

**New Castle Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 18, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

Mayor A Riddile called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Present	Councilor Owens Councilor Hazelton Mayor A Riddile Councilor Copeland Councilor Leland Councilor G Riddile
Absent	None

Also present at the meeting were Town Administrator Dave Reynolds, Town Clerk Melody Harrison, Accounting Assistant Debbie Guccini and Treasurer Lyle Layton (via phone conference) and members of the public.

**Meeting Notice**

Town Clerk Melody Harrison verified that her office gave notice of the meeting in accordance with Resolution TC 2018-1.

**Conflicts of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest.

**Agenda Changes**

There were no agenda changes.

**Citizen Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

There were no citizen comments.

**Consultant Reports**

Consultant Attorney – not present  
Consultant Engineer – not present

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## **Items for Consideration**

### **Consider Letter of Interest from Joe Mulé for Appointment to Open Seat on the Town Council**

The council spoke with Mr. Mulé at length.

Brad Marsh, 536 N B Avenue. Mr. Marsh told the council that Mr. Mulé would be a great addition to the town council because he was honest, hardworking and had a lot of faith in New Castle. He felt Mr. Mulé was a good man with a good heart.

Lisa March, 536 N B Avenue. Ms. Marsh said she had known Mr. Mulé for a long time, and felt he was honest and truthful and a very caring person.

### **Consider Letter of Interest from Crystal Mariscal for Appointment to Open Seat on the Town Council**

The council spoke with Ms. Mariscal at length.

Ms. Mariscal's daughters both spoke highly of their mother and told the council that they felt she would be a great member of the council.

Clerk Harrison passed out ballots to each council member. Ms. Mariscal received six votes, and Mr. Mule received no votes.

The council thanked both applicants, and told Mr. Mulé that there were other opportunities to volunteer, and if he were interested to contact Clerk Harrison. Mr. Mulé thanked the council.

### **Oath of Office – Councilor Crystal Mariscal**

Clerk Harrison swore in newly appointed member of council, Crystal Mariscal.

### **Consider Request from Dr. Lauren Roper for Approval of a MAD Bike Race Event at Riverside Middle School**

Dr. Lauren Roper greeted the council and told them she wanted to host another event. Dr. Roper said she was attending council on behalf of MAD Racing, but did not work for them. She said she and her husband participated in their events in Grand Junction and Fruita, and were excited to have them come to New Castle.

Dr. Roper said she met with John Klish of MAD Racing, Parks Manager Jared Steuber and former Administrator Tom Baker. They had received approval from Lori Hinkle with the school district, and the proposal was to hold a MAD Bike Race on Sunday, October 28, 2018 behind Riverside Middle School on school property and in VIX Ranch Park. Dr. Roper said that there was already insurance in place for the school and town properties, but not the proposed private property, so the group would be redesigning the race course to eliminate the private property from being used.

Dr. Roper said that the event had had increasing participation over the past five years, and she felt it would bring people from all over into New Castle.

Dr. Roper said that they were asking for permission to hold the event. She also said they would be looking for volunteers if anyone was interested.

Mayor A Riddile asked how the event was financed. Dr. Roper said the MAD organization fronted all the money. The council and Dr. Roper discussed some details of the organization of the event.

**MOTION: Mayor A Riddile made a motion to approve the MAD Bike Race on October 28. Councilor G Riddile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Update: Town Support of Liberty Classical Academy's Application for a Health Foundation Grant**

Administrator Reynolds told the council that originally the item was to have been an MOU with Liberty Classical, naming the town as the fiscal agent for the Health Foundation Grant. After meeting with representatives from the Health Foundation, it was discovered that it would be better to allow Liberty Classical Academy to apply for the grant on their own, with letters of support and 'in-kind' work from the town, placing the academy in a better position to be awarded the grant.

Administrator Reynolds said that he was looking for a letter of support from the council, as well as permission to assist Liberty Classical Academy through the grant-writing process, and then in managing the grant once awarded. After a lengthy discussion regarding the project, the council agreed.

**Consent Agenda**

Minutes of the August 7, 2018 council meeting

Minutes of the August 21, 2018 council meeting

Resolution TC 2018-20 – In Support of the RFTA Mil Levy

**MOTION: Councilor Owens made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilor G Riddile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Staff Reports**

Town Administrator – Administrator Reynolds told the council that there would be a new police officer starting in two weeks. His name is Aurelio Rubio. Mayor A Riddile said that with Officer Rubio, there were no two bilingual officers on staff. Administrator Reynolds also told the council that unfortunately, the police department would be losing Officer Justin Reynolds due to pressing family issues calling him to another state. Administrator Reynolds said Officer Reynolds was heartbroken about leaving, and hoped to return some day. Administrator Reynolds said that staff was working on the budget.

Administrator Reynolds told the council that the town's insurance company, CIRSA, continued to work with two citizens on a claim file recently. He said staff was working on finding a new planner. Administrator Reynolds said that the P&Z was working on the Downtown Plan, and he expected that they would meet several more times and then work on a rewrite of the document. Administrator Reynolds said that the HPC had a meeting the evening before and there was not a quorum, and the newest member had resigned. He felt that that commission may need some new direction and he would be looking at that.

Town Clerk – Clerk Harrison thanked the council for inviting the department heads to the council retreat, she felt it was very informative. She also said that one of the discussion was regarding a special election in April of 2019 to consider the vehicle use tax issue again. Clerk Harrison said she had found out that the election code did not allow tax items to be placed on a special election, so the item would have to wait until the 2019 November coordinated election or the town's regular general election in April 2020. Clerk Harrison said she had placed an employment ad on the town webpage and in the Post

Independent for the planner position. Clerk Harrison passed out a map to the council members that indicated what parcels were owned by the town. Last, Clerk Harrison said that her department would begin an office move to following day to create a more professional and less cramped work space for her department.

Town Planner – not present

Public Works Director – not present

### **Commission Reports**

Planning & Zoning Commission – Councilor Leland said they were working on the downtown plan.

Historic Preservation Commission – Councilor Copeland told the council that there had not been a quorum the night before, therefore they did not have a meeting.

Climate Action Advisory Committee – nothing to report

Senior Program – nothing to report. Councilor Mariscal agreed to be the representative to Senior Programs.

RFTA – Mayor A Riddile said that the RFTA meeting mostly centered on the budget.

RFTA's health insurance would go up 3.5%. Because the bus drivers were in a union, they would receive a 5.8% raise. RFTA would be providing a 1 to 4 percent merit raise to the rest of their employees.

AGNC – Councilor Hazelton said that Administrator Reynolds would attend the meeting in Oak Creek. He also said that the AGNC was strongly against proposition 112 dealing with setbacks for gas wells, and he felt it would greatly affect the industry.

GCE – Councilor Leland said that GCE since its beginning had set its goal in percentages, but they were discovering that it was too difficult to obtain accurate measures so they went to hard numbers and it was much more realistic. He offered to get more information about GCE for Councilor Mariscal.

BEWG – nothing to report

EAB – nothing to report

### **Council Comments**

Councilor G Riddile asked if Administrator Reynolds would type up an implementation plan for the items discussed at the retreat. Administrator Reynolds said he would.

Councilor G Riddile thought they could get moving on the OHV idea.

Councilor Leland said that John Harcourt had spoken to the media department at CMC Spring Valley and they were excited to speak to some of the town's older residents as part of a video project. He felt that could be passed on to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Councilor Leland said the library district had a new director named Brett Lear, and he wanted to invite him to attend a council meeting.

Councilor Leland said there was an article in the Post Independent regarding the Board of County Commissioners discussion regarding the RFTA tax issue, and the article often quoted Mayor A Riddile.

Councilor Copeland asked about committee assignments because she thought they were incorrect. Clerk Harrison said she would look into it.

Councilor Hazelton said his kids were working on a safety project and had discovered that the recreation center fire extinguishers were all out of date.

Councilor Owens asked about the town's affordable housing committee. He felt that perhaps that committee could be revitalized since they were considering the affordable

housing issue. The council discussed the multi-region affordable housing committee, noting that they did not necessarily like how that plan seemed to work, and felt they should handle that themselves for the residents of New Castle.

Councilor Mariscal asked if she was the first Latina to serve on the New Castle Town Council, and everyone believed that she was.



Mayor A Riddile said that on Thursday he would attend the county's quarterly economic development meeting.

Mayor A Riddile said he felt it was a great idea to get rid of the two apartments that the town owned. Administrator Reynolds said that they had become something of a burden on the staff, and there may be value in selling them and using the funds to pursue something else such as the fleet rotation program for the police.

**MOTION: Mayor A Riddile made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Owens seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Mayor Art Riddile  
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Town Clerk Melody Harrison, CMC