



# Minutes Special Town Council Meeting February 15, 2018

Valerie Molina  
Mayor

Minutes of the Guadalupe Special Town Council Meeting held on Thursday, February 15, 2018, at 6:00 P.M., at South Mountain Community College, Guadalupe Center, 9233 South Avenida del Yaqui, Rooms 125 and 126, Guadalupe, Arizona.

Anita Cota  
Vice Mayor

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Molina called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

Gloria Cota  
Councilmember

## 2. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Valerie Molina, Vice Mayor Anita Cota, Councilmember Gloria Cota, Councilmember Joe Sanchez, Councilmember Elvira Osuna, and Councilmember Ricardo Vital

Elvira Osuna  
Councilmember

Councilmember Absent: Councilmember Faustino Valenzuela

Joe Sanchez  
Councilmember

Staff Present: Jeff Kulaga – Town Manager / Clerk,

Facilitators: City of Tempe representatives, Aaron Peterson, Strategic Management Analyst and Angelique Watson, Technical Services Bureau Manager

Faustino Valenzuela  
Councilmember

## 3. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Sanchez led the invocation. Mayor Molina then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ricardo Vital  
Councilmember

## 4. Introduction and Kick Off

Facilitators Angelique Watson, Technical Services Bureau Manager, and Aaron Peterson, Strategic Management Analyst, introduced themselves. Ms. Watson provided an overview of the strategic planning process and noted that the initial focus of this process begins with focusing on a vision statement.

## 5. Vision Process

Ms. Watson shared responses from attendees at a recent event (Dia de Guadalupe) related to what participants would like the Town of Guadalupe look like for their grandchildren. The following categories were found to be of importance to community members:

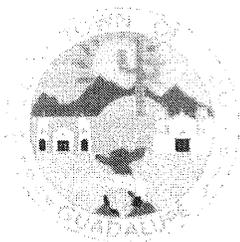
1. Family
2. Culture
3. Sharing and collaboration
4. Health and Wellness
5. Self-Sustaining
6. Safe, Transparent, Clean

## 6. Share Ideas / Focus Areas Process

Ms. Watson invited the Town Council and meeting attendees to write down their ideas regarding what they would like the Town of Guadalupe to look like for their grandchildren.

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Meeting participants identified the following three strategic areas of focus for next year:

*Economic Development:* leverage proximity to the urban metro area; cultural destination; revenue; financial integrity/stability; job creation/industry; workforce development; sustainability.

*Community Services and Education:* youth education; cultural preservation; health resources for homeless, behavioral intervention; teach schools to be multi-cultural; child abuse, neglect prevention; child protection, safety, foster care; accountability for implementation of the Town vision; providing resources for the Town to implement vision.

*Public Safety:* police accountability; infrastructure; dispute resolution training; reduction in crimes/drugs; improve relationship with police; residents direct police.

#### 7. Public Engagement and Comment

The Town Council and community members provided the input for the three strategic directions noted above.

#### 8. Goals Process

The following goals were developed for the strategic directions as follows:

*Economic Development:* research the possibility of a Dutch Bros; evaluate current resource implementation/practicality; seek partner assistance to create industry; reduce police/court/Town administration budgets; make local businesses affordable to residents/appealing to non-residents; small business opportunity/training; remove Mercado fencing.

*Community Services and Education:* establish/foster relationships with community services providers; effective communication/collaboration between community services to improve resources to community; seek partners to provide social services; recycling and Town beautification; teach community to recycle; encourage independent Yaqui school; train/shadow external coalitions focused on similar functions; provide civic duty workshops; provide parenting classes and/or partner with Quality First or Thrive to Five.

*Public Safety:* cultural competency training for police; Maricopa County Sheriff's Office cultural sensitivity and community collaboration; partner with police; relationship development between law enforcement and youth; law enforcement presence with youth in positive settings; lighted cross walks near Frank School and the car wash; safe from freeway invasion.

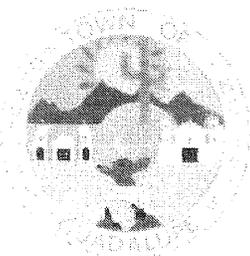
#### 9. Wrap up

Ms. Watson stated that the facilitators will be working with Town staff on compiling the comments and input gathered. There will be opportunities for additional input as the process evolves.

Mayor Molina stated that community members are encouraged to attend a follow-up strategic planning meeting on Thursday, March 10. Meeting information will be available on the Town's website and Facebook page.

Councilmember Vital invited meeting attendees to provide their contact information if they would like to become involved with the Guadalupe Community Partnership newsletter.

Vice Mayor Cota announced that the Frank School rebuilding open house/meeting is scheduled for March 6.



Mayor Molina invited community members to attend Town Council Regular Meetings which are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, in the Town Hall Chambers.

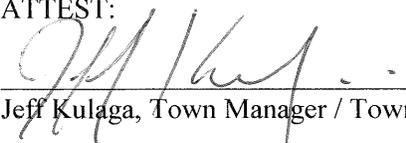
**Motion by Vice Mayor Cota to adjourn the meeting; second by Councilmember Sanchez. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
Valerie Molina, Mayor

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Mayor

ATTEST:

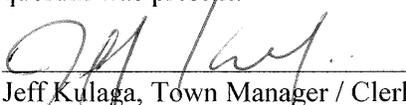
  
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CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Town Council Meeting of the Town Council of Guadalupe, Arizona held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Gloria Cota  
Councilmember

  
Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk

Elvira Osuna  
Councilmember

Approved by the Town Council on March 8, 2018.

Joe Sanchez  
Councilmember

Faustino Valenzuela  
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