

**TOWN OF SUPERIOR  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 30, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Special Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mayor Besich-Lira

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor	Mila Besich-Lira
Vice Mayor	Michael Alonzo
Councilmember	Bruce Armitage
Councilmember	Stephen Estatico
Councilmember	Vanessa Navarrette
Councilmember	Olga Lopez – Absent
Councilmember	Gilbert Aguilar

**STAFF PRESENT**

Town Manager	Todd Pryor
Admin Assistant	Arlene Diaz-Gonzalez

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor

**ATTENDANCE**

Leslie Dornfeld  
Cat Brown

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Besich-Lira asked if we had anyone from the Auditors present. Town Manager Todd Pryor stated that we did not and that he would have to present information on the Audit.

**A. Public Hearing Regarding Use of the 2017 Community Block Development Grant Funding.**

Mr. Alan Urban from CAG addressed the Council and the Town at this first hearing to discuss CDBG grants. Everything that is discussed concerning HUD has to be done in a public venue. All items discussed will be put on a list and then discussed in the next meeting. Superior is on a 3-year cycle and this cycle we should get around 400 hundred thousand dollars once congress has passed their budget. CAG will be using last year's numbers for this year's application.

Council member Armitage asked if these amounts have been already budgeted. Mr. Urban said they have not been. We are waiting to see and they will be coming out of the next cycle. Once congress approves budget CAG will receive numbers.

Mr. Urban gave all council members a packet on types of activities that can be funded. There are three basic criteria for all projects. They all have to benefit Low income to Moderate family income households, alleviate slum and blight in the community or address an urgent need of the town.

Council member Alonzo asked what is Moderate income? Mr. Urban stated that it varies from county to county. This number comes from HUD.

Mr. Urban will have to get with Town Manager Todd Pryor to go over our list and see who each item on the list is going to benefit. If anyone has any questions on any of the items that are listed they should come to Town Hall and address their concern and have it recorded.

The Town must have a Relocation Plan, which is defined by HUD, on file at Town Hall. This plan needs to be filed with the application.

Mr. Urban asked what has the Town done with the CBDG funds in the past? The Town has used the grant to fund work for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Todd is already registered with the USDA who has been out and reviewed the site. Preliminary Engineering Report has suggested option 2 with a 1.4 million upgrade. Last upgrade we spent 350 thousand and 140 thousand went to engineering and administration and other fees. 200 thousand went to construction. The Town Manager suggested that since we are applying for a 1 million dollar USDA grant that we can apply it to the CDBG grant and finish the project. USDA will determine how much we get. This is a two-stage process.

Council member Estatico asked if we can fund more than one project or is it just one? Mr. Urban replied we can only fund one project at a time.

Council member Estatico asked what is the time frame on when we will get the money? Town manager Todd Pryor replied we should get the funding in 2018. We are on a 3yr upgrade cycle. Council member Estatico stated that we have spent a lot of money on the Sewer Plant and we continue to spend money on the plant. Town Manager replied that the goal is to get the plant to where we don't have to spend a lot of money on repairs for the plant. Vice Mayor Alonzo asked if this was the same maintenance plan project that was presented a year ago? Town Manger replied plan was done in 2014 with a full study on the plant.

The Town Manager suggested that we look at different projects and that plant is not the only one to look at since this is a Public Hearing. Council member Navarrette asked if we have received any suggestions? Town Manager replied we have no suggestions from the community.

Mayor Besich-Lira stated that we need to have all our suggestions out before the next meeting as we will no longer be able to add new items and do we want to shift the CDBG money to different projects or keep it with the Sewer Plant? Town Manager replied the sewer plant is working just below breakeven for operations. At the \$13.00 per tap this pays for the employees and the the power. If anything goes down it's above and beyond the revenue.

Town Manager Todd Pryor stated that we would like to see a new Library, pave the Town Streets, build a Community Center, do Curb and Gutter work, update Storm Water Systems, expand blight and housing projects, complete the sewer plant, do improvements to the US 60 Park and do downtown Improvements. The drainage system is the number one complaint in the Town, especially in the Palo Verde area. Mayor Besich-Lira asked council members if they have any other ideas to put out the hearing? Council member Armitage asked the Mayor to open it the public since this is a public hearing.

Leslie Dornfeld spoke on behalf of the public and suggested that we do a planned, design and build together for housing plan, streets and trail plans.

We should have about 13 items on the list. Mr. Prior compared his list with the list that Mr. Urban had compiled.

**B. Discussion/ Possible Approval of Presentation and Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Audit.**

Town Manager Todd Pryor gave a presentation on Audit but did let council know that he would like to get the Auditors out here so they can do a formal presentation.

Mayor Besich-Lira asked for a Motion to approve 2015-2016 Audit. Council member Steve Estatico made a motion to approve, Council Member Vanessa Navarrette seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all council members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Armitage, seconded by Vice Mayor Alonzo, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

**(Original Signature on File)**  
**Mayor, Mila Besich-Lira**

**(Original Signature on File)**  
**Town Manager, Todd Pryor**

