

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CAREFREE TOWN COUNCIL**

WHEN: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022

WHERE: CAREFREE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33 EASY STREET, CAREFREE, AZ 85377

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

Town Council Attending:

Mayor John Crane
Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer
Sheila Amoroso
Vince D'Aliesio
Tony Geiger
Mike Johnson (*Telephonic*)

Town Council Absent:

Stephen Hatcher

Staff Present:

Gary Neiss, Town Administrator; Chief Kratz, Retired Rural Metro Fire Chief; Pat Walker, Pat Walker Consulting, LLC; Jim Rounds, Rounds Consulting; Peter Burns, previous Fiscal Advisor to Governor; Matt Lehrman and John Little, Social Prosperity Partners; Michael Wright, Town Attorney; Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk, Treasurer

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

Dale Roberts led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA:

ITEM #1 Review, discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2022-18 ordering and calling a special election to be held on May 16, 2023 to submit to the qualified electors of the Town of Carefree, a question of establishing a primary property tax and proposed amount to be raised.

The following members of the public appeared and spoke:

John Traynor, Carefree, AZ appeared and spoke in opposition of a primary property tax and a lack of trust regarding where the money will be spent.

Melissa Price, Carefree, AZ appeared and spoke in opposition of a primary property tax and spoke against putting the matter on the ballot for a vote.

TJ Sucato, Carefree, AZ appeared and spoke in opposition of a primary property tax.

Chief Tim Soule, appeared and spoke on behalf of Rural Metro Fire Department and his desire to remain the provider for the Town of Carefree.

George Nelson, Carefree, AZ Carefree, AZ appeared and spoke of his concern where the primary property tax will be spent. He would rather see \$10 go to a park.

Mark Jameson, Carefree, AZ appeared and spoke in support of a primary property tax.

Jerry Wetta, Carefree, AZ appeared and spoke in support of waiting to revisit the idea of a primary property tax to another time and staying with Rural Metro Fire Department for the current time.

Jim Northcut, Carefree, AZ appeared and spoke in support of a primary property tax.

Jeff Kerner, Carefree, AZ appeared and spoke in support of a primary property tax.

John Mattes, Carefree, AZ appeared and spoke of his concern where the primary property tax will be spent. He supports a property tax.

Phil Corso, Carefree, AZ appeared and spoke in support of Rural Metro Fire Department.

ACTION: Agenda items APPROVED, and Special Election called for May 16, 2023.

MOTION: Council Member D'Aliesio.

SECOND: Vice Mayor Kroyer.

VOTE: Approved 6-0 with 1 absent.

Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Mayor John Crane	Aye
Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer	Aye
Sheila Amoroso	Aye
Vince D'Aliesio	Aye
Tony Geiger	Aye
Stephen Hatcher	Absent
Mike Johnson	Aye

ITEM #2 Review, discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2022-19 restricting the use of primary property taxes to offset the long-term costs to provide fire and emergency services and to qualify for regional automatic aid.

ACTION: Agenda items APPROVED.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Kroyer.

SECOND: Council Member D'Aliesio.

VOTE: Approved 6-0 with 1 absent.

Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Mayor John Crane	Aye
Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer	Aye
Sheila Amoroso	Aye
Vince D'Aliesio	Aye
Tony Geiger	Aye
Stephen Hatcher	Absent
Mike Johnson	Aye

ITEM #3 Adjournment.

ACTION: Agenda items APPROVED.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Kroyer.

SECOND: Council Member D'Aliesio.

VOTE: Approved 6-0 with 1 absent.

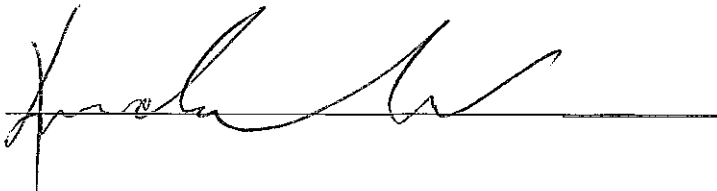
Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Mayor John Crane	Aye
Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer	Aye
Sheila Amoroso	Aye
Vince D'Aliesio	Aye
Tony Geiger	Aye
Stephen Hatcher	Absent
Mike Johnson	Aye

ADJOURNED AT 6:54 P.M.

DATED this 14th day of December, 2022.

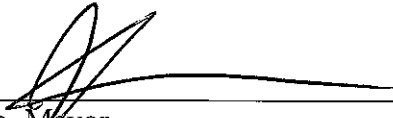
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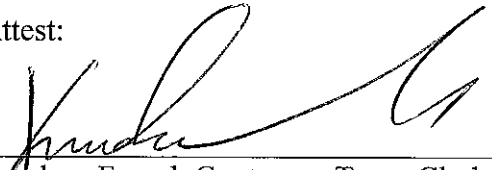
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John Crane, Mayor

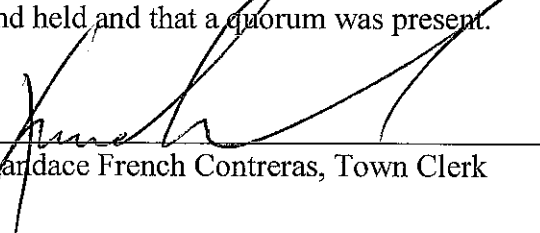
Attest:



Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk/Treasurer

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Special Meeting of the Town of Carefree held December 13, 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk