

**MINUTES
ORO VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
February 3, 2016
ORO VALLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
11000 N. LA CANADA DRIVE**

REGULAR SESSION AT OR AFTER 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hiremath called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Satish Hiremath, Mayor
Lou Waters, Vice Mayor
Joe Hornat, Councilmember
Mary Snider, Councilmember

ABSENT:

Brendan Burns, Councilmember
Bill Garner, Councilmember
Mike Zinkin, Councilmember

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Pursuant to ARS 38-431.03(A)(1) Personnel matters - Police Chief's annual performance review

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Snider and seconded by Vice Mayor Waters to go into Executive Session at 5:01 p.m. pursuant to ARS 38-431.03(A)(1) Personnel matters regarding the Police Chief's annual performance review.

MOTION carried, 4-0.

Mayor Hiremath said the following staff members would join Council in Executive Session: Acting Town Manager Stacey Lemos, Town Attorney Gary Verburg, Chief of Police Danny Sharp and Town Clerk Julie Bower.

REGULAR SESSION AT OR AFTER 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hiremath called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Satish Hiremath, Mayor
Lou Waters, Vice Mayor
Brendan Burns, Councilmember
Bill Garner, Councilmember
Joe Hornat, Councilmember
Mary Snider, Councilmember
Mike Zinkin, Councilmember

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hiremath led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

UPCOMING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communications Administrator Misti Nowak announced the upcoming Town meetings and events.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor Waters reported that the Town had initiated a campaign to form a community music group which included anyone with musical talent, interest or ambitions. The second meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 15 at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center and all interested residents were encouraged to attend.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Clerk Julie Bower announced that new artwork was on display in the Council Chambers by artist James Capo.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Hiremath reviewed the order of business and said the agenda would stand as posted.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Councilmember Hornat - 2016 ULI Trends Day Conference Trip Report
2. Letter of Appreciation - Building Department Staff

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Oro Valley resident Don Bristow spoke about Oro Valley's Main Street concept, more commonly known as "The District", and was concerned that the Your Voice, Our Future actions were being implemented by staff prior to citizen's acceptance of the General Plan.

Oro Valley resident and Oro Valley Police Department Sergeant Steve Sickelbower said he was involved in an on-duty patrol vehicle accident on January 22, 2016 in which his Chevy Tahoe sustained major damage and full airbag deployment but his injuries only consisted of abrasions, lacerations and whiplash due to the safety of the Chevy Tahoe. Sergeant Sickelbower thanked Mayor and Council for approving the purchase of the extraordinarily safe Chevy Tahoe.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation - Death with Dignity Day

Mayor Hiremath proclaimed Monday, February 8, 2016 as Death with Dignity Day and urged all citizens to show their support for the aid in dying legislation that was currently pending in the Arizona State Legislature.

Diane Uhl and Sanda Schuldmann, volunteers for Compassion & Choices, thanked the Mayor and Council for meeting with them and supporting the Death with Dignity initiative.

2. Proclamation - National Wear Red Day

Mayor Hiremath proclaimed Saturday, February 6, 2016 as National Wear Red Day and urged all citizens to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease by commemorating this day by the wearing of the color red.

Golder Ranch Fire District Fire Chief, Randy Karrer, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting the fight against heart disease.

3. Presentation - Community Hero Award to retired Oro Valley Police Officer Shawn Benjamin

Fire Chief Karrer, Golder Ranch Fire District Community Relations Manager Anne-Marie Braswell and Oro Valley Police Chief Danny Sharp presented retired Oro Valley Police Officer Shawn Benjamin with a Community Hero Award for performing CPR on an individual at Panera Bakery saving the individual's life. Chief Karrer invited the public to attend their next board meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at which Ms. Benjamin would be honored by the Golder Ranch Fire District for her heroic actions.

4. Presentation from Arizona Department of Transportation updating the Town of Oro Valley on the current status of State Route 77, Oracle Road Widening Project

Jeremy Moore, ADOT Assistant District Engineer for Construction, presented a status update regarding State Route 77 improvements and outlined the following:

- Project Overview
- Project Improvements
- Wildlife Crossings
- Schedule Update

Discussion ensued amongst Council and Mr. Moore regarding the Oracle Road Widening Project.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Zinkin requested to remove Consent Agenda items (C-E) for discussion.

Councilmember Garner requested to remove Consent Agenda item (G) for discussion.

- A. Minutes - January 20, 2016
- B. Cancellation of the February 17, 2016 regular Town Council meeting
- F. Resolution No. (R)16-06, authorizing and approving a subgrantee agreement between the Town of Oro Valley and the Arizona Department of Homeland Security to fund overtime and mileage under the Operation Stonegarden program
- H. Resolution No. (R)16-08, authorizing and approving Amendment Number 3 to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Regional Transportation Authority of Pima County and the Town of Oro Valley for provision of circulator bus service
- I. Resolution No. (R)16-09, authorizing and approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between Pima County and the Town of Oro Valley for the joint administration of Public Works Capital Improvement Projects

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Waters and seconded by Councilmember Snider to approve Consent Agenda items (A-B), (F) and (H-I).

MOTION carried, 7-0.

C. Appointment to the Board of Adjustment (BOA)

Councilmember Zinkin thanked all of the residents who applied for the BOA vacancy and said that he was looking forward to working with Mr. Perkins.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Zinkin and seconded by Councilmember Hornat to approve item (C).

MOTION carried, 7-0.

D. Visit Tucson Quarterly Report: October 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Councilmember Zinkin was concerned with the funding levels stipulated in the Town's Financial Participation Agreement (FPA) with Visit Tucson.

Brent DeRaad, President & CEO of Visit Tucson, spoke to the funding levels and return on investment estimates for the Town.

Discussion ensued amongst Council and Mr. DeRaad regarding the Visit Tucson Quarterly Report.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Zinkin and seconded by Councilmember Garner to approve item (D).

MOTION carried, 7-0.

E. Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report: October 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Councilmember Zinkin spoke about the Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce funding from the Town and inquired as to what the Town received from the Chamber in return.

Dave Perry, President and CEO of the Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce, outlined the various activities performed by the Chamber that benefitted the Town of Oro Valley.

Discussion ensued amongst Council and Mr. Perry regarding the Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Zinkin and seconded by Vice Mayor Waters to approve item (E).

MOTION carried, 7-0.

G. Resolution No. (R)16-07, authorizing and approving a subgrantee agreement between the Town of Oro Valley and the Arizona Department of Homeland Security to fund the purchase of hand-held thermal imaging equipment and night vision helmet mounts and transfer arms under the Operation Stonegarden program

Councilmember Garner inquired as to what specific equipment would be purchased through the subgrantee agreement.

Oro Valley Police Department Commander Jason Larter said the agreement was for thermal imaging and night vision equipment only.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Garner and seconded by Vice Mayor Waters to approve item (G).

MOTION carried, 7-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION REGARDING THE SIGN CODE AMENDMENT RELATED TO SIGNS IN THE RIGHT-OF WAY

Zoning Plans Examiner Patty Hayes presented item #1 and outlined the following:

- Purpose
- State Law Supersedes Zoning
- Oro Valley Allowed Sign Types
- Content Neutral

Development and Infrastructure Services Director Paul Keesler presented item #1 and outlined the following:

- Options
- Allow All Signs in the Right-of-Way
- Prohibit All Signs in the Right-of-Way
- Middle Ground
 - Focus on One or More Sign Types
 - Limit Time, Place, Quantity

Discussion ensued amongst Council regarding a possible sign code amendment related to signs in the right-of-way.

The Town Council directed staff to take a wait and see approach as to the Town of Gilbert litigation and continue to update Council on the status of the right-of-way sign legislation through Council Reports.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Zinkin requested a future agenda item to be placed on the March 2, 2016 Town Council agenda to discuss and clarify the difference between Main Street and Your Voice, Our Future, seconded by Councilmember Garner.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

No comments were received.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Waters and seconded by Councilmember Snider to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

MOTION carried, 7-0.

Prepared by:

Michael Standish
Deputy Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular session of the Town of Oro Valley Council of Oro Valley, Arizona held on the 3rd day of February, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Julie K. Bower, MMC
Town Clerk