

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

WHEN: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023
WHERE: CAREFREE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33 EASY STREET, CAREFREE, AZ 85377
LIVESTREAM: CAREFREE YOUTUBE CHANNEL
<https://www.youtube.com/@Carefree.AZgov>
TIME: 5:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor John Crane
Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer
Councilmember Sheila Amoroso
Councilmember Stephen Hatcher
Councilmember Mike Johnson
Council Member Clint Miller

ABSENT:

Councilmember Vince D’Aliesio

Mayor Crane called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mary Cook led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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:

1. **Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting on August 1, 2023.**
2. **Acceptance into the public record of the August 2023 paid bills.**
3. **Acceptance of the cash receipts and disbursements report for June 2023**

4. Approval of a Proclamation declaring September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

Mayor Crane announced the agenda items. There were no changes.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Kroyer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 4 as presented.

SECOND: Council Member Johnson.

VOTE: Approved 6-0-1.

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

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The following individuals spoke at Call to the Public:

Scott Whelan, Carefree – Local property owner introduced his plans for the property he owns in the Town Center.

John Mattes, Carefree – Asserted that approving the Economic Development Work Plan was a violation of open meeting law. The Council took an oath.

John Traynor, Carefree – Suggested the items he considers most important to be placed earlier on the agenda and respect for the public's time.

Diane Roth, Carefree – Stated the median age of a Carefree resident is 67 years of age. Having a guard at the Council Meeting is offensive. Do not rush the Economic Development Plan.

Colleen Rose – Scurti, Carefree – Urged the Council Members to not approve the Economic Development Plan.

Mary Cook, Carefree - She got an email from Carefree Unity and does not know who that is or how they got her email. Gave her opinion on the term, "gaslighting." Stated no one

should ever be removed from a meeting. Stated that profanity at a meeting is never acceptable.

Cindy Burgin, Carefree – Is working on a draft of a General Plan. The process is being undermined. Gave an opinion on traffic calming.

REGULAR AGENDA:

(The following items were taken out of order)

7. Closure of Ho Hum and Easy Street, per the attached Exhibit A for the following dates of the Thunderbird Fine Art and Wine Festivals for 2023 and 2024.

Presented by Steve Prokopek. Dennis from Thunderbird Artist in attendance.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Kroyer made a motion to approve the Agenda Item.

SECOND: Council Member Hatcher.

VOTE: Approved 6-0-1.

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

6. Current Events.

Community Conversations – Meet the mayor and others on Friday, September 8th at the Vistor's Center.

Carefree Restaurant Week – September 18th through the 24th.

Traffic Calming Workshop September 14th and 28th.

11. Review, discussion and possible action to approve the closure of Ho Hum from Easy Street to 100 Easy Street October 14 from 1:00Pm to 7:00 PM for Empty Bowls.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Kroyer made a motion to approve the Agenda Item.

SECOND: Council Member Johnson.

VOTE: Approved 6-0-1.

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

8. **Review and discussion related to the General Plan Update process as led by Matt Klyszeiko, Michael Baker International, to include presentation of preliminary drafts of the General Plan Goals, Policies, and Actions for discussion. Focus will be given to addressing the drafting process, outlining the overall structure, responding to questions, and collecting review comments in regard to the draft material. No action will be taken at this time.**

Discussion only. No action taken.

Public Comment taken:

John Traynor, Carefree – Does not like what the Council said about not having money. Expressed there is one vote per Council Member, and it is a mistake to count on tourism.

Wendy Mattes, Carefree – Feels insulted, marginalized. Asked the Council to keep an open mind and referenced the October 21st meeting on Open Space.

Ariana Buser, Carefree – Insulted by comments. In regard to traffic calming makes no sense to add a resort on the corner. Told the Council they work for the citizens, not the other way around.

Art Veves, Carefree – Questioned a proposed boutique hotel. Nothing mentioned makes sense. Referenced COVID Zoom presentations. Spoke out against Pickleball.

12. 2023-24 Strategic Economic Development Workplan.

Discussion only. No action taken. Deferred to October 3, 2023 Town Council meeting for further consideration and possible action.

Public Comment taken:

John Matte, Carefree – Reiterated that he would file an Open Meeting Law violation with the Attorney General and go after the Councils’ bonds. The Council is violating the Constitution.

Barbara Hess, Carefree – Read a letter into the record purportedly written by Stephanie Barbour of Carefree, AZ. Stated she does not understand what is being voted upon.

John Traynor, Carefree – Attacked the presentation of Steve Prokopek and stated it was a tool to violate zoning codes.

9. Review, discussion and possible action to enter into an agreement with VSS International and authorization of funds from the Capital Improvement Program for the Pavement Maintenance Project for 2023-2024.

MOTION: Council Member Hatcher made a motion to approve Agenda Items.

SECOND: Council Member Amoros.

VOTE: Approved 6-0-1.

Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Mayor John Crane	Aye
Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer	Aye
Sheila Amoroso	Aye
Vince D’Aliesio	Absent
Stephen Hatcher	Aye
Mike Johnson	Aye
Clint Miller	Aye

Public Comment taken:

John Traynor – Carefree - questioned materials being used and reduced pricing for project.

10. Possible authorization for the appropriation of funds in the Streets/Facilities Operational Expense Budget to fund the purchase of a Broce Broom RTC-350 in the amount of \$89,203.73.

MOTION: Council Member Amoroso made a motion to approve the Agenda Item.

SECOND: Vice Mayor Kroyer.

VOTE: Approved 6-0-1.

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

13. Adjournment.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Kroyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Council Member Johnson.

VOTE: Approved 6-0-1.

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

ACTION: ADJOURNED AT 8:45 P.M.

DATED this 7th of September, 2023.

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 September 5, 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.


Kandace French Contreras
Town Clerk/Treasurer