety and cultural heritage event purposes; and, directed the Mayor, or designee, to sign all necessary documents in furtherance of this grant application.

Motion by Councilmember Bravo to approve agenda item G4; second by Councilmember Osuna. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

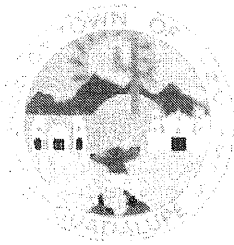
5. **RESOLUTION NO. R2019.04:** Councilmembers tabled the adoption of Resolution No. R2019.04 authorizing the submittal of an application for a grant from the Pascua Yaqui Tribe for Community Action Program, Senior Center, public safety, public works, neighborhood safety and Cemetery purposes.

Motion by Councilmember Anita Cota to table agenda item G5; second by Vice Mayor Vital. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

6. **RESOLUTION NO. R2019.05:** Councilmembers tabled the adoption of Resolution No. R2019.05 authorizing the submittal of an application for a grant from the Tohono O'odham Nation for public safety and neighborhood parks purposes.

Motion by Councilmember Anita Cota to table agenda item G6; second by Councilmember Bravo. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

7. **GENERAL PROVISIONS of the COOPERATIVE FIRE RATE AGREEMENT:** Councilmembers approved the January 2019 revisions to the General Provisions of the Cooperative Fire Rate Agreement between the Town of Guadalupe as a Cooperator and the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management; and, directed the Mayor, or designee, to sign all necessary documents in furtherance of this cooperative agreement. The General Provisions of the Cooperative Fire Rate Agreement outlines the requirements, staffing, and billing guidelines for response to Wildland requests by the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management.



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Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, called upon Wayne Clements, Fire Chief, to present this agenda item. Mr. Clements stated that this agenda item is an addendum to the existing agreement. Typically these agreements are updated every two years. The addendum is to update language and various provisions within the agreement.

In response to a question, Mr. Clements stated that this agreement authorizes the Town Fire Department to provide assistance to jurisdictions outside of Arizona; and, that the Fire Department may be called upon for assistance, but is not obligated to provide assistance. Of the 27 calls for assistance in 2018, the Town Fire Department provided assistance to one request. Staffing levels impact the Town's ability to render assistance to other jurisdictions.

Motion by Vice Mayor Vital to approve agenda item G7; second by Councilmember Bravo. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

8. MEET AND CONFER PROPOSAL: Councilmembers called upon Jason Douglass, Union President for the Town of Guadalupe Fire Department, Local Union 3449, to discuss consideration of Council adopting a meet and confer resolution for the Guadalupe Fire Department.

Mr. Douglass thanked Councilmembers and the Town Manager for their leadership and support. He stated that the meet and confer proposal is not political; and, that the purpose of the proposal is for Union representatives to have the ability to meet with Councilmembers and the Town Manager on an annual basis to negotiate Fire Department employee benefits. The Union is aware of the Town's financial position. Union representatives from the Cities of Phoenix and Tempe have offered their assistance with this process.

In response to a question, Mr. Douglass discussed Fire personnel interactions with previous Town managers, compared to the current Town manager. The Town of Guadalupe is one of few Arizona jurisdictions that does not have a meet and confer process. The process allows for upcoming discussions regarding benefits and issues facing the Fire Department.

Councilmembers noted that the Town of Guadalupe is a small community; and, questioned the timing of the meet and confer proposal. In response to a question, Mr. Douglass stated that adoption of a meet and confer resolution will give Fire employees a voice. He discussed the impact that the Gilbert Town Council experienced as a result of a previous Council rescinding a meet and confer resolution.

The Mayor announced that agenda items H and I will be taken out of order, prior to discussion on agenda item G8.

H. TOWN MANAGERS' COMMENTS

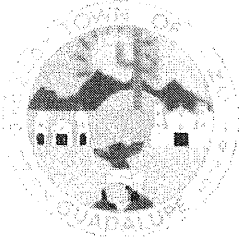
Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, reported the following:

- Salt River Project (SRP) Pole Replacement Project has been completed. Ace Asphalt will soon begin addressing pothole repairs; and, crack sealing streets.
- Commended staff for purchasing 4 trucks for the Public Works Department; for their work on the Little League Opening Day Parade; and, for assisting with research related to Council questions regarding the budget.
- Staff has met with church representatives to discuss fire/police public safety needs for the Cuaresma.
- Distributed an informational flyer regarding the upcoming community budget forums and a community clean-up event.

I. COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Councilmember Osuna

- Discussed complaints received from neighboring communities regarding noise from fireworks during last year's Cuaresma. She met with fire/police to discuss concerns. Church officials would like a law enforcement presence.
- Congratulated staff on the purchase of four vehicles.



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Vice Mayor Vital

- April 27, 2019 – Dia del Niños at the Mercado. There will also be a walk/run from the car wash to the Mercado.
- Thanked staff and audience members for attending the meeting; encouraged community members to attend these meetings.

Councilmember Anita Cota

- Thanked the Fire Department for answering calls for service.
- Would like a law enforcement presence at Cuaresma, due to fireworks activity in previous years.

Councilmember Bravo

- Concerned about people that do not belong in her neighborhood; drug activity; and, the need for additional police patrols/interaction.
- Spoke with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office regarding concerns her neighbor is having.
- Thanked staff for their work.
- Crosswalk in Town needs signage.

Mayor Molina

- Thanked staff and community members for attending the meeting.

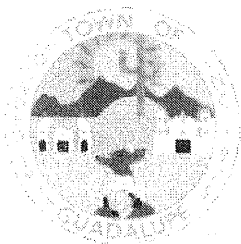
Vice Mayor Vital stated that he would like to include the information from the flyer that Mr. Kulaga distributed in a Town newsletter.

G8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Councilmembers voted to convene into an Executive Session, closed to the public, as allowed by ARS 38-431.03 (A) 3, 5 and 7 to obtain legal advice from the Town Attorney, and to potentially give instructions to the Town Manager concerning its position regarding negotiations on the following topics:

- (a) Negotiations with employee organizations regarding the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation, paid in the form of fringe benefits of employees of the public body.
- (b) Purchase, sale, or lease of real property.

Motion by Vice Mayor Vital to convene into an Executive Session; second by Councilmember Osuna. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Councilmembers adjourned to Executive Session at 6:47 p.m., and reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 7:47 p.m.



J. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.


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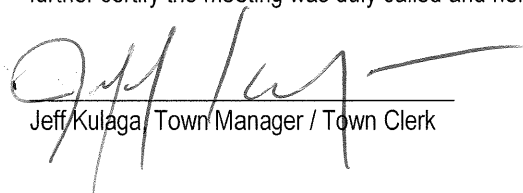
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ATTEST:


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 Town Council Regular Meeting of the Town Council of Guadalupe, Arizona held on the 28th day of March 2019. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.


Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Town Clerk

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