

# Minutes

## Guadalupe Town Council and Pascua Yaqui Tribal Council Joint Meeting

### July 20, 2018

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Mayor

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Vice Mayor

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Minutes of the Guadalupe Town Council and Pascua Yaqui Tribal Council Joint Meeting held on Friday, July 20, 2018, at 2:00 P.M., at Guadalupe Town Hall, Council Chambers, 9241 South Avenida del Yaqui, Guadalupe, Arizona.

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Molina called the meeting to order at 2:05 P.M.

#### B. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Secretary Mary Jane Buenamea led the invocation. Mayor Molina then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### C. ROLL CALL

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

Pascua Yaqui Tribal Council Members Present: Chairman Robert Valencia, Secretary Mary Jane Buenamea, Council Member Rosa Soto Alvarez, Council Member Armenta Cruzita, and Council Member Frias Herminia (*arrived at 2:10 p.m.*)

Staff Present: Jeff Kulaga – Town Manager / Clerk and Kay Savard – Deputy Town Clerk

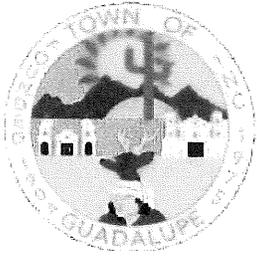
#### D. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – No one spoke.

#### E. DISCUSSION / STUDY SESSION ITEMS

##### 2. Community Partner Designation (*agenda item taken out of order*)

- a. PYT Mercado Event Opportunities
- b. Event Coordination

Mayor Molina presented Chairman Robert Valencia with a resolution that was adopted by the Guadalupe Town Council on June 28, 2018, declaring the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Council (PYT) as community partners to the Town of Guadalupe. Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, added that the resolution states that PYT may reserve the Mercado facility up to four times a year, at no charge.



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### 1. Pascua Yaqui Tribe Activities

PYT and Guadalupe Town Councilmembers (TOG) discussed the possibility of reserving the Mercado on September 15, 2018, for an event.

Mayor Molina outlined various events that PYT and TOG partner on; and, discussed positive community feedback on those events. TOG suggested a partnership with PYT on a Christmas party to be scheduled in December, at the Mercado. Potential dates for consideration include December 1, or 8, 2018.

### 3. Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Update

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, stated that annually, municipalities are required to submit an MS4 Permit for storm water systems. Mr. Kulaga noted that rainwater is the only substance that should be entering storm drains; and discussed various contaminants that enter storm water drains that impact keeping water clean. The Town's annual report is due to ADEQ in mid-September; and, the ADEQ contract is in effect through 2021.

Mr. Kulaga confirmed that the Mercado is available on December 8, 2018, for the Christmas party.

### 4. Community Action Program (CAP) 12% PYT Gaming Grant Status

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, thanked PYT for their previous gaming grant contributions to the Town of Guadalupe (Town). PYT contributed \$40,000 in gaming grant funding to the Town last year for the CAP. Mr. Kulaga provided a breakdown of how much grant funding has been spent on CAP activities to date.

In response to questions, Mr. Kulaga stated that the Town will provide a report to PYT outlining how the Town has spent past PYT gaming grants. Mr. Kulaga clarified that approximately \$7,000 of the approximately \$40,000 PYT grant funding was allocated to purchase supplies to support CAP activities. No PYT grant funding is used to pay for staff costs.

In addition to PYT gaming grant funding for fiscal year (FY) 2017/2018, Mr. Kulaga stated that PYT contributed \$50,000 for Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) public safety services for special events. Mayor Molina added that the Town paid the Sheriff's office directly for their services; and, that the Town will provide a report on how PYT grant funds have been spent.

Mayor Molina noted that the Town pays MCSO \$1.7 million annually to provide public safety services to the Town; however, the crime rate remains high. Town officials have met with MCSO representatives to discuss a desire for MCSO to have more of a visual presence in the community. She discussed the possibility, and mutual benefits, of having PYT providing public safety services to the Town. Vice Mayor Cota added that the Town has a police substation; and, that 63% of the Town's budget is allocated for public safety services. Chairman Robert Valencia, stated that PYT will consider this possibility.

TOG and PYT members discussed problems with youth activities; the lack of enforcement at a rental home where there are drugs; vehicle hit and run accidents; problems with speed humps; potential street treatment solutions to speeding; notifying the community of the speeding problems; adding a stop sign to Calle Tome; and, problems with shopping carts and rental bicycles littering properties.



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## 5. Community Housing Opportunities

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, discussed opportunities to improve public safety. Vice Mayor Cota discussed problems with ground water contaminants; and, potential partnership opportunities to house a family while their Tribal home is being refurbished.

In response to a question, Chairman Robert Valencia stated that PYT is in the process of building a demonstration home. He discussed the process and noted that PYT does not currently have funding to build additional homes.

Mayor Molina noted that the Town of Guadalupe does not currently have a housing program. The Maricopa County Community Development Advisory Committee (CDC) assists Guadalupe with housing needs. Mr. Kulaga displayed a map illustrating parcels of land that are owned by the Town. He noted that placing housing in commercial zoning areas may not be the best use of vacant land. Mayor Molina emphasized the need for affordable housing options and how that would help to retain families in Guadalupe. Mr. Kulaga stated that the Town recently transferred housing funds in the amount of \$114,000 to the CDC for housing assistance purposes.

## 6. Town Enhancement Projects

### a. Calle Naranjo & Calle Sahuaro Flood Mitigation Projects

Mayor Molina stated that the flood mitigation projects are to prevent area homes from flooding. Vice Mayor Cota added that these projects are also addressing problems with mosquitos.

### b. West and East Calle Guadalupe SRP underground power lines

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, stated that this project will underground small power lines and remove various utility poles. Salt River Project is providing \$220,000 in neighborhood aesthetic grant funding for this project.

### c. Avenida del Yaqui renovation and repaving

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, stated that the Maricopa Association of Governments has provided \$3.9 million in federal funding to renovate Avenida del Yaqui. The project is in the design/planning stages. On August 15, 2018, there will be an open house to solicit public input. Construction is scheduled to begin in January, 2020. Until then, staff will be judicious in repairing pot holes due to the upcoming street renovation.

Council Member Herminia Frias stated that PYT is in the process of conducting an inventory and assessment of all of their tribal owned land.

Mayor Molina discussed that the Veterans will have a Legion facility in Guadalupe; and, that the Frank Elementary School project is underway.

## 7. 12% Grant Requests

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk provided an update on recent PYT gaming grant submittals by the Town, as follows:

- a. Fire Department Command Vehicle - \$72,000 to replace a vehicle.
- b. Public Works Utility Trucks - \$60,000 to replace three public works vehicles.
- c. Community Assistance Program (CAP) – \$80,000 for utility assistance, community event programming, a commercial size refrigerator, and program supplies.
- d. Public Safety Assistance – \$50,000 for public safety at various special events.



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Mr. Kulaga noted that the Town submitted grant requests to various Tribes, none of which were duplicate requests.

Vice Mayor Cota discussed a recently successful Youth Development Program. Mayor Molina added that the Town has included \$10,000 in its budget for next year's program; and, suggested that the Youth Development Program be promoted at the PYT summer camp.

Council Member Frias Herminia requested additional information regarding how gaming grant funding is used; and, discussed the importance of communicating how gaming grant funding is utilized, to community members and to other Tribal communities.

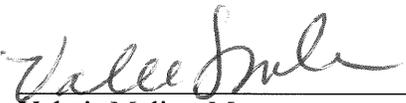
Vice Mayor Cota suggested scheduling a standing meeting. Mayor Molina requested that TOG and PYT members forward agenda topics to Mr. Kulaga. Ms. Herminia discussed the possibility of Chairman Robert Valencia attending TOG Council meetings to provide updates to the Town Council.

PYT Council Members and TOG Councilmembers provided closing comments.

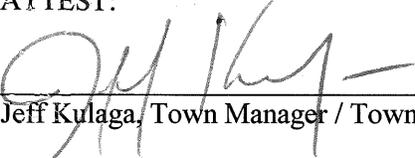
8. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Vice Mayor Cota to adjourn; second by Councilmember Vital. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

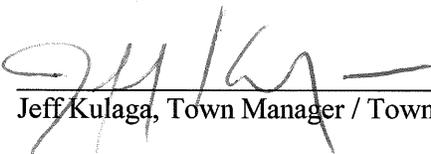
  
Valerie Molina, Mayor

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 Town Council of Guadalupe and the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Council Joint Meeting, held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

  
Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Town Clerk