

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
TOWN OF GUADALUPE COUNCIL

A public meeting of the Town of Guadalupe Council was held THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015 at 7:00 P.M., 9241 South Avenida del Yaqui, Guadalupe, Arizona, in the Council Chambers. The following members of Council were present:

Mayor Rebecca Jimenez  
Vice Mayor Andrew Sanchez  
Councilmember Gloria Cota  
Councilmember Angie Perez  
Councilmember Joe Sanchez  
Councilmember Faustino Valenzuela

Staff:

Rose Mary Arellano, Interim Town Manager/Town Clerk  
David Ledyard, Town Attorney

The following matters were discussed, considered and decided upon:

- A. The meeting was CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Rebecca Jimenez.
- B. ROLL CALL taken and noted.
- C. INVOCATION – no one, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Mayor Rebecca Jimenez.
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None.
- E. CALL TO THE PUBLIC. An opportunity is provided to the public to address the Council on items that are not on the agenda or included on the consent agenda. Citizens are requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of **5** minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.
  - Natividad Mendoza, Gangs to Jobs, reported the cleanup project at Stottlemeyer Park and the cemetery went well and more than 80 volunteers came out to help.
- F. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:
  - 1. Mayor will advise Council of recent discussions concerning possible renovation of the G.U.A.D. building, possible cost, possible source of funding, and possible use of the G.U.A.D building as the future home of the Guadalupe Municipal Court.

Mayor Jimenez stated she's held discussions with other professionals in regards to the feasibility of identifying funding to renovate the GUAD building for a new court and will serve as the physical agent as funding is identified and received. As for the building an architect has

inspected the building and the building found to cracks or irregularities on floor and the walls. Mayor Jimenez stated the property and building shall always remain the property of the town and a feasibility study on raising the funds for the development, design, and construction of the new court facility shall be conducted.

Judge Alvarez stated the Court's mission is to ensure justice through excellence and is committed to becoming a model court establishing best practices and peak performance through consistent professionalism.

Judge Tafoya, Presiding Judge in Mesa, stated he participated in establishing a standalone court in Mesa to provide the best possible service to Mesa. He said the new court will secure court data and records and would set a positive tone in the community. He offered to assist with the transition.

Captain Hawthorne, MCSO, guaranteed only individuals with minor offenses would be visiting the court. Not dangerous criminals or murderers. Offenders would be the same individuals that walk by the school now. Captain Hawthorne stated due to lack of security at the court he has assigned the liaison to work security at the court and has for the past four months on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Vice Mayor Andrew Sanchez was concerned with the increase to the budget associated with maintenance of a new court facility and also the possible increase to the contract with MCSCO for services to provide full time security. He said secured parking will need to be identified for the judge and the staff.

Sandra Melendez, Maricopa Human Resources (CAP) supported the idea of a new court facility which will provide community revitalization programs and diversion programs. She said the County cannot meet all needs of the community.

Judge Tafoya concurred there will be an increase to the budget for the maintenance and security of a new court facility.

Monica Sandschafer stated Congressman Gallegos sends his support of the new court facility.

Nelson Medina, resident, asked what will happen if the new court project does not move forward, who will protect the judge and court staff?

A member of the audience, not identified, asked if the new court facility generates additional jobs will council assure residents from the community will be hired. She also asked when will the new facility began construction and completed.

Margarita Alvarez stated the council's priority of concern should be the children and the elderly of the town. She said she is very much concerned of the offenders that will be in that area close to the elementary school.

David Ledyard, Town Attorney, stated council's action will be on the idea / concept and explore the possibility of a new court at the GUAD building assuming all funding is raised. He said there will other public meetings to inform the community and to allow for their input.

MOVED by Mayor Rebecca Jimenez to approve the idea to have the court at the old CUAD building.

SECONDED by Vice Mayor Andrew Sanchez.

OPPOSED – Councilmember Angie Perez.

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2. Community of Guadalupe Cultural Awareness video. No presentation. no discussion.

3. Maricopa County Sheriff's – Activity Report for October, November and December 2014.

No questions or discussion regarding the reports for the months of November and December.

4. Approval of Claims – Check Register for the month of January 2015.

MOVED by Vice Mayor Andrew Sanchez to approve January's check register.

SECONDED by Councilmember Gloria Cota.

OPPOSED – Mayor Rebecca Jimenez.

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G. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT. - None.

H. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL.

- Councilmember Faustino Valenzuela thanked the audience for their attendance.
- Councilmember Angie Perez also thanked the audience and their comments.
- Councilmember Joe Sanchez thanked those that participated in the cleanup event.
- Councilmember Gloria Cota also thanked the audience.
- Vice Mayor Andrew Sanchez suggested contacting the organizers of the public safety committee regarding the proposed new court house.
- Mayor Rebecca Jimenez – comments not recorded.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

MOVED by Mayor Rebecca Jimenez to adjourn.  
SECONDED by Councilmember Joe Sanchez.

MEETING ADJOURNED.