



MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF GUADALUPE COUNCIL

A public meeting of the Town of Guadalupe Council was held **TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017, AT 4:00 P.M.**, in the Council Chambers.

- A. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Valarie Molina
- B. **ROLL CALL:** All members of the Council were present except for Councilman Valenzuela.
- C. **INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM:**

Valerie Molina
Mayor

Anita Cota
Councilmember

Gloria Cota
Councilmember

Elvira Osuna
Councilmember

Joe Sanchez
Councilmember

Faustino Valenzuela
Councilmember

Ricardo Vital
Councilmember

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1. The purpose of the meeting was to meet with representatives from the Maricopa County Sheriff's office to discuss current and future law enforcement activities and programs. Sheriff Paul Penzone gave a brief opening statement addressing the goals and objectives of the Sheriff's Office and opened the meeting for questions and comments.
2. Vice Mayor Cota asked what is the protocol for reporting perceived misuse of force by the deputies. She asked about body cameras and their use and if they are used for every stop and what forms are available for use by citizens to request investigation of incidents and complaints. She stated that she felt that if a citizen is stopped by the officers, there must be cause. She asked who has jurisdiction in Guadalupe.
3. Mayor Molina asked what can be done to make the town safer and take it back from the gangs and criminals. Sheriff Penzone suggested continual meetings and communication between his office, the Council and the citizenry. It was suggested that work study meetings be held to discuss law enforcement tactics and the protocol for handling different situations.
4. Mary Bravo stated that there cannot be any more abuse by the officers, they need to work with the community. Building trust with the citizens is important. Block watch was discussed. Community outreach has not been done in the past and would be helpful. Sheriff Penzone indicated he will train dispatchers when they receive a call from a person that wants to remain anonymous.
5. Mayor Molina asked if the same deputies are assigned to Guadalupe. Sheriff Penzone indicated the officers that are assigned to work in Guadalupe remain in the town for a length of time except for when this is a retirement, sickness, promotion, or special assignment. He indicated he will promote outreach to children and youth. Mayor Molina indicated she would like to see signs on the doors of the substation to indicate that it is a law enforcement facility.
6. Joe Sanchez indicated he is seeing more and more homeless coming into town and asked what can be done about this problem. Sheriff Penzone indicated he cannot arrest pan handlers. Mayor Molina asked about the undocumented individuals in town. The sheriff said he is forbidden by court order to ask individuals about their residency.
7. The Council discussed the establishment of an advisory board to meet and work with the Sheriff's Office. The board has been established and is meeting. Victor Flores is assisting with the board. Mayor Molina suggested something be done to eliminate the fear by citizens in reporting crime.

E. **ADJOURNMENT:** Councilmember Sanchez made a motion seconded by Councilmember Osuna that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

E. ADJOURNMENT.

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