



**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
6401 E. LINCOLN DRIVE
PARADISE VALLEY, ARIZONA 85253
MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Bien-Willner called to order the Town Council Meeting for Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 12:00 PM in the Town Hall Boardroom and Zoom Conference.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jerry Bien-Willner attended by video conference
Vice Mayor Julie Pace attended by video conference
Council Member Ellen Andeen attended by video conference
Council Member Paul Dembow attended by video conference
Council Member Scott Moore attended by video conference
Council Member Mark Stanton attended by video conference
Council Member Anna Thomasson attended by video conference

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Town Manager Jill Keimach attended by video conference
Assistant Town Attorney Deborah Robberson attended by video conference
Town Clerk Duncan Miller

2. STUDY SESSION ITEMS

20-375 Discussion of Town Attorney Transition Planning

Town Manager Jill Keimach presented options and analyses for legal counsel following Town Attorney Andrew Miller's announcement that he will retire in December.

The Council discussed hiring an in-house counsel, contracting with an outside firm, or a hybrid of in-house and outside firm(s). There was Council consensus to explore a hybrid model with an outside firm serving as Town Attorney and in-house counsel for certain projects and staff support.

The Council authorized Staff to draft a request for proposal for outside legal representation. The draft would be scheduled for review on October 8th and approved for release on October 22nd. In the interim, the Council supported the Town Manager's recommendation to retain outside legal counsel for the Police Department and for other Attorney's Office work projects as necessary.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

20-374 Discussion or consideration regarding Town Attorney, including retirement, resignation, and assignments, as authorized by A.R.S. 38-431.01(A)(1); and discussion or consultation for legal advice regarding the Town’s procurement code as authorized by A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

This item was not considered.

4. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Council Member Dembow, seconded by Council Member Moore, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Bien-Willner
Council Member Andeen
Council Member Dembow
Council Member Moore
Vice Mayor Pace
Council Member Stanton
Council Member Thomasson

Mayor Bien-Willner adjourned the meeting at 1:26 PM

TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY

SUBMITTED BY:

Duncan Miller, Town Clerk

STATE OF ARIZONA)
COUNTY OF MARICOPA) :ss.

CERTIFICATION

I, Duncan Miller, Town Clerk of the Town of Paradise Valley, Arizona hereby certify that the following is a full, true, and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Paradise Valley Town Council held on Thursday, October 1, 2020.

I further certify that said Municipal Corporation is duly organized and existing. The meeting was properly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Duncan Miller, Town Clerk