



**TOWN OF MAMMOTH
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE MAMMOTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON
July 27 2020**

These are the Minutes of a Special Meeting held by the Mammoth Town Council
On July 27, 2020 pursuant to the notice required by Law.

This is a "by phone" conference call meeting

Due to the COVID-19 Virus and our efforts to slow the spread we have chosen to use a technological virtual meeting room to keep all members and attendees safe in this time of crisis.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – This meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM Mayor Dietz
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Councilwoman Martinez
3. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT MEMBERS

Councilwoman Martinéz
Councilman Bustamante
Mayor Dietz
Vice Mayor Anaya
Councilwoman Amparano
Councilman Martinez
Councilman Romo

PRESENT STAFF

Attorney S Cooper
Town Manager D Jones
Town Recorder S Christiansen
Public Works W Gort.
Pat Walker Financial Consult
ABSENT MEMBERS
Councilman Romo Excused

Council Members, Staff, and the General Public were given notice that the meeting would be by phone and the public was encouraged to call in and listen to the meeting as there would be "NO CALL to the PUBLIC"

Call in at: 1877-309-2073 Access Code: 501283661#

4. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC- CANCELLED DURING THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC**
5. **Consideration and Possible Approval of Resolution 2020-03, A Resolution of the Common Council of the Town of Mammoth, Arizona, designating an application agent and an alternate point of contact for the Hazard Mitigation Program with respect to the Corona Virus (COVID 19) Pandemic.**

Pat Walker: This resolution will designate Don Jones as Agent and Authorized Representative for the Town of Mammoth with Erica Garcia as an alternate point of contact and I am the Financial Consultant, also a point of contact. The reason for this resolution is that if you apply for FEMA or DEMA for the Covid 19 expense incurred, you must have a designated applicant agent and points of contact. I have done all this for you. This is the final step for you to take. If you do not approve this and I cannot get it sent in, you will not qualify for the funds thru the Arizona Care Act, which is about \$195,000.00. All monies will be sent directly to the town and that is why an agent of the Town must be declared.

Councilwoman Martinez: We are putting Don in as point of contact but, he is leaving at the end of August. Would it not be better to put Erica down as the main point of contact now and not have to worry about changing hands at a later date?

Pat Walker: We did place Erica as a point of contact, however they asked for the CEO or Town Manager to sign the forms and that is why Don has been placed as agent. We may do a new Resolution once a new manager has been named. But, Erica is named in the Resolution as well.

Mayor Dietz: Ms. Walker where can we spend this money at?

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Pat Walker: This will probably go to pay the HURF Fund. The money is to reimburse your public safety costs and then it can be used for any general purpose. I think this money will be transferred to HURF so that you do not lose you excise tax.

Councilwoman Martinez: So you're saying we can't use this money for something like, contracting someone to come to Mammoth and administer COVID TESTING for all residents of Mammoth?

Pat Walker: No, that is not the purpose of this money. The purpose of this money is to reimburse you for the cost of your public safety. So I have to turn in all of your police costs from March 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. This could be freed up for any municipal purpose. I am not sure legally if you could use public monies for that purpose. That would be a legal question for Mr. Cooper. But if you do not pay off your HURF you will lose your Excise Taxes until you pay them back.

Councilwoman Martinez: So we are getting COVID monies and you want to use it to pay bills and not use it for COVID needs. To me that sounds like fraud.

Pat Walker: This is one of the reasons I quit working for Mammoth. I came back to help you guys try to get an application for 195,000.00. I take exception to the wording "Fraud" with my name at all. I would never commit fraud nor would I recommend any of the cities I work for to commit fraud. This is the way the Az. Governor has set to get monies to cities and towns through the Federal Grant. It does not have to be spent of Covid expenses.

Councilwoman Amparano: Asked about using the monies to help residents who have been displaced and are in need of food or utility issues.

Pat Walker stated that this would be a question for legal counsel to be discussed at a later date.

Mr. Cooper: Council, this before you today is simply to approve this resolution so that we can apply for the money. There can be discussion later on as to how the monies should be applied. Pat Walker has told you quite frankly that we have a HURF problem, which would cut off our highway user funds, which would be catastrophic for the town. We will have some discussions on whether we pay the state or use it for a paving project in town. It would be my strongest recommendation that you approve this resolution today and get the money. We can discuss other issues at a later date. I will tell you that the HURF issue is not something we can ignore. The greater good is in making sure the revenue we receive from the Highway User fund stay in the town and is not withheld.

Councilman Bustamante asks that the Council respect one another and be careful when addressing each other and when presenting their comments.

Councilwoman Amparano Thanked Ms. Walker for all her work on behalf of the Town of Mammoth.

Motion is to Accept Resolution 2020-03 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH ARIZONA DESIGNATING AN APPLICATION AGENT AND AN ALTERNATE POINT OF CONTACT FOR THE HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM WITH RESPECT TO THE CORONA VIRUS (COVID 19) PANDEMIC.

Motion by: Councilwoman Amparano

Second by: Councilman Martinez

Motion Passed 6-0

6. Possible Executive Session – NONE

7. Adjourn

Motion is to adjourn meeting at 2:14 PM

Motion by: Councilwoman Martinez

Second by: Mayor Dietz

Motion Passed Vote 6-0

I certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the Town of Mammoth Council Meeting held July 27, 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held.

Don Jones, Town Manager