

**TOWN OF SUPERIOR
MINUTES
OF REGULAR 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 public, that a Regular Meeting of the Superior Town Council was held on Thursday, December 13, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Superior Town Hall Auditorium, 199 N. Lobb Ave., Superior, Pinal County, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Mila Besich at 7:01 PM.

ROLL CALL

Mayor	Mila Besich
Vice Mayor	Michael Alonzo
Council Member	Stephen Estatico
Council Member	Vanessa Navarrette
Council Member	Bruce Armitage
Council Member	Gilbert Aguilar
Council Member	Olga Lopez

STAFF PRESENT

Town Manger	Todd Pryor
Town Attorney	Stephen Cooper
Town Clerk	Ruby Cervantes
Admin Assistant	Arlene Diaz-Gonzalez

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Barbara Armitage	Tina Gutierrez
Larry & Terri Bravo	Deb McKee
Ashely Lira	Mike McKee
Jose Lira	Lisa Anderson
JoAnn Besich	Stella Anderson
Deb Sears	Gina Lopez
Steve Holmquist	Pam Peck
Hank Gutierrez	Joey Sorrenson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mila Besich led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Van Gorp gave the Invocation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Judge Larry Bravo administered the Oath of Office for Mayor Mila Besich and Councilmembers Michael Alonzo and Stephen Estatico. They were joined by their families as they took their Oath of Office followed by pictures.
2. Council Member Gilbert Aguilar was recognized for serving on the Town Council for 12 years. He was also recognized by the League of Cities and Towns at their annual conference in August for his 12 years of service. Mayor Besich presented Council Member Aguilar with an appreciation gift and invited his family to come up and take pictures. She also told him technically his term is up December 31st, but she truly hopes there is a letter in the mail that he is going to resubmit to continue serving with us. You represent your community well and we'd like to keep you on our team moving forward.

Mayor Besich asked if Councilmen Alonzo or Estatico wished to say anything on their appointment.

Council Member Alonzo – I would like to thank everyone. It seems like our first term would be forever. We've gotten a lot of good things done. This Council is moving in the right direction. I wouldn't be here without your support, votes from the community members and our families who support us. Thank you and I look forward to another term.

Council Member Estatico – I can't say anything better than that.

Mayor Besich – A tremendous amount of thanks and appreciation to the people of Superior, who were very patient with us as we went thru challenges, and to my Mother and Children. It is an honor to serve as Mayor of Superior. I thank you for trusting all of us to do this job as a team. We've accomplished a tremendous amount for Superior: our audits are caught up; excise tax money has been returned; transfer station has been cleaned up; significant road work solutions; our Brownfield and Blight Programs making a difference in the aesthetics of our community. We can't do any of this if it isn't for all of us working together as a council, as a staff. We are changing the idea of what Superior is because we are all working together. Thank you. In the next 4 years, we have a lot of big projects coming on board: Helipad at the Airport; Parks & Playground infrastructure at our Park; we have the Resolution Copper Agreement which I'll be talking about in my Mayors update; the Waste Water Treatment Plant will be redone. Again, thank you for your support.

3. Mayor Besich read the Superior Optimist Community Champion Proclamation recognizing Sue Anderson as the 2018 Spirit of Optimism Community Champion. Jessica Castillo, President of the Superior Optimist Club, presented Sue with flowers and thanked her for her hard work and dedication to the community. Sue's daughter Lisa and grand daughter Stella came in from northern California for this special recognition.

STAFF REPORTS

Mayor – the Town of Superior has been in negotiation with Resolution copper for long term Economic Development plans. A lot of work has been done by: Chamber of Commerce, Rebuild Superior, Consultants Euanna Morfessis & Karen LaFrance, Town Staff.

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The Mayor read a letter she received from Resolution Copper on December 13, 2018. This letter will be attached to the Minutes and be recorded in the Minutes.

13 December 2018

The Honorable Mila Besich
Mayor
Town of Superior
734 W. Main St.
Superior, AZ 85273

Dear Mayor Besich:

On behalf of Resolution Copper I would like to thank you and the Town of Superior for the productive dialogue regarding how the Town and Resolution Copper may work together for the betterment of the Town and its residents. Our conversations over the last several months have allowed Resolution to learn more about the Town's priorities and vision for the future, and identify those issues on which the Town and Resolution are aligned.

As a result of our forthright discussions I am pleased to inform you that in 2019 Resolution Copper will make significant multiyear funding commitments towards children's education and economic development in the Town. Resolution Copper will also provide the economic foundation for the Roosevelt Multi-generational Center. While the precise amounts have yet to be finalized, and the governance structure regarding how the funds will be spent will need to be agreed-upon, the amounts and duration of the funding commitments, and the multi-generational center pledge, will collectively demonstrate Resolution's absolute support of the Town and enable the Town and Resolution to work together to achieve a common vision for Superior's future.

I look forward to presenting a formal description of Resolution's funding commitments, as well as a proposal for the multi-generational center, to you in January of 2019. On behalf of Resolution Copper thank you for the opportunity to be a partner with the Town of Superior.

Sincerely,

Resolution Copper Mining LLC

Andrew Lye

Project Director

Hesston Klenk, from Resolution Copper, stated the credit for where we are at today is 100% on you and in the work that has been put forward as far as creating the Strategic Plan. The work that Sue Anderson, Rebuild Superior and everybody has done leading up to this, is why we're able to move in this direction. It's a path we've waited to go down for a long time and we're really close.

We wanted to have something ready to approve this month. There was Rio Tinto getting some approvals, the dollar value we were talking about do require within our government structures some elevated approval. They don't meet again until next week, I believe, so we had to wait until that is done

with and we have all of our internal checks and balances taken care of so we can make that formal presentation of the dollar values and everything next month. Things are moving forward. Our proposal to Rio Tinto was very well received last week in Washington, DC. A group of several executives were there for a multitude of reasons. But it seems that one of the major reasons was to get everyone involved in some of the decision-making processes in one place. Some of Resolutions team and several members from London came into DC to meet in one location. The letter says how we feel. We're excited about what is to happen in the new year and next several years. Everyone will breathe a sigh of relief when there is no more annual asking Resolution for support. We want to make a long-term commitment that says this is important to us and know that it's also important to Town.

The Strategic Plan was not only well received by us, but we gave copies to several members of Congressional Delegation in DC and they were blown away by it as well. They were all very impressed.

Mayor Besich continued with her Mayor Report –

They had a productive G-6 Meeting this month.

The Hotel Feasibility Study is complete and will be on the January-2019 Agenda.

Mayor Besich and Arlene Diaz-Gonzalez attended the Pinal Economic Development Forum in Florence.

The construction of the Heli-Pad at the Airport after the 1st of the year.

The Magma Hotel – no official word of when it will be opening. Hope it will be on Home Tour.

Manager- Mike system will be installed next weekend. Will be ready for next meeting.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Pursuant to Section 2-4-6 (D), matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. Prior to consideration of the Consent Agenda, the Mayor will ask whether any members of the Council request any item be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on November 8, 2018.
2. Approval of Arizona Liquor License for Superior Chamber of Commerce for the Apache Leap Mining Festival Beer Garden on March 15, 16, & 17, 2019.
3. Approval of Alcohol Permit for Superior Chamber of Commerce for Apache Leap Mining Festival Beer Garden on March 15, 16, and 17, 2019.
4. Approval of The Public Safety Research Group to provide the assistance for assessment, advisement and general hiring process assistance to the Town for the employment search and hiring process for a new Town Police Chief. The cost meets the budgeted allocation for this project, \$5,000.00.
5. Approval of Refuse Collection and Disposal Contract with Allied Waste Services/Republic Services and the Town of Superior. The term of the Agreement shall be extended for an additional 5 years, commencing on the Amendment Effective Date, January 1, 2019 and continuing in effect until December 31, 2023.

6. Department Reports
 - Fire
 - Police
 - Public Works
 - Library
 - Senior Center
 - Sanitation
 - Town Engineer

Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented made by Council Member Gilbert Aguilar, second by Council Member Bruce Armitage. Roll call vote: Ayes – 6 Noes – 1. Motion Carries.

Ayes 6: Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members Navarrette, Lopez, Aguilar, Armitage.

Noes 1- Council Member Estatico

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion/Possible Approval/Reject: To Fill Town Council Member Vacant Seat due to only 2 candidates re-elected and 3 seats were open
One council seat will be vacant when the new Council is sworn in. We would be looking at appointing a new Council Member in January 2019. The appointed Council Member will serve a 4 year term. The recommendation is to authorize staff to advertise on the website and the paper for interested individuals to submit an application and letter of interest to apply for the Council Vacancy with an application deadline. This advertisement would run for two weeks.

Motion to authorize staff to advertise on the website and the paper for interested individuals to submit an application and letter of interest to apply for the Council Vacancy with an application deadline and to run for two weeks made by Council Member Aguilar, second by Council Member Bruce Armitage, Motion Carries.

AYES- 7 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members Navarrette, Estatico, Lopez, Aguilar, Armitage

NOES - 0

- B. Discussion/Possible Approval of Purchase Orders for the Police Department through funding from Resolution Copper Mining in the amount of \$27,037.81
These expenditures are in accordance with the Capital Expenditure Plans for the Police Department and they have been approved by the Emergency Services Committee.

Motion to approve Purchase Orders for the Police Department through funding from Resolution Copper Mining in the amount of \$27,037.81 made by Vice-Mayor Alonzo, second by Council Member Aguilar, Motion Carries.

AYES- 7 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members Navarrette, Estatico, Lopez, Aguilar, Armitage
NOES - 0

- C. Discussion /Possible Approval of Purchase Orders for the Fire Department through funding from Resolution Copper Mining in the amount of \$25,432.58. These expenditures are in accordance with the Capital Expenditure Plans for the Fire Department and they have been approved by the Emergency Services Committee. Council Member Aguilar asked if these items were purchased from certain vendors. Fire Chief John Perez answered by explaining that certain items can only be purchased through certain vendors which carry them.

Motion to approve Purchase Orders for the Fire Department through funding from Resolution Copper Mining in the amount of \$25, 432.58 made by Council Member Navarrette, second by Council Member Armitage, Motion Carries.

AYES- 7 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members Navarrette, Estatico, Lopez, Aguilar, Armitage
NOES – 0

Mayor Besich took Item D out of order to discuss and approve Item E, Resolution 18-604 declaring a Public Record first, then went back to Item D for discussion and approval.

- D. Discussion/Possible Approval of Resolution 18-601, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR, ARIZONA ADOPTING THE PINAL COUNTY COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN. Pinal County Office of Emergency Management (PCOEM) staff in addition to staff from municipalities and fire jurisdictions throughout Pinal County collaborated over the past year to update the Pinal County community Wildfire Protection Plan. The resulting 2018 Plan an updated version of the 2009 version that was created in response to the healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 and in recognition of the proximity of many communities within Pinal County to landscape-scale fires
Motion to approve Resolution 18-604, A Resolution of the Town of Superior, Arizona adopting the Pinal county Community Wildfire Protection Plan made by Council Member Lopez, second by Gilbert Aguilar, Motion Carries.

AYES- 7 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members Navarrette, Estatico, Lopez, Aguilar, Armitage
NOES - 0

- E. Discussion/Possible Approval of Resolution 18-604, A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR, ARIZONA, DECLARING AS A PUBLIC RECORD THAT CERTAIN DOCUMENT FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK AND ENTITLED “PINAL COUNTY COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN”. That certain document entitled “A Pinal County Wildfire Protection Plan” be a public record and three (3) copies shall remain on file in the office of the Town Clerk of Superior for examination by the public.

Motion to approve Resolution 18-604, A Resolution of the Council of the Town of Superior, Arizona, declaring as a public record that certain document filed with the Town Clerk and entitled "Pinal County Community Wildfire Protection Plan made by Council Member Alonzo, second by Council Member Lopez, Motion Carries.

AYES- 7 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members Navarrette, Estatico, Lopez, Aguilar, Armitage
NOES - 0

9. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Sue Anderson – She introduced Levi French as the Office-Co-Ordinator for the Chamber of Commerce effective October 1, 2018.

She reminded everyone about the Home Tour January 26th & 27th, 2019. The Magma Hotel could possibly be on the tour. The old Superior High School will be on tour. It is now a 24, 000 sq. ft. home with 3 guest suites. There will be access to the entire facility for Home Tour. The Rock Motel will also be on tour. We need about 80 volunteers. Could be the largest home tour. She also wanted to thank everyone for her earlier recognition.

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

NO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

13. **SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Council Members:

Bruce Armitage – Congratulations to Mayor Besich, Steve Estatico and Michael Alonzo on your re-election; to Sue Anderson for her recognition and to Gilbert Aguilar for his 12 years of service to the Town of Superior. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, be safe.

Gilbert Aguilar- Merry Christmas, Happy New Year.

Olga Lopez – Congratulation to all. To Sue, you came in 2001 with all this energy and foresight. To Mila, you're wonderful, a breath of fresh air, a lady with great ideas doing a great job. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Vanessa Navarrette – Congratulations to everybody!

Steve Estatico- Thank you Republic Services for being on board for another 5 years.

Congratulations to everyone. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Michael Alonzo - To Sue Anderson, newbies may not be accepted at first, but you'll always be a local in my eyes. We had great year. Rough at first. A lot better. Congratulations to everyone. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year. Be safe.

Mayor Besich – Next time the Superior Centennial Book is published, Sue and Bills story should have a chapter. Thank you Sue. It has been an honor to serve as Mayor; we have a great council and a bright future ahead.

Town Manager Todd Pryor - Come out to Second Friday event tomorrow. It's suppose to be bigger than ever. Miracle on Main Street will also be a part of Second Friday event this year. There will be a parade.

14. **SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Emergency Services Committee – December 20, 2018 6:00 PM
Planning and Zoning Committee – January 3, 2019 6:00 PM
Town Council Meeting – January 10, 2019 7:00 PM

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Besich asked for motion to adjourn meeting. Council Member Olga Lopez made motion to adjourn meeting, second by Council Member Gilbert Aguilar, Motion Carries. Meeting adjourns at 7:54 PM.



Mila Besich, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ruby Cervantes, Town Clerk