

TOWN OF SUPERIOR
MINUTES
NOTICE 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, June 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Superior Town Hall Auditorium, 199 N. Lobb Ave., Superior, Pinal County, Arizona. The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, which have prompted declarations of a public health emergency at both the state and federal levels, this meeting will be conducted using measures to protect public health. Members of the public are encouraged NOT TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON but instead to attend and listen to the meeting remotely by telephone.

To participate in the meeting telephonically follow the instructions below:

Tele-Conference Participant:

1. At the specified time, dial the Access Number **712-451-0644**.
2. When prompted, enter your Participant Code followed by #.
3. Your Participant Code is **127483** #.

Participant Star Commands:

- *4-Volume - Pressing *4 will increase/decrease the volume.
- *6-Mute - Participants can mute/unmute their own lines by pressing *6.

We will also be live-streamed on the Town's youtube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd2f5D2dfTkaazjwNyhAXRA> .

Public access to the Mayor and Council Chambers will be restricted in order to prevent a large or close gathering of the members of the public and to promote social distancing. Additionally, some items on the agenda may be shortened, continued to a future meeting or taken out of order. These steps are part of the effort to limit the number of people who must be physically present, or who might desire to be physically present, at the meeting, and to limit the time of the public meeting.

This meeting will be held remotely through technological means, as permitted under Arizona law.

1. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Besich called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor Mila Besich

Council Member Bruce Armitage

PRESENT TELEPHONICALLY:

Vice-Mayor Michael Alonzo

Council Member Vanessa Navarrette

Council Member Stephen Estatico

Council Member Gilbert Aguilar

Council Member Olga Lopez

STAFF PRESENT:

Todd Pryor, Town Manager

Ruby Cervantes, Town Clerk

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Alan Urban, CAG

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Besich led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. INVOCATION

Council Member Bruce Armitage gave the Invocation.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Mayor Besich read a Proclamation of the United States Army celebrating their 245th Birthday on June 14, 2020. Chief Warrant Office 3 Rodriguez called into the meeting telephonically to accept the Proclamation.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Mayor Besich – Positive cases of COVID were up 77%. Wide spread, community spread. Superior still showing in the 1 to 5 category of positive testing. Our residents are doing a good job. It's important that we maintain physical distancing. More recommendation, more encouragement to wear masks. We've been working on our branding strategy from last month's meeting approval of contract with Dog Cat Mouse for the branding messaging. Very excited about that. It's starting to get on the normal side of things; not too busy. Rebuild Superior will be hosting a Cemetery Clean-up at the end of the month. Date and times will be out very soon.

Manager Pryor - There is a project to repave Stone Avenue which will begin on Sunday. Notices have been placed on every door to every resident explaining the need for them to park off the road. It's going to be a thin OC overlay which should be a big improvement to that stretch. One of our most traveled roads. Asking that everyone avoid driving on the pavement for at least 24 hours until its set especially in this heat. Sunday they are going to be doing grinding. Hopefully the project will not take longer than 2 to 3 days. We have to get this project done before the end of the fiscal year so we can pay it out of our HURF balance this year.

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 Council Meeting on May 14, 2020.
2. Approval of Letter of Engagement with Hinton Burdick for FY 19-20 Audit.
3. Approval of Town of Superior Self-Funded Employee Medical Benefit Plan Care Plus Amendment. This amendment is attached and made a part of the Town of Superior Self-funded Employee Medical Benefit Plan – Care Plus (the Plan) effective July 1, 2020.
4. Approval of AZCares Fund Certification form and of the terms and conditions to receive AZ Cares Act Funding in the amount of \$364,855.00. This amount is based on population and is a reimbursement for Public Safety expenses for the Town of Superior. Todd Pryor, Chief Executive of the Town of Superior has authority on behalf of the Town of Superior to request grant payments from the State of Arizona for federal funds appropriated pursuant to section 601 of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Pub L. NO. 116-136, div A, Title V (March 27, 2020).
5. Approval of Emergency Facilities and Land Use Agreement between the United States Forest Service and the Town of Superior for use of the Helibase located at the Superior Municipal Airport for the Sawtooth Fire Incident effective June 1, 2020 until end of incident.
6. Department Reports:
 - Fire
 - Police
 - Public Works
 - Library
 - Senior Center
 - Sanitation
 - Town Engineer

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Council Member Armitage, second by Council Member Lopez, Motion Carries.

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

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTINATIONS: 0

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Public Hearing/Discussion/Possible Approval of Resolution 2020- 624 , A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Superior, Pinal County, adopting the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Final Budget.

This adopts the final budget discussed in the Worksession in April. The Tentative Budget was approved at the May 14th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Once the Tentative Budget is adopted, changes may be made to before the final budget is adopted, but the total may not be increased.

Mayor Besich opened the Public Hearing. She asked if there was anyone from the public who wishes to make a comment. None replied. She asked if there was anyone from the Town Council who wishes to make a comment. None replied.

Mayor Besich closed the Public hearing.

Motion to approve Resolution 2020-624, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Superior, Pinal County, adopting the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Final Budget made by Council Member Estatico, second by Council Member Aguilar, Motion Carries.

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

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTINATIONS: 0

B. Public Hearing/Discussion/Possible Approval regarding the Use of CDBG Funds.

The Town is expected to receive approximately \$223,627 in FY 2020 Federal CDBG funds from the Arizona Department of Housing Regional Account. A Public Hearing is being held to discuss the potential projects. It is expected that the Town Council will select the final project at this hearing.

Mayor Besich reminded Town Council in March meeting we discussed all types of projects at first public hearing. We cannot add new items to this list. Basically this is last and final call. She turned the floor over to Alan Urban from CAG.

Mr. Urban began with going over the fundamentals of the CDBG HUD Funding program. The prior public hearing was the first step of the public process. At that hearing we discussed potential projects that you might want to apply for funding for. We created the list that we will

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choose from tonight. You can't add to the list. You have to choose from the list you previously created.

All proposed projects must meet 1 of the 3 categories of need.

1. Benefit low-income to community.
2. Address Slum and Blight in the community.
3. Address an emergency need of the town.

Stated this is free money. Read the 10 listed project.

1. Roosevelt Multi-Generational Center parking lot
2. Police Station Remodel
3. Transfer Station Improvements
4. Airport Infrastructure
5. Blight Abatement/Prevention
6. Construction of ball fields – sport fields
7. Installation of energy efficiency measures in municipal properties.
8. Way Finding Signs/Water & Trails Capital Improvements
9. Parks per Plan
10. Street projects

He stated he reviews the list with the Department of Housing (DOH), the CDBG Grant agent for the Federal Government. A couple of these were disqualified. In a sense, they fell under Economic Development. That used to be a category of projects eligible for CDBG. Until right about the time we did this hearing. This year they took that off the eligibility list. That's no longer considered on eligible list so thing like the airport fell off the list.

Mr. Armitage – stated he didn't see how you can remove the airport issue off the agenda. When in fact should we put a emergency helipad, it would serve the community in terms of emergency evacuations out of the Town of Superior. Currently we land emergency aircrafts at the school parking lot. In his view, pretty unsafe.

Mr Urban – You can't add to the concept at this point.

Mr. Armitage – Could have shown Airport Master Plan which has heliports on it. Which should have been considered, when throwing this out. If we don't begin to invest in the airport it will never become functional to the town. Normal towns have their air evac land at their airports. To him it's a safety issue.

For the record, people on phone having hard time hearing. Mayor Besich did a recap.

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Mayor Besich – Alan Urban went over the list of 10 items. Discussion on changes for Dept of Housing . Can no longer use CDBG funding for Economic Development projects. At this time, our original list, what we had intended what we thought ok for airport on Economic Development side. We did not discuss Public Safety side.

Mr. Armitage asked if money is for one project.

Mr. Urban stated one project. September 1st is the deadline to submit.

Vice-Mayor asked what would staff recommend.

Mr. Pryor replied Blight. But this is a council decision.

Mr. Urban stated Blight is a clear cut project.

Mayor Besich opened the line to the public.

Sue Anderson stated she is having a hard time hearing.

Jim Schenck stated he agrees with Bruce – there are safety implication with helipad. Not Economic Development. On the other side – he supports what the Town Council decides.

Sue Anderson stated move forward with Blight. Rebuild has a \$90,000.USDA grant working with homeowners and Blight.

Mayor Besich closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Pryor announced that the note Mr. Urban had passed him stated that Rebuild could work with the Town of Superior if the projects/homes were survivable.

Mayor Besich stated that there are more restrictions that what we had in the past and before we first had our list.

Motion to approve the use of the CDBG Funds for Blight Abatement/Prevention made by Vice-Mayor Alonzo , second by Council Member Navarrette, Motion Carries.

Roll Call Vote was done.

AYES: 6 Mayor Besich, Vice-Mayor Alonzo, Council Members: Navarrette, Estatico, Lopez,, Aguilar.

NOES: 1 Council Member Armitage

ABSENT: 0

ABSTINATIONS: 0

C. Discussion/Possible Approval to Sign Contract for Professional Services between the Town of Superior and Colibryn for Professional Plan Review Services.

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Colibryn will provide plan review services and inspection services. The inspection services to be provided may include, but are not limited to, field observation of all construction activity, preparation of daily reports review of submittals and other duties as designed.

The cost for the Colibryn Professional Plan Review Services will be 75% of building permit fees only. The building codes fees will be adopted at the July 2020 Town Council meeting.

Motion to approve the contract for Professional Services between the Town of Superior and Colibryn for Professional Plan Review Services made by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Navarrette, Motion Carries.

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

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTINATIONS: 0

- D. Discussion/Possible Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the State of Arizona and the Town of Superior. Project Location/Name: Northeast Corner of W. Heiner Dr. and S. Magma Ave.

The State with the Town will design and construct a parking lot between SR177 and US 60 at Mile Post (MP) 227, (the Project). As part of the Project environmental clearances will be obtained; the Project will also install curbing, striping and armor retention basins. The Town will maintain the Project. Use of the Project is for parking purposes only; such purposes may include overflow visitors to Queen Creek, downtown and park and ride; other uses will require a written request be submitted 30 days prior to the event.

Mayor Besich wanted to back up Lana Clark who worked with ADOT on this project.

Council Member Armitage asked about how many parking spaces and Mr. Pryor stated he would check with Lana Clark and then contact council with number. He believed about 30 spaces.

Motion to Approve the IGA between the State of Arizona and the Town of Superior by Council Member Estatico, second by Council Member Armitage, Motion Carries.

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

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTINATIONS: 0

- E. Discussion/Possible Approval of Grant Agreement between the Town of Superior ("Grantee") and the State of Arizona, acting through the Governor's Office ("Grantor"), sometimes, individually, a "Party" or collectively, "Parties"). The reward amount is \$364,855.00 from the AZCares Fund to the Town of Superior.

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Distribution to local Arizona jurisdictions of federal financial assistance from the U.S. Treasury's Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF), Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number 21.019, as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

The Agreement project period is March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

Motion to Approve the Grant Agreement between the Town of Superior and the State of Arizona, acting through the Governor's Office made by Council Member Aguilar, second by Council Member Armitage, Motion Carries.

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

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTINATIONS: 0

F. Discussion/Possible Approval of spending of the AZ Cares Act reimbursement in the amount of \$364,855.00.

The Arizona Cares Act will give the Town a reimbursement for Public Safety Expenses in the amount of \$364,844.00. The amount is based on population. The breakdown of the spending is as follows:

\$164,855.00 - will remain in the bank in case of a 2nd COVID outbreak/need.

\$ 97,000.00 - would be for the Small Business Grants

\$ 3,000.00 - would be for Local First of Arizona Foundation to administer the grants

\$ 35,000.00 - for the Way Finding Signs Project.

\$ 65,000.00 - for the General Plan

Mayor Besich stated this was open for discussion.

Council Member Navarrette asked about no restrictions on how to spend money that was allocated to us.

Mr. Pryor replied any general fund purpose; for lost revenues. To help recover from COVID. The \$164,855 will hold in reserve.

Mr Armitage recommends set money aside for airport. Could be used for investement. Safety concerns for helipad. Economic Development.

Mr Pryor stated we still have \$13,000. left from ADOT for Airport.

Mr. Armitage stated we could set aside money for Airport to match.

Vice-Mayor Alonzo stated we could ear mark the money.

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Mr. Pryor replied we could put it in general fund as unrestricted money. It's up to Council to earmark. Can spend for anything else.

Motion to move forward as suggested to approve the spending of the AZ Cares Act reimbursement in the amount of \$364,855.00 made by Vice-Mayor Alonzo, second by Council Member Lopez, Motion Carries.

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

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTINATIONS: 0

G. Discussion/Possible Approval Service Agreement between Local First Arizona Foundation and the Town of Superior. Local First will distribute Small Business grants to small businesses registered to do business in the Town of Superior.

Local First of Arizona will be the Administrator to distribute Small Business Grants to small businesses registered to do business in the Town of Superior, Arizona. The goal of the small grants is to help Superior business survive the crisis of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

FISCAL IMPACT: The AZ Cares Act Reimbursement money will be used. The cost would be \$3,000.00 for admin fees and \$97,000.00 for the Small Business Grants.

Motion to approve the Service Agreement between Local First Arizona Foundation and the Town of Superior made by Council Member Estatico, second by Council Member Navarrette, Motion Carries.

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

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTINATIONS: 0

9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

A. Any citizen desiring to speak on a matter that is not scheduled on this agenda may do so at this time. Comments may be limited to three minutes per person and shall be addressed to the Town Council as a whole, and not to any individual member. Issues raised shall be limited to those within the jurisdiction of the Town Council. Pursuant to the Arizona Open Meeting Law, the Town Council cannot discuss or act on items presented at this time.

Sue Anderson – Reminded everyone Rebuild will be having the Cemetery clean-up on June 22, 2020. Businesses are slow because its summer, but they are open.

B. At the conclusion of the call to the public, individual Town Council members may (1) respond to criticism made by those who have spoken; (2) ask staff to review a matter; or (3) ask that a matter be put on a future agenda.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION- NONE

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SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

A. Council Members

Armitage – None

Navarrette – None

Estatico – Superior Unified School District conducting a survey. Want input opening the 20-21 school year.

Aguilar – Be safe.

Lopez – Be safe; take care.

Vice Mayor Alonzo – Thank you for working with school. The Fire Dept did a great job.

Have a safe 4th of July.

B. Mayor- Thank you to Town Council, Public, Staff for being organized. Any 4th ideas, please send us.

C. Town Manager – None

13. SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

All meetings are held at Town Hall.

Emergency Services Committee	June 18, 2020	6:00 PM
Community Development Committee	June 25, 2020	6:00 PM
Planning & Zoning Committee	July 02, 2020	6:00 PM
Town Council Meeting	July 09, 2020	7:00 PM

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn the meeting made by Council Member Estatico, second by Council member Lopez, Motion Carries. Meeting Adjourns at 8:19 PM.

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

NOES: 0

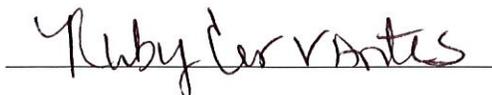
ABSENT: 0

ABSTINATIONS: 0

ATTEST:



Mila Besich, Mayor



Ruby Cervantes, Town Clerk