



MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF GUADALUPE COUNCIL

A public meeting of the Town of Guadalupe Council was held on THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017, AT 5:30 P.M., at 9241 South Avenida del Yaqui, Guadalupe, Arizona, in the Council Chambers.

Valerie Molina
Mayor

Anita Cota
Vice Mayor

Gloria Cota
Councilmember

Elvira Osuna
Councilmember

Joe Sanchez
Councilmember

Faustino Valenzuela
Councilmember

Ricardo Vital
Councilmember

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- A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Valarie Molina at 5:30pm.
- B. ROLL CALL: Absent: Councilmembers Cota and Sanchez.
- C. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The invocation was offered by Vice Mayor Anita Cota.
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 1. Approval of Minutes-Meeting Minutes March 9, 2017. Councilmember Valenzuela made a motion seconded by Councilmember Osuna that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.
- E. CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Lupita Martinez and Bernardino Rodriguez asked the Mayor and Council to consider assisting in holding more promotions and special events at the Mercado. Lupita indicated these type of activities are needed to bring patrons into the Mercado. Mayor Molina indicated the Council cannot comment on items which are presented during the call to the public but indicated this matter will be placed on the next council meeting to be held April 27th for discussion and possible action.
- F. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM:
 1. Councilmember Vital made a motion seconded by Councilmember Osuna that the council go into Executive Session to review with the Town Attorney issues related to the proposed ordinance relating to marijuana dispensaries in town. At 6:30 pm the executive session was adjourned and the council returned to the council chambers.
 2. Mayor Molina indicated that a public hearing would now be held where citizens and others would have the opportunity to review and discuss the proposed changes to the existing ordinance in the Town Zoning Code concerning the operation of a marijuana dispensary or marijuana cultivation and/or marijuana infusion facility and permitting this use by conditional use and placing distance requirements between marijuana facilities. Town Attorney David Ledyard gave a short background of actions taken by previous Town Council's to enact and subsequently modify the ordinance which was adopted to provide guidance on marijuana cultivation and sales in the town. He indicated the proposed amendment to the existing ordinance would make it more restrictive by placing conditions on locations for marijuana cultivation and sales. The proposed ordinance that will be voted on this evening will return the distance requirements of the code to that of the original ordinance and to make operating a marijuana facility in town subject to a conditional use permit and hearing. Raul Molina and Adam Baugh spoke in support of the proposed ordinance and asked for the Council to consider allowing the retail stores to stay open later and suggested the time be changed from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. No one from the public spoke in opposition to the ordinance. The public hearing was then closed.
 3. Vice Mayor Cota made a motion seconded by Councilmember Osuna that the Council adopt Ordinance 2017-2 which places restrictions on the locations of marijuana facilities and requires approval of a conditional use permit before a

marijuana facility can locate in Town. Motioned carried. Councilman Valenzuela abstained from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

4. The Council reviewed Resolution 2017-08 which would authorized the Town to enter into **IGA FCD 2017A018** with the Flood Control District of Maricopa County. The planned project will reduce the flood hazard in a part of Town that has experienced historic flooding and reduce the flood hazard in the vicinity of the project. Councilmember Vital made a motion seconded by Councilmember Osuna that Resolution 2017-08 be approved. Motion carried.
 5. The Council reviewed the provisions in the recently adopted ordinance 2017-01 dealing with flooding, water quality and policy. It was explained that in this ordinance there is a provision to establish and advisory board. Councilmember Vita made a motion seconded by Councilmember Osuna that the Town Council be appointed as the advisory board as it relates to matters dealing with flooding, water quality and policy as provided in Ordinance 2017-01. Motion carried.
 6. Catalina Alvarez, CAP Director, was present to explain the request for a grant that has been prepared for submittal to the Fort McDowell Indian Community for emergency food boxes and transportation. Vice Mayor Cota made a motion seconded by Councilmember Vital that Resolution 2017-09 be approved to submit a request for funding from the Fort McDowell Indian Community. Motion carried. Ms. Alvarez was asked to meet with Councilmember Valencia to discuss the distribution of food by the United Food Bank.
 7. Catalina Alvarez also discussed with the Council a grant request to be made to the Gila River Indian Community for a Community Career Center. Resolution 2017-10, if approved would authorize this request for funding from the Gila River Indian Community. The council discussed this application and the general feeling was that this request could cause a conflict with the Gila River Indian Community and the request that the Fire Department has made for funding from the Community. Vice Mayor Cota made a motion seconded by Councilmember Vital that the request to the Gila River Indian Community not be made at this time. Motion carried.
 8. The Council reviewed the request to proclaim April as **A.R.C. (Acknowledge, Respect, and Celebrate) Children & Youth Month** and April 28, 2017 as **Dia de Los Niños** in the **Town of Guadalupe** and call upon all citizens, residents, community agencies, law enforcement, religious/spiritual organizations, health facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to Acknowledge, Respect, and Celebrate children and Youth and to create a healthy, safe and nurturing environment, thereby strengthening our community. Councilmember Vital made a motion seconded by Councilmember Osuna that the Council take action to proclaim the month of April as Children and Youth Month and April 28th as Dia de Los Niños. Motion carried.
 9. The Town Council discussed the upcoming Holy Week activities and the possibility of cancelling the regular Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 13th, 2017. Councilmember Vital made a motion seconded by Councilmember Osuna that the next regular meeting of the Council be cancelled. Motion carried.
- G. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT: Bob Thaxton indicated he will encourage all Town employees to consider volunteering to serve on the Dia de Guadalupe committee.
- H. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL: Councilmember Valenzuela reported that food boxes are distributed by the United Food Bank at the Mercado on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 3:00 pm. Vice Mayor Cota thanked Councilmember Valenzuela and the CAP staff for their efforts in distributing food boxes to the residents of Guadalupe. Mayor Molina reported that she is arranging a meeting with the Sheriff's Department to discuss the silent witness program and other issues.
- I. ADJOURNMENT: Councilmember Vital made a motion seconded by Councilmember Osuna that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried 7:32 PM

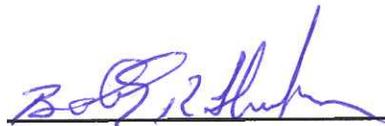
CERTIFICATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of Guadalupe, Arizona held on the 23rd day of March, 2017. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6th day of April, 2017





Town Clerk