

TOWN OF WELLTON

Minutes of the June 23, 2022 Public Hearing and Special Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Baughman called the public hearing and special meeting to order at 6:00PM on Thursday, June 23, 2022. Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Baughman dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation. Roll call was taken.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Cecilia McCollough (arrived later), Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Baughman, Councilmembers Scott Blitz (via Zoom), Sylvia Davidson, and Michelle Jones.

Councilmembers Absent: None Absent.

Staff Present: Town Manager Richard Marsh (telephonically), Deputy Town Clerk Sandra Jones, Finance Director Marisol Hernandez, Public Information Officer David Williams, Coyote Wash Golf Course Manager Brian Claar, Consultant Larry Killman, and Attorney Andrew McGuire (via Zoom).

Guests Present: Ralph Davidson, Connie Zimmerman, Lisa Aler, Regina Langford, Jim Sampson, Martin Hernandez, Audrey Zingler, Heather Perez, Stan Lucier, Julie Stevens, Colleen Lownds, Bob Leeper, Peggy Leeper, and Cory Beck.

Discussion and Action Items

- **Open Public Hearing**

Open Public Hearing at 6:02PM.

1. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-563.01 , the Town of Wellton is required to hold two public hearings prior to proposing an alternative expenditure limitation for consideration by the registered voters in the General Election on November 8, 2022. This is the second hearing. The Town may propose the adoption of an alternative expenditure limit, the "home rule" option. The current Expenditure Limitation is a state-imposed limitation set by a formula that incorporates the Census number. The current estimate is that in absence of the approval of this alternative expenditure limitation, the Town's total budget for all expenses, regardless of available revenue and reserves on hand, would be limited to approximately \$1.2 million below our present budget. There would be very little capacity to operate and sustain ourselves as an organization.

Discussion clarifying the difference between Home Rule Option and Permanent Base Adjustment on Alternative Expenditure imitations.

- **Close Public Hearing and reconvene Special Session of the Common Council.**

Close Public Hearing and reconvene Special Session of the Common Council at 7:11PM.

2. **Discussion and possible action to:**

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 693 proposing the Home Rule Alternative Expenditure Limitation be submitted to the voters of the Town of Wellton on the November 8, 2022 General Election Ballot; and

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Baughman, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, to adopt Resolution No. 693 proposing the Home Rule Alternative Expenditure Limitation be submitted to the voters of the Town of Wellton on the November 8, 2022 General Election Ballot. Voice vote:

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

- b. Adopt Resolution No. 694 proposing a Permanent Adjustment to the 1979-80 Base Expenditure Limitation of the Town of Wellton of \$500,000 be submitted to the voters of the Town of Wellton on the November 8, 2022 General Election Ballot.**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Baughman, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, to NOT adopt Resolution No. 694 proposing a Permanent Adjustment to the 1979-80 Base Expenditure Limitation of the Town of Wellton of \$500,000 be submitted to the voters of the Town of Wellton on the November 8, 2022 General Election Ballot. Voice vote:

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Baughman, seconded by Councilmember Davidson to adjourn.

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13PM.


Cecilia McCollough, Mayor

ATTEST:


Richard Marsh, Town Manager

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the public hearing and special meeting held June 23, 2022 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.


Richard Marsh, Town Manager