

TOWN OF SUPERIOR MINUTES

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR TOWN COUNCIL

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the Superior Town Council and to the general public, that a Special Meeting of the Superior Town Council was held on Thursday, October 10, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Superior Town Hall Auditorium, 199 N. Lobb Ave., Superior, Pinal County, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Besich called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor Mila Besich
Councilmember Vanessa Navarrette
Councilmember Stephen Estatico
Councilmember Bruce Armitage
Councilmember Gilbert Aguilar

ABSENT:

Vice-Mayor Michael Alonzo
Councilmember Olga Lopez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Besich led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Work Session to discuss the Superior Waters and Trails Action Plan and Queen Creek Greenway Concept Plan.

Mayor Besich stated that tonight's Work Session also poses as a Public Hearing and Public Open House on our Queen Creek Greenway Concept Plan. If Council has any questions for staff on this plan, this is a good time to ask,

Councilmember Estatico asked about the timeline.

Mr. Pryor, Town Manager, stated is depending on getting the funding.

Council Member Estatico asked how much money.

Mr. Pryor stated its still to be determined. There is no Engineering estimate yet. His guess was about \$250,000. Not counting the water. This is one of the items that's in our Comment Letter, putting the water back in the creek makes this possible.

Councilmember Estatico stated this was the plan 23 years ago with Chris Zapata. Put water back in the creek. Have a walkway. I'm glad to see its in sight.

Mr. Pryor stated that's where we got it, from Mr. Zapata's plan. The 1998 study had a lot of detailed work around it. It's pretty close for ready to build.

Mayor Besich – Had the opportunity to talk to Mr. Zapata. He’s very supportive and happy to see that we’ve taken this plan and moving it in a direction with some bite size chunks. For the record, we notified residents within 300 ft of the creek from the Magma Club to Stone Avenue. That’s where the main part of the project right now is our focus. We did have two public hearings on September 26, 2019. We had a morning meeting where residents did come out and an evening meeting where we had more business owners and residents. There was a more open discussion on that.

Councilmember Estatico asked if there was anyone against it. Mayor Besich stated we haven’t had any against it. Just questions about how is the water going to come; where are we going to find the water.

Mayor Besich asked for comments or questions from the public.

Mayor Besich stated we got the grant in September 2018. We had preliminary discussion to start the work process; what we wanted to do. And then the government shut down. So we actually got started much later. We didn’t get started until March 2019. Then we started convening meetings. We have had a very compressed time-frame to get all this work done. This has been part of a facilitation grant process with the National Park Service.

Jim Schenck stated there was pretty wide participation, including people from in town and out of town who are interested. Where’s he’s been most impressed is, it’s an imaginary, far-reaching thing, but it’s based on practicality of what we can do with either the resources we have or that we think we can get.

Mayor Besich stated it’s a very exciting project and its fun to see it come together. Unless there are any other questions, she will excuse everyone from the dias to see the pictures and engage with the public. She recessed the meeting per Attorney Cooper at 6:15 PM until 6:45 PM.

Mayor Besich ended the public hearing recess at 6:45 PM. Thanked public and Council for participating tonight. She asked Public or Council if there were any more questions or comments about the Queen Creek Greenway Concept Plan. There were not.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Special Council Meeting Work Session made by Councilmember Armitage, second by Councilmember Aguilar, Motion Carries. Meeting adjourns at 6:46 PM.

AYES – 5 Mayor Besich, Councilmembers: Navarrette, Estatico, Armitage, Aguilar

NOES – 0

ABSENT – 2 Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Councilmember Lopez

ATTEST:



Mila Besich, Mayor



Ruby Cervantes, Town Clerk