

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

WHEN: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022

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

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

Town Council Attending:

Mayor Les Peterson
Vice Mayor John Crane
Vince D'Aliesio
Tony Geiger
Stephen Hatcher
Mike Johnson
Cheryl Kroyer

Town Council Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Gary Neiss, Town Administrator; Michael Wright, Town Attorney; Brian Imbornoni, Special Council to the Town of Carefree; The Honorable Tara Parascandola, Carefree – Cave Creek Municipal Court; Jim Keen, Town Accountant; Stacey Bridge Denzak, Director of Planning and Zoning; Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk, Treasurer

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

Brian Imbornoni led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REGULAR AGENDA:

ITEM #1 **SWEARING IN CEREMONY – Introduction and taking of oaths for the newly elected Mayor and council members.**

ACTION: Mayor Elect John Crane was sworn into office.

ACTION: Council Members, Sheila Amoroso, Vince D'Aliesio, Tony Geiger, Stephen Hatcher, Mike Johnson, and Cheryl Kroyer and Council Member Elect Sheila Amoroso were sworn into office.

ITEM #2 **Selection of Vice Mayor to serve from the date of appointment through the end of his/her term pursuant to Carefree Town Code Section 2-2-2.**

Council Member Cheryl Kroyer was nominated as Vice Mayor for the Town of Carefree.

ACTION: Agenda item APPROVED.

MOTION: Council Member Geiger.

SECOND: Council Member Hatcher.

VOTE: Approved 7-0

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

ROLL CALL OF NEW COUNCIL

Town Council Attending:

Mayor John Crane
Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer
Sheila Amoroso
Vince D'Aliesio
Tony Geiger
Stephen Hatcher
Mike Johnson

Town Council Absent:

None

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed hereunder are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be discussed separately:

ITEM #3 Approval of the October 25, 2022 Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

ITEM #4 Acceptance into the public record of the October, 2022 paid bills.

ITEM #5 Acceptance into the public record of the November, 2022 paid bills.

ITEM #6 Acceptance of the cash receipts and disbursements report for September, 2022.

ACTION: Agenda items 3 through 6 APPROVED.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Kroyer.

SECOND: Council Member D'Aliesio.

VOTE: Approved 7-0

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	Aye
Mike Johnson	Aye

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

ITEM #7 Call to the Public.

Janet L. Veves, of Carefree appeared and spoke regarding Agenda Item #10 – Short Term Rentals and the problems and concerns she has had with a short term rental in her neighborhood.

Dale Roberts, of Carefree appeared and spoke regarding Agenda Item #10 – Short Term Rentals and the problems and concerns she has had with a short term rental in his neighborhood.

REGULAR AGENDA:

ITEM #8 Current Events.

Mayor Crane announced the following:

- A Special Meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for December 13, 2022.
- Application will be accepted through January 13, 2022 for citizens interested in serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Selection will take place on February 7, 2022
- The Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration was postponed due to weather. The new date is December 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member D'Aliesio announced the following:

- The Annual Chanukiah celebration will take place from December 18th through December 25th.

Vice Mayor Kroyer announced the following:

- There will be a meeting of the volunteer Ambassadors for the Visitor’s Center on Wednesday, December 7th at 3:30 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering can attend.

(Agenda Item Taken Out of Order)

ITEM #12 **Review, discussion and possible action to accept the terms of settlement in The Town of Carefree v. The Boulders Homeowners Association CV 2021-006704 for the purchase price of the real property known as the Boulders Underground Fresh Water Reservoir Site.**

ACTION: Agenda item APPROVED for the settlement amount of \$135,000 plus statutory interest with each party to bear their own fees and costs. It was noted this settlement figure is more than 50% less than a valuation of what trial would cost the town and therefore, makes financial sense.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Kroyer.

SECOND: Council Member D’Aliesio.

VOTE: Approved 6-1

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	Nay
Mike Johnson	Aye

ITEM #9 **Review, discussion and possible action to accept the findings of the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year audit.**

Jennifer Shields of Heinsfeld Meech appeared in person and presented the findings of a clean audit with no material misstatements.

ACTION: Agenda item ACCEPTED and APPROVED.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer.

SECOND: Council Member Mike Johnson

VOTE: Approved 7-0

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

ITEM #10 PUBLIC HEARING – Review and discussion regarding amendment to the Carefree, Arizona - Code of Ordinances (Town Code) related to the repeal and replacement of Article 6, Offenses, Chapter 6-8 Short-Term Rentals Responsible Party Requirements and other Violations to align with recently passed state legislation. (First Reading).

Two members of the public appeared and presented their support for change affecting Short Term Rentals.

ACTION: Presentation Only.

ITEM #11 Review, discussion and possible action to accept the proposed Public Involvement Plan prepared by Michael Baker International, to initiate the General Plan Update process.

Matt Klyszeiko of Baker International appeared and presented.

ACTION: Agenda item APPROVED.

MOTION: Council Member Geiger.

SECOND: Council Member Hatcher.

VOTE: Approved 7-0

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	Aye
Mike Johnson	Aye

(Agenda Item Taken Out of Order)

ITEM #14 **Approval of an Application for Series 12 Restaurant Liquor License for Tania Hicks and Christina Sumpter as controlling persons for Tox Bar located at 100 Easy Street, Suite 2, Carefree, AZ.**

Tania Hicks and Christina Sumpter appeared and spoke before the Council.

ACTION: Agenda item APPROVED.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Kroyer.

SECOND: Council Member Geiger.

VOTE: Approved 7-0

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	Aye
Mike Johnson	Aye

ITEM #13 **Approval of an Application for Series 6 Bar Liquor License for Lawrence Foppe and Sticks Golf & Cigar Lounge located at 37555 E. Hum Road, Suite 109, Carefree, AZ. (This is a second, duplicate license).**

ACTION: Agenda item APPROVED.

MOTION: Council Member D'Aliesio.

SECOND: Council Member Hatcher.

VOTE: Approved 7-0

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	Aye
Mike Johnson	Aye

ITEM #15 Adjournment.

ACTION: Agenda item APPROVED.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Kroyer.

SECOND: Council Member D'Aliesio.

VOTE: Approved 7-0

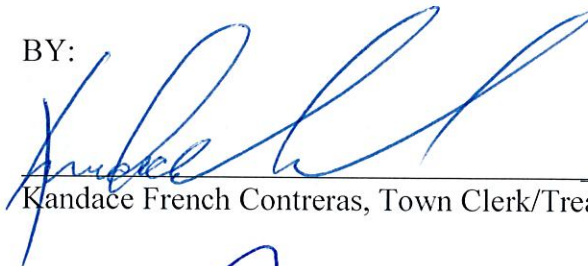
Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Mayor John Crane	Aye
Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer	Aye
Sheila Amoroso	Aye
Vince D'Aliesio	Aye
Tony Geiger	Aye
Stephen Hatcher	Aye
Mike Johnson	Aye

ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M.


DATED this 6th day of December, 2022.

TOWN OF CAREFREE

BY:


Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk/Treasurer

TOWN OF CAREFREE


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 Regular Meeting of the Town of Carefree held December 6, 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kandace French Contreras', is written over a horizontal line.

Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk