

**TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FOUNTAIN HILLS TOWN COUNCIL
JUNE 18, 2019
REGULAR MEETING**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Ginny Dickey

Mayor Dickey called the meeting of June 18, 2019, to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. INVOCATION – Pastor Trent Renner, Christ's Church of Fountain Hills

Pastor Renner gave the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL – Mayor Ginny Dickey

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ginny Dickey; Vice Mayor Art Tolis; Councilmembers Mike Scharnow, Dennis Brown, Alan Magazine, Sherry Leckrone and David Spelich.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Grady Miller, Town Attorney Aaron D. Arnson, and Town Clerk Elizabeth A. Burke.

4. REPORTS BY MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS AND TOWN MANAGER

Mayor Dickey reported that the Council would be taking a break for July with their next meeting on August 13, 2019, and their regular schedule starting back up in September.

She reported that there is a New Laws book available on the League's website at www.azleague.org.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION by Captain Larry Kratzer, MCSO, with monthly update.

Captain Kratzer gave his monthly update which included:

There have been a number of calls for service regarding animals left in vehicles and he reminded everyone how dangerous this is to the animals. He also reminded everyone to check on their neighbors with the heat. He said that they recently had an elderly subject die in town whose air conditioner was not working. They are not sure if that was a factor, but it is important to keep an eye on each other.

He reported that the Mayor and Mr. Miller have been proactive in having MCSO do a threat assessment on Town Hall and the detective came out today, working with some of the staff. They will be out again with recommendations for the Town Manager to consider.

Captain Kratzer said that the Town pays for the school resource officer for the high school, middle school and elementary school and they were able to have them attend a three-day SRO safety conference at Talking Stick. They will also be attending the national SRO basic school conference in Texas in August.

He referenced the after-hour process for MCSO help on Friday, Saturday and Sunday when citizens do not have access to Town Hall. He said that there currently is a call box next to the door, but it takes them to a nonemergency call line; it is not an intercom system to the officers on duty. He said that there are times when there is no MCSO staff in the building, but they are looking into that further to find a better way for the citizens to receive assistance during off hours.

He said that yesterday he had the opportunity to present and talk with the Men's Discussion Group and he talked about the contract between the Town and MCSO, recent crime trends, and how not to be a victim.

He said that back in February they had several "smash and grab" incidents. These are still ongoing investigations, but they have been working with the Attorney General's Office and were able to contact victims. They were able to get some of their property back. He said that they have been able to identify one of the suspects, who is believed to be the ringleader, but arrests have not yet been made.

He also reported on the vehicle burglaries that had taken place in May. He said that it is also still an ongoing investigation, but with video surveillance taken by a citizen and fingerprints, they have identification for three of the stolen vehicles and five of the burglaries.

Councilmember Spelich said that during the last Council meeting he was very vocal in his anger and his comments were troubling. He said that his entire career has been in law enforcement and he would never speak ill of it. It bothered him that his comments were somehow taken by citizens to feel that he was tearing down the department, which was the farthest thing from the truth. His cause of anger was with the costs of the contract. He wanted to clarify and give the Captain his support and state that they all appreciate his job. He apologized to Captain Kratzer and the others; his intention is to build them up.

Capital Kratzer said that no apology was necessary. He has had enough conversations with him to know how much he supports their department.

Councilmember Leckrone said that they all support law enforcement, and there is not enough of that going on in their nation. They are grateful for the Captain and his service.

Vice Mayor Tolis said that they do a great job. He hopes that it is written in bold in the news that Fountain Hills is NOT some place they want to come and commit a crime.

Councilmember Scharnow said that they had two sergeants present at the Noon Kiwanis Club who talked about Block Watch and how they want to implement that

program. He said that they did a good job. Captain Kratzer said that they are happy to come out and give those types of presentations.

Councilmember Brown said that it is very enlightening to have him in front of the Council and he thanked him for his reports. He said that there has been a lot of talk about speeding on El Lago and wondered if the Captain had any further news or information to share. Captain Kratzer said there are no updates other than to say that they are increasing traffic enforcement, starting this week and they will be targeting that and other areas. He said that there are a lot of intersections with speeding and there are a lot of intersections they are trying to accommodate. He said that they have two units coming in to assist and they think they will see an impact.

Mr. Miller noted that they have a meeting scheduled with Ms. Parisian to give her some ideas and suggestions to bring recommendations to the subcommittee. They are also going to hold a neighborhood meeting with her neighbors. They do have some ideas for traffic calming in that area.

Mayor Dickey said that Captain Kratzer is always so responsive and she appreciated him. She said that his quick responsiveness makes it easy for her to respond to her constituents.

B. PRESENTATION by McDowell Mountain Preservation Commission.

Mr. Bill Myers of the McDowell Mountain Preservation Commission gave an update report from the Commission, noting that they now have an extra 82 acres in the Preserve. They are getting money to build a couple of trailheads and he thanked the Council for the Town's work on Adero Canyon Trailhead. He said that they have a great Town staff with Grady Miller, Rachael, Kevin and Justin.

He reported that Toll Brothers is working on Eagle Ridge Drive for a revised opening of September. He has been up there and seen 3-5 pieces of heavy equipment. They hope to have that done in September with utilities hooked up.

Mr. Myers reported that every year the commission has objectives they try to get done. They currently have 35 of them. To get them done they have four groups. He reported that their fifth trail counter has gone in to the Preserve. It is a battery-operated light that goes across a trail to give them an idea of usage. In March at Adero Canyon Trail they had 8,300 people and in April it was 8,600.

He said that they are getting better recognition of the Sonoran Conservancy. They have great trails, but are needing additional signs to get them to the trailheads. There has been discussion of the value of the Preserve, why they have it and what value it has. He said that they will be getting some better answers to those questions.

He said that three of the commission members are also on the Board for the Sonoran Conservancy, which has about 100 members. They now have a host program and Friday through Monday during busy times they have hosts along the trail sharing safety tips to hikers like hiking in flip flops or hiking without water.

He also reported that they have a thumb drive that they give presentations to groups with and they will be working on that more over the next year.

Councilmember Magazine thanked Mr. Myers and all of the members of the commission; he said that it has been a labor of love.

6. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.01(H), public comment is permitted (not required) on matters NOT listed on the agenda. Any such comment (i) must be within the jurisdiction of the Council and (ii) is subject to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions. The Council will not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during "Call to the Public" unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action. At the conclusion of the Call to the Public, individual councilmembers may (i) respond to criticism, (ii) ask staff to review a matter, or (iii) ask that the matter be placed on a future Council agenda.

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Cain Jagodzinski, Fountain Hills resident, shared how the school would benefit from the Arizona Dark Sky Discovery Center.

Bob Shelstrom, Fountain Hills resident, voiced concerns with research he conducted on the MCSO contract and the law enforcement responsibilities of MCSO.

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine, non-controversial matters and will be enacted by one motion and one roll call vote of the Council. All motions and subsequent approvals of consent items will include all recommended staff stipulations unless otherwise stated. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a councilmember or member of the public so requests. If a councilmember or member of the public wishes to discuss an item on the Consent Agenda, he/she may request so prior to the motion to accept the Consent Agenda or with notification to the Town Manager or Mayor prior to the date of the meeting for which the item was scheduled. The items will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- A. CONSIDERATION OF authorizing staff to apply for the "Diamonds Back" Youth Field Building Grant for ballfield reconstruction at Four Peaks Park.
- B. CONSIDERATION OF a budget transfer from Economic Development to Tourism in the amount of \$3,500 to provide funding for grant G5202.
- C. CONSIDERATION OF approving Professional Service Agreement #2019-077 with Fountain View Village to prepare meals for the Home Delivered Meals program in the amount not to exceed \$30,000 annually.
- D. CONSIDERATION OF Resolution 2019-36 approving the designation of Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town of Fountain Hills.

- E. CONSIDERATION OF Resolution 2019-37 approving the uniform video service licensing application and permit.
- F. CONSIDERATION OF Resolution 2019-02 abandoning a portion of the El Lago Blvd. Service Road right-of-way and abandoning the adjacent "No Vehicular Access" restriction.

Councilmember Magazine **MOVED** to approve Consent Agenda Items 7-A through 7-F; **SECONDED** by Councilmember Brown; passed unanimously.

8. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. CONSIDERATION OF authorizing the Arizona Dark Sky Discovery Center to be located in the Northwest corner of the Community Garden, which is near the Centennial Plaza area previously authorized by the Town Council.

Mr. Miller said that last November the Council approved the Astroscience Center being located in Centennial Plaza area and directed the project organizers to come back and report.

Mr. Joe Bill, resident of Fountain Hills and President of the Arizona non-profit corporation that is seeking to build a privately funded dark sky center in Fountain Hills, said they are hoping to receive support from the town through a long-term lease for the land. He then presented the following information:

WHY IS THIS PROJECT A FIT FOR FOUNTAIN HILLS?
HOW IS IT GOING TO BE USED?
EXACTLY WHERE THEY THINK IT SHOULD BE POSITIONED

He then recognized those that have been working on them to get them to where they are to date: Clayton Corey, Nancy Bill, Lisa Miller, Jay Schlum, Jerry Butler, Ted Blank, and Tony Pastelli.

ARIZONA DARK SKY DISCOVERY CENTER

Start with a Series of Stakeholder Meetings
Job was to identify what it would have; the end result:

- Observatory
- Exhibit Hall
- Planetarium
- Theater/Auditorium

VISION STATEMENT

THE MISSION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS was formed as a 501(C)3

- Jerry Butler
- Walt Franklin
- Ted Blank
- Alan Magazine
- Nancy Bill

Joe Bill

CONCEPT DESIGN

A 13,000 to 14,000 square foot facility

HOW WILL IT BE USED?

Observatory (3 advisory consultants: Mark Pine (Rancho Mirage), Dr. Jeffrey Hall (Lowell Observatory), and Kay Corbin (Arizona Science Center)

Astrophotography

Planetarium Shows

Exhibit Area with interactive exhibits

Virtual Reality Stations

Presentations

Movie Theaters (classic movies)

Classes

Student Tours

Astronomy Camps

Events

Laser Tours of Night Sky

Telescopes on Hotel Balconies

Mr. Bill said that astrotourism is on the rise and they met with the management team at Copperwynd who is putting together a stargazing dinner series, including presentations by astronomers. He then introduced the Star Dudes—Tony Pastelli, Scott Adams and Ted Blank, who are working with Copperwynd.

He said that they have received support from the Chamber of Commerce and Arizona State University, and will be reaching out to the local community colleges and area high schools.

INTEGRATED MARKETING

Dark Sky Discovery Center

Community Garden

River of Time Museum

Sculpture Garden

Town of Fountain Hills Tourism

Chamber of Commerce

Fort McDowell

Copperwynd

Local Restaurants

Mr. Bill said that to get to this point required a lot of work and he wanted to also recognize Jerry Butler and Rita Applegate for reconfiguration of the garden to provide them access to areas they do not currently have and also access to a restroom.

Councilmember Brown asked how the grants were looking. Mr. Bill said that they have not started fundraising. They are depending on Fountain Hills to help them in that people know people. He said that if they happen to know someone in Fountain Hills that can open doors for them, it will provide the ability to get in front

of them and potential groups. He said that they have talked with three professional fundraisers and they all said that they have the most important thing—an inspiring project.

Councilmember Brown asked if Rita was completely satisfied with the outcome of working with the group. Mr. Bill said that Greg Zimmerman is currently in the process of developing elevations and renderings. They are to be done in August and he would be glad to share them with the Town Council at the right time. Councilmember Brown thanked Mr. Bill for a great presentation.

Councilmember Magazine said that when they vote he will be recusing himself since he sits on the Board, but he thinks this is potentially the most exciting thing to happen in Fountain Hills. He said that with the name, Arizona Dark Sky Discovery Center, they think they can attract people from the entire region and that will be critical to their success. He said that they have made a lot of progress in a short period of time and he thanked Joe and Nancy Bill for their leadership.

Councilmember Scharnow asked if they would be looking at a long-term lease. Mr. Miller said yes; it would be a multiyear approach to this project. They will come back at some point with renderings and the Council will get some further insight and give direction on that final stage.

Vice Mayor Tolis said that he agreed with Councilmember Magazine that it was really exciting and something they desperately needed to activate the downtown.

The following individuals addressed the Council in support of the project:

Bill Hinz, Copperwynd, said that they were making a substantial investment to move over to a Marriott Autograph Selection resort and to do so they have to distinguish themselves from every other property. They started the process with a very complex branding exercise and they brought in an international branding firm that identified their two largest assets were the desert and the sky. He said that they jumped at the idea of getting involved and they are 100% behind the project. He said that the quality of the people make the organization.

Councilmember Magazine said that if anyone wants the naming rights of the facility or knows of anyone, they should let Mr. Bill know.

Rita Applegate thanked the Bills for reaching out to her personally. They have worked hard to create something that is a big success and she cannot thank them enough for being able to be a part in a project of such magnitude. She thanked them for funding the relocation of the garden and allowing her to be a part of it.

Jay Schlum, Fountain Hills resident, thanked the Council for considering this. He said that many do not know that Joe Bill was on the first town council. They are great representatives of the town and great representatives of those that come here and do not let go of it.

He said that they are the only community in a metropolitan area designated as a dark sky community, and their ordinance helps keep them dark. From a real estate perspective, he is excited about the activities this will bring to the downtown and

the community center. He said that he has had clients move here from Ahwatukee for the benefit of the dark sky.

Rose Gonsoulin, Fountain Hills resident, said that she has spent a career in watching failed construction projects and offered three suggestions: 1) require that the funding be in place, not in loans or commitments; 2) make sure the plans, specs and drawings are developed. This is public land and when a contractor engages on public land they require a performance and payment bond to project the owner of the project as well as the subcontractors, suppliers and laborers; and 3) have the town added as a beneficiary in the event that anything ever happens to the 501(c)3. Councilmember Magazine said that it is fair to say that the entire Board agrees with everything just stated. They will not be turning dirt until the architectural plans are done and they have raised every dollar needed.

Written comment cards in support were received from Ted Blank and Peggy Yeargain.

Vice Mayor Tolis said that those recommendations were excellent and wanted to see if there was a way to have them added to whatever motion moves forward.

Mayor Dickey said that she was thankful for the cooperative nature of the project.

Councilmember Scharnow **MOVED** to approve the use of the northwest area of the Community Garden near the Centennial Plaza for the proposed Arizona Dark Sky Discovery Center; and that the Astroscience Discovery center Board of Directors present the proposed architectural designs and progress on its capital campaign to the Town Council at a later date; **SECONDED** by Councilmember Brown; passed 6-0 with Councilmember Magazine recusing himself.

- B. CONSIDERATION OF Resolution 2019-25 levying upon the assessed valuation of the property within the Town of Fountain Hills subject to ad valorem taxation, a certain sum upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation sufficient to raise the amount estimated to be required in the annual budget, specifically for the purpose of paying principal and interest upon bonded indebtedness; all for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020.

Finance Director David Pock gave a brief background on next year's property levy.

Councilmember Leckrone **MOVED** to adopt Resolution 2019-25; **SECONDED** by Councilmember Scharnow; passed unanimously.

- C. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF a request for the second six-month extension to the approved Special Use Permit #SU2018-01 to allow Verizon Wireless to install a cellular antenna with associated roof-mounted equipment to be 2-feet 4-inches above the maximum allowed height of 54-feet at 16845 E. Avenue of the Fountains.

Ms. Moore said that this was for a second six-month extension for the three Verizon Wireless facilities. She said that staff was recommending that it be approved.

Mr. Arnson left the meeting at this time (6:55 p.m.)

Councilmember Brown asked if staff had any idea of whether they are going to move forward. Ms. Moore replied that their representative said they were having issues with engineering of the walls to go around the facilities that are part of the project.

Councilmember Brown **MOVED** to approve Special Use Permit #SU2018-01; **SECONDED** by Councilmember Magazine; passed unanimously.

- D. CONSIDERATION OF approving the First Amendment to Cooperative Purchase Agreement C2018-077 with Infrastructure Management Services, LLC (IMS) in the amount of \$44,500.00 for pavement data collection utilizing "Lucity PMS" software, degradation analysis, bond analysis and preparation for the future pavement management program.

Public Works Director Justin Weldy said that this a long-term relationship between the Town and Infrastructure Management Services. They have been working with staff, gathered the data and hosting that data in their software system because the Town does not have the staff and necessary time available to do all of the analysis and come back with a recommendation of what roads they can save with the money they have. He said that part of this will be to renew the hosting of the software. It is the property of the Town, but they host it.

He said that another component said that they are going to work with staff, the Manager as well as educated volunteers to come up with a long-term management program. Included in that they will come back with findings and recommendations to include future bonding and asking the Council to determine what service level they want. By establishing the level of service they will be able make their recommendations.

After further review of the process, Councilmember Brown asked if they should approve this now or after the presentation. Councilmember Magazine said that they all know that roads and their conditions are top priority. He suggested that they at least consider advertising a presentation at the community center that lays out the plan, the costs, etc. Mr. Miller said that was an excellent idea. Once the work session is done and they have a proposal in place they can then have some open houses.

Councilmember Spelich said that this is for \$44,000 now; he asked what was next. Mr. Weldy said that this is to help them develop a long-term plan. The known number is \$6,000 which is the cost for them to annually maintain the software. In the future, they will base their approach on them doing a second analysis that includes data for deflection testing.

Mr. Weldy said that the future is unknown at this time, based on the fact they do not know all of their needs. To move forward there will be a cost.

Councilmember Spelich asked if there would come a time where they will have so much information that the Town could handle its own database. Mr. Miller said that

all of the valley cities have staff on board to be able to do this. Fountain Hills has a very small department and does not have the staff needed to do that. He said that the \$6,000 a year to maintain the database and do the input is a good value. If they were to add a staff person they would be looking at much more.

Mr. Miller said that at this point he could promise that they will not ask for \$44,000 next year. Mr. Weldy said that they asking to spend \$44,500 for the items listed. Accumulatively, the contract will be at \$114,095 for the multiple years.

Councilmember Brown said that he felt that Mr. Weldy is extremely intelligent and he has done a better job than any others in the past. He asked if they really need to spend the \$44,500. Mr. Weldy said that the money they are asking for is to help them prepare a complicated bond process and long term plan. Currently, he and Mr. Pierce are taxed on what they can do. He appreciated that they recognize they are doing a good job, but there is no way they could get the information.

Councilmember Scharnow asked what the timetable was. Mr. Miller said that if the Council decides to refer a question to the voters for bonding, it would be in November of 2020. He would like to plan on having this come back to Council by December and have the spring to work on refining it. Spring is when they would be doing the public outreach.

Bob Shelstrom, Fountain Hills resident, said that he did not believe they gave good direction to IMS the first time. They should have told them what level the Town wanted.

Councilmember Brown **MOVED** to approving the First Amendment to Cooperative Purchase Agreement C2018-077 with Infrastructure Management Services, LLC (IMS) in the amount of \$44,500.00 for pavement data collection utilizing "Lucity PMS" software, degradation analysis, bond analysis and preparation for the future pavement management program; **SECONDED** by Councilmember Scharnow; passed unanimously.

- E. CONSIDERATION OF approving Cooperative Purchase Agreement C2019-095 between the Town of Fountain Hills and Interwest Safety Supply, with the option of two (2) one-year terms to provide signs and hardware, in the amount not to exceed \$119,823.17.

Mr. Weldy stated that this was an amendment to an existing contract with some renewals in it. The bulk for tonight's approval will encompass the purchasing of the LED stop signs that Jeff Pierce recently presented. They intend to receive those signs by the end of June and right after staff will begin installation. They should have them all installed within 120 days, depending on the heat and complexity. He said that this is tied to a recommendation that came from the pedestrian safety committee.

The second part of the agreement, the remaining balance, is split between streets and community services. The McDowell Mountain Preservation Commission is working to make improvements to their signs leading up the trails. He said that is where the CAD engineer helps. This will also include the renewals for the next two years. \$30,000 is for streets and \$40,000 for community services/CAD.

Councilmember Magazined **MOVED** to approve Cooperative Purchase Agreement C2019-095 between the Town of Fountain Hills and Interwest Safety Supply, with the option of two (2) one-year terms to provide signs and hardware, in the amount not to exceed \$119,823.17; **SECONDED** by Councilmember Leckrone; passed unanimously.

- F. CONSIDERATION OF authorizing the Town Manager to secure a contract with a firm to represent and lobby on behalf of the Town of Fountain Hills relating to the possibility of the FAA changing Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport flight paths.

Mr. Miller said that the City of Scottsdale has been working with neighborhoods and residents to make changes to the FAA flight paths. Unfortunately, out of the three flight paths being considered, one is a direct impact to the Town of Fountain Hills and Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. He said that this is a high stakes game and it could impact noise and air pollution, and have other impacts.

He said that the last time this was considered was about five years ago. If it was not for the efforts of Senator McCain at that time, they would have had those running right through the town.

He said that it is to authorize a contract with a professional lobbyist to defend Fountain Hills. What is essential is for them to have a good scope of services, making sure they get the value for what they are paying.

Discussion was held on possibly piggybacking on Scottsdale's lobbyists efforts, but it was clarified that Scottsdale's lobbyist would be promoting the flight path that would negatively impact Fountain Hills. Mr. Miller said that he did not believe that Scottsdale is impacted by the flight paths, but rather by the Scottsdale Airpark (which is impacted by the flight paths).

Councilmember Leckrone asked if they have talked with any of their senators and representatives before spending money. Mr. Miller said that typically they do not get involved at this level. He believed that Martha McSally did have a community meeting seeking input. Staff can contact them, but it is really with the FAA, and unless they have a plan, they need to get their position out there and have a strategy that is articulated to keep the current status quo. What they are paying for is the access to senators and congressmen, and their staff. They could do that directly but it will not have the same level of influence.

Councilmember Spelich said that Representative Schweikert is a Fountain Hills resident. He said that he hated to be the guy that complains about spending money, but \$30,000 is a lot of money. Mr. Miller said that he did not disagree with him, but they are up against the fact that Scottsdale hired a very high-end firm to represent them back in Washington DC. He is concerned that Scottsdale did not contact Fountain Hills on this.

Mayor Dickey explained that she found out about this by accident, and they had to get into action. She said that it is hard to spend the time on what needs to be done. They would be authorizing the Town Manager to look into this and ask if Fort

McDowell may want to join in on it. She said that she has reached out to them, but has not yet heard back from them.

Councilmember Magazine said that having played in this game, he would like to see what responses they get from the firms; who their players are, how much time, who they know and the strategy.

Councilmember Scharnow said that the citizens would be more disappointed if they do not do anything and the routes get changed. Mayor Dickey said that there is no guarantee.

Vice Mayor Tolis asked if any research had been done about the responsibility of the FAA in publicizing the proposed changes.

Mr. Miller said that there have been three flight path proposals that have gone to the FAA, as a result of the City of Scottsdale. He said that they have shut off the public input. The Mayor got her letter in the day before the last day, but no one notified our town.

Mayor Dickey said that the FAA did notify Fountain Hills about the public meetings, but it was not until Scottsdale submitted a different proposal that the Town was concerned.

Mr. Miller noted that Representative Schweikert also represents the residents of Scottsdale and Paradise Valley. He does not know where he stands on the issue.

Vice Mayor Tolis said that this is within the Town Manager's budgetary allowance for making a decision. Mr. Miller said that it was, but it is a big issue and he did not want to move forward and have the Council say they did not know about it.

Bob Shelstrom, Fountain Hills resident, asked if they were spending good money against bad if they were going up against Scottsdale with \$30,000. He referenced a case in Illinois regarding flight paths and noise impacts.

Councilmember Magazine said that he agreed with the \$30,000; they will get a second or third-rate lobbyist group. Mr. Miller said that a lot of it has to do with how long it takes. If it was going to cost more they would come back. He needs to at least get a quote, develop a strategy and work with Sky Harbor.

Councilmember Magazine **MOVED** to authorize the Manager to contract with a lobbyist on behalf of the Town of Fountain Hills relating to the possibility of the FAA changing Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport flight paths; **SECONDED** by Councilmember Brown; passed unanimously.

- G. CONSIDERATION OF authorizing the Town Manager to apply for a matching grant of up to \$75,000 through the National Endowment for the Arts' Our Town program for the purpose of supporting potential enhancements to, and an event related to, a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the fountain.

Economic Development Director James Smith said that he found a new National Endowment of the Arts' grant that had been presented to Arizona communities, and it has great discretion on how it is used. It is related to placemaking and he

believed that the efforts related to improvements at the fountain and events and musical performances may be covered. He said that August 8 was the first submittals so they needed to bring it forward this evening.

Councilmember Magazine said that he was having trouble with this. He was remembering the discussion they had regarding the decorations on Avenue of the Fountains. He said that \$150,000 sounds like a lot of money for a celebration. Mr. Miller noted that they were looking at improvements to the fountain, something to last for the next 50 years, and lighting enhancements as part of the 50th.

Councilmember Magazine asked if they could cut it back if they received the grant and found that the total would be less. Mr. Smith said that was his understanding.

Mr. Miller said that the only reason why this is not fully flushed out is that James started a week ago. They do think that they will be putting some money out on the fountain. He said that there are a lot of things to be maintained, but there are enhancements to the lighting, etc. that a grant may help pay for. Mr. Smith said that the award amounts are between \$25,000 to \$200,000.

Councilmember Scharnow asked about the timing of the grant award being next year. Mr. Miller said that they could budget next year for the Town's match. At that time, they would have a better idea of how much to budget.

Councilmember Scharnow **MOVED** to authorize the Town Manager to apply for a matching grant of up to \$75,000 through the National Endowment for the Arts' Our Town program for the purpose of supporting potential enhancements to, and an event related to, a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the fountain; **SECONDED** by Vice Mayor Tolis; passed unanimously.

9. COUNCIL DISCUSSION/DIRECTION to the TOWN MANAGER

Item(s) listed below are related only to the propriety of (i) placing such item (s) on a future agenda for action or (ii) directing staff to conduct further research and report back to the Council:

Mayor Dickey reported that August was Drowning Prevention Month.

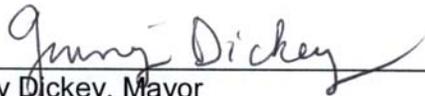
Mayor Dickey reminded everyone of the Fourth of July activities beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Fountain Park.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Brown **MOVED** to adjourn; **SECONDED** by Councilmember Magazine; passed unanimously.

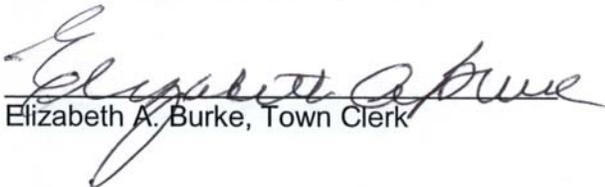
The Regular Meeting of the Fountain Hills Town Council held on June 18, 2019, adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS



Ginny Dickey, Mayor

ATTEST AND PREPARED BY:



Elizabeth A. Burke, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Session held by the Town Council of Fountain Hills in the Town Hall Council Chambers on the 18th day of June, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 13th day of August, 2019.



Elizabeth A. Burke, Town Clerk