



**PUBLIC NOTICE  
REGULAR MEETING FOR THE COMMON COUNCIL OF  
YOUNGTOWN, ARIZONA**

The Town of Youngtown provides notice that it will conduct its Town Council meeting on **July 1, 2021** through *in-person and technological* means in order to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Council members may attend the Council meeting in-person or via video/telephone conference, as authorized by A.R.S. Section 38-431(4).

The in-person meeting will occur at 12030 Clubhouse Square, Youngtown AZ 85363, in the Town Council Chambers. A limited public audience will be allowed to attend on a first-come, first-served basis, with physical distancing.

The public may also listen to the Town Council meeting by calling in telephonically using the conference call and meeting identification number provided below. **Please state your name when you call in, then mute your telephone for the remainder of the call to ensure the Town Council can conduct its meeting without interference.** If you are appearing by remote means and would like to comment on any matter on the agenda, please download a public comment form and submit it via email to Town Clerk Nicole Smart, [nsmart@youngtownaz.org](mailto:nsmart@youngtownaz.org) at least one hour before the meeting. **The Town Clerk will read public comments submitted before the meeting into the record. You may also comment during the public hearing portion of the agenda by unmuting your phone and providing verbal comments, or coming up to the podium to speak if appearing in-person.**

**DATE:** July 1, 2021  
**TIME:** Immediately following the Agua Fria Ranch Community Facilities District Board Meeting which begins at 1:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Join the Regular Meeting by phone: 1-346-248-7799  
**Meeting ID:** 851 4066 9698  
**Password:** 190496  
**Link to the zoom meeting:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85140669698?pwd=cTIWd0VqTjVROG9QbzRmaERWNTRTQT09>

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
4. Response to Call to the Community

5. **Citizens Comments/Appearances from the Floor:** Please complete a speaker request form for the Town Clerk, listing the subject you would like to discuss. Each speaker is limited to five (5) minutes. Before you begin to speak, identify yourself clearly by stating for the record your name and address. Non-Agenda items: This is the time for citizens who would like to address the Town Council on any non-agenda item. The Council will listen to comments, and may take one of the following: 1) Respond to criticism; 2) Request that staff investigate and report on the matter; or 3) Request that the matter be scheduled on a future agenda.
6. **Consent**
- A. **Approval of Minutes**
1. Regular Meeting minutes of June 17, 2021.
7. **Business:**
- A. **Discussion and/or Action Re: North Youngtown Street Lighting Improvement District (NYT SLID):** Approval of Resolution 2021-13 of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Youngtown, Maricopa County, Arizona ordering that an equal apportionment tax be fixed, levied and assessed on all the property within the boundaries of the North Youngtown Street Lighting Improvement District in amounts specified in the approved statements and estimates for fiscal year 2021-2022 for the North Youngtown Street Lighting Improvement District and providing certified copies of the Resolution to be delivered to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and the Arizona Department of Revenue (Blackman)
- B. **Discussion and/or Action Re: Agua Fria Ranch Street Lighting Improvement District (AFR SLID):** Approval of Resolution 2021-14 of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Youngtown, Maricopa County, Arizona ordering that an ad valorem tax be fixed, levied and assessed on the assessed value of all the real and personal property within the boundaries of the Agua Fria Ranch Street Lighting Improvement District in amounts specified in the approved statements and estimates for fiscal year 2021-2022 for the Agua Fria Ranch Street Lighting Improvement District and providing certified copies of the Resolution to be delivered to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and the Arizona Department of Revenue (Blackman)
- C. **Presentation, Discussion and / or Action Re:** Ongoing efforts to address criminal activity, nuisances, and homelessness in the Town (Mayor).

**Adjournment.**

\*Note: Persons with special accessibility needs, including large print materials or interpreter, should contact the Town Clerk's office at 623-933-8286 or TDD 623-974-3665 no later than 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting time. To speak on an Agenda item, a comment form must be presented to the Town Clerk at least five (5) minutes before the Council Meeting. Citizens may appear before the Council to present their views on any subject concerning Town Government. The Council, however, may not discuss, consider, or decide items NOT on the Agenda (A.R.S. 38.431.02 (H)). The Council will, if necessary, follow up at a later date. Due to the limitation of time, citizens' comments are requested not to exceed five (5) minutes.

**POSTING CERTIFICATION OF THIS NOTICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the attached notice and agenda were duly posted at 1:00 p.m. on June 29, 2021, in the Town's designated posting locations pursuant to Resolution No. 06-04 and on the Town's website.

  
Nicole Smart, Town Clerk



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
MEETING COMMON COUNCIL OF YOUNGTOWN, AZ  
12033 N. CLUBHOUSE SQUARE, TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor LeVault called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. **Immediately following the Agua Fria Ranch Community Facilities District Board Meeting.**
2. **Roll Call:** Council present: Mayor Michael LeVault, Vice Mayor Chuck Vickers, Council Members, Margaret Chittenden, June Miller. Councilmember present telephonically: Councilmember Susan Hout and Councilmember Karen Haney Duncan.

Mayor Michael LeVault noted that a quorum is established for transacting business.

Staff present: Town Manager Jeanne Blackman, Town Attorney Trish Stuhan, Library Manager Heidi Speed, and Town Clerk Nicole Smart. Staff present telephonically Court Clerk Lisa Lipinski, and Community Development Manager Gregory Arrington.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:** Vice Chair Vickers led the Pledge and Town Manager Blackman gave the Invocation.
4. **Summary of Current Events:**

**A. Summary of Current Events from Mayor and Council.**

Mayor LeVault mentioned there was a memorial for Pastor Jack Duran, a long-time councilmember. Pastor Duran had been on council for eighteen years, and he will be dearly missed.

Mayor LeVault stated the homeless issue is everywhere, as bad as you may think it is here, it's worse in other States. People should watch "Seattle is Dying" and how bad it can actually get, as it's out of control in Seattle. The Maricopa Association of Governments is trying to find a way to put their arms around the homelessness issue.

Mayor LeVault mentioned that he is taking another trip down in the river bottom tomorrow. The Town cleaned up the river bottom over a year ago. El Mirage is not as aggressive in cleaning up their side. Mayor LeVault spent over one hundred hours in the river bottom. The homeless people have a mental issue, drug and opioid addiction. We are taking steps to mitigate this issue. If we were allowed to unvoluntary commit them then we may be able to wrap our arms around this issue.

Mayor LeVault mentioned the petty crime happening in this State. They are stealing catalytic converters and selling them for drugs, and there are porch pirates stealing packages on the front porches. Mayor LeVault stated he hasn't heard that is happening in town; however, it is happening in other places.

Mayor LeVault mentioned when you call the non-emergency number you may think the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office is not responding, however, the calls are prioritized, and it may take a few hours for them to respond but they do. Emergency calls come first and they are prioritized as well. Maricopa County Sherriff's Office is under staffed, and over worked, as are many law enforcement agencies throughout this state and across the country. This community will need to help us, and start standing up and pushing back. We are looking at our citizens' starting a neighborhood watch in different areas of the Town. Also, please do not put yourself in harm's way with the homeless people, call 911.

Town Attorney Stuhan stated being homeless is not a crime or illegal. If there were shelters space for the homeless to go to, and we offer to take them, and they refuse then there are other steps the Town can take to rectify that. However, the state is short of shelters, homes and services for the homeless people.

Councilmember Chittenden mentioned personally she will miss Pastor Duran he was a very committed, courteous person. Whomever replaces Pastor Duran, they will have big shoes to fill. Councilmember Chittenden stated they are having a Dog Park Meeting this Saturday, at 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse Kitchen. Also, the shade covers should be installed soon for the dog park.

## **B. Summary of Current Events from Town Manager**

Town Manager Blackman attended the West Valley Mayors' and Managers' meeting in Buckeye.

Town Manager Blackman attended the Maricopa Association of Governments Monthly Management meeting.

Town Manager Blackman held a meeting with Code Enforcement, Town Clerk, Community Development Manager and Town Attorney on updates to code and ongoing strategies for code enforcement.

Town Manager Blackman met with Mayor LeVault, Town Engineer Grant Anderson, Fire Marshal Jim Fox along with Community Development Manager Arrington and Town Clerk Smart regarding outstanding issues on the El Sol Battery Storage Facility project.

Town Manager Blackman met with Mayor LeVault and Captain Stutsman on issues in the community.

Town Manager Blackman met with Suzanne Baier, MCSO Finance along with Captain Stutsman to discuss additional law enforcement services for Youngtown.

Town Manager Blackman met with Mayor LeVault and Regional Manager for QuikTrip to discuss issues within our community and potential collaboration on working together on areas of concern.

Town Manager Blackman mentioned the street slurry seal resurfacing will begin on June 18th and will be completed by June 25th. The Citizens' Dog Park section of Alabama Ave. is scheduled for slurry seal on the northside lane on June 18<sup>th</sup>. The southside lane of Alabama Ave. adjacent to the Citizens' Dog Park will be slurry sealed on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Library Manager Speed mentioned the library has started story time which will be held on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. They are participating in the Maricopa County Summer Reading Program for all ages, (pre-readers, children, teens, and adults), and they have supplied us with the game boards and prizes.

The Story Time attendees sign up and receive a prize. The library is working on developing a Youngtown Historical Society and looking for members to honor and preserve our past. The library will be holding their annual ice cream social on Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, outside the library.

5. **Staff Reports:**

- A. **Library:** No formal report was given.
- B. **Public Works:** No formal report was given.
- C. **Community Development:** No formal report was given.
- D. **Finance:** No formal report was given.
- E. **Town Clerk:** No formal report was given.
- F. **Municipal Court:** No formal report was given.

6. **Response to Call to the Community:** No response to Call to the Community.

7. **Citizens Comments/Appearances from the Floor:**

Citizen Betty Trolen would like to say thank you to the Town for cleaning up the north end of the lake as this was a hangout for the homeless people. Let the Town know when you see something that they can resolve, please call the Town or 911. Also, we have a person that lives around Maricopa Lake that keeps an eye on everything there.

Greg Eisert from Sun City Homeowners Association (SCHOA.) Greg Eisert stated that Youngtown has been a partner with SCHOA in the past in the efforts opposing the forced consolidation of water and wastewater districts, which result in discriminatory and unjust rates to members of the communities. Since the decision of the Arizona Corporation Commission to forcibly consolidate five (5) wastewater districts, our citizens and theirs have been subsidizing the rates of four (4) other districts, including a financial contribution toward their legal costs.

While SCHOA lost (2-1) the appeal at the Appeal court, the dissenting opinion was so strong and persuasive that SCHOA submitted a Petition for Review to the Arizona Supreme Court. On March 3<sup>rd</sup> of this year the Supreme Court ordered a review of their Petition.

They continue to feel that forced consolidation is wrong, results in discriminatory rates, and it ignores the principle of cost causation as a basis for fair rates. They feel their positions in the Petition are strong, and they are optimistic that the court will find in their favor.

Greg Eisert stated that there are five (5) districts, and they were consolidated into one, and one of the districts was us. Of the five (5) districts, there are only two (2) districts that are continuing with the lawsuit - one is Youngtown and the other is Sun City West. We are hoping by the end of the year we will have an answer.

## 8. Consent

### A. Approval of Minutes:

Consent of the following minutes:

- i. Special meeting minutes of May 13, 2021
- ii. Strategic Planning minutes of May 15, 2021
- iii. Special meeting minutes of May 25, 2021
- iv. Regular meeting minutes of June 3, 2021

*Motion to approve the Consent minutes with changes– Councilmember Miller  
Second –Councilmember Chittenden*

***Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote with all Councilmembers in attendance voting, and Councilmember Hout and Councilmember Haney Duncan telephonic voice vote was noted as a yes.***

## 9. Business

**A. Public Hearing:** Estimates for the North Youngtown Street Lighting Improvement District (NYT SLID) for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

**i. Open Public Hearing**

Mayor LeVault opened the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

**ii. Close Public Hearing**

Mayor LeVault closed the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

**iii. Convene a Special Meeting for the Adoption of the Estimates**

1. Action to approve Resolution 2021-09 adopting the statement and estimates of the proposed expenditures for the North Youngtown Street Lighting Improvement District (NYT SLID) for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Town Manager Blackman was in attendance requesting approval of Resolution 2021-09, adopting the statements and estimates of expenses of the North Youngtown Street Lighting Improvement District which shall constitute the budget of the District for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and answer questions from Council.

It is in the residents' best interest and the Town Government (as stewards of the Town's funds) to fairly establish a tax levy to finance appropriate expenses associated with the NYT SLID to the property owners who benefit from the street lights in their area of Town.

The Council, as the Town of Youngtown's governing body, annually assesses a tax levy upon all property in the North Youngtown Street Lighting Improvement District (NYT SLID) to pay annual expenses for electricity for street lights in the District. Council will assess the tax levy by resolution at the meeting of July 1, 2021.

The benefit of having \$83,288.66 funds in Fiscal Year 2021-2022 specifically to address the NYT SLID. The assessment will be \$51.41 per parcel.

*Approval of Resolution 2021-09 adopting the statement and estimates of the proposed expenditures for the North Youngtown Street Lighting Improvement District (NYT SLID) for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.*

*Councilmember Miller*

*Second – Vice Mayor Vickers*

***Motion passed 6-0 on a roll call vote with all Councilmembers in attendance voting (Ayes: Mayor LeVault, Vice Mayor Vickers, Councilmembers Miller and Chittenden. Councilmember Hout and Councilmember Haney Duncan telephonic voice vote was noted as a yes.***

**B. Public Hearing:** Estimates for the Agua Fria Ranch Street Lighting Improvement District (AFR SLID) for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

**i. Open Public Hearing**

Mayor LeVault opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

**ii. Close Public Hearing**

Mayor LeVault closed the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

**iii. Convene a Special Meeting for the Adoption of the Estimates**

1. Action to approve Resolution 2021-10 adopting the statement and estimates of the proposed expenditures for the Agua Fria Ranch Street Lighting Improvement District (AFR SLID) for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Town Manager Blackman was in attendance requesting approval of Resolution 2021-10, adopting the statements and estimates of expenses of the Agua Fria Ranch Street Lighting Improvement District, which shall constitute the budget of the District for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and answer questions from Council.

It is in the best interest of the residents' and the Town Government (as stewards of the Town's funds) to fairly establish a tax levy to finance appropriate expenses associated with the Agua Fria Ranch Street Lighting Improvement District (AFR SLID) to the property owners who benefit from the street lights in their area of town.

The Council, as the Town of Youngtown's governing body, annually assesses a tax levy upon all property in the AFR SLID to pay annual expenses which includes the cost of electricity for the street lights in the District. Council will assess the tax levy by resolution at the meeting of July 1, 2021.

The benefit of having \$24,342.98 in funds in FY 2021-2022 specifically to address Agua Fria Ranch Street Lighting Improvement District.

*Approval of Resolution 2021-10 adopting the statement and estimates of the proposed expenditures for the Agua Fria Ranch Street Lighting Improvement District (AFR SLID) for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022*

*Councilmember Chittenden*

*Second – Vice Mayor Vickers*

***Motion passed 6-0 on a roll call vote with all Councilmembers in attendance voting (Ayes: Mayor LeVault, Vice Mayor Vickers, Councilmembers Miller and Chittenden. Councilmember Hout and Councilmember Haney Duncan telephonic voice vote was noted as a yes.***

- C. Public Hearing, Discussion and/or Action Re:** Adoption of Resolution 2021-11 to approve and accept as the final budget for the Town of Youngtown for fiscal year 2021-2022, the tentative budget for the Town for fiscal year 2021-2022, as approved by the Youngtown Town Council on June 3, 2021.

Town Manager Blackman was in attendance requesting approval of Resolution 2021-11 to approve and accept as the final budget for the Town of Youngtown for fiscal year 2021-2022, the tentative budget for the Town for fiscal year 2021-2022, as approved by the Youngtown Town Council on June 3, 2021, and answer questions from Council.

**i. Open Public Hearing**

Mayor LeVault opened the public hearing at 7:47 p.m.

**ii. Close Public Hearing**

Mayor LeVault closed the public hearing at 7:47 p.m.

**iii. Convene in a Special Meeting to Adopt Resolution 2021-11.**

*Approval of Resolution 2021-11 to approve and accept as the final budget for the Town of Youngtown for fiscal year 2021-2022, the final budget for the Town for fiscal year 2021-2022, as approved by the Youngtown Town Council on June 3, 2021.*

*Vice Mayor Vickers*

*Second – Councilmember Miller*

***Motion passed 6-0 on a roll call vote with all Councilmembers in attendance voting (Ayes: Mayor LeVault, Vice Mayor Vickers, Councilmembers Miller and Chittenden. Councilmember Hout and Councilmember Haney Duncan telephonic voice vote was ayes.***

- D. Presentation and/or Discussion Re:** Sun City Fire and Medical District (SCFD) Report, which may include discussion of inspections, fire prevention, staffing levels, response times, community needs, and ambulance services.

Fire Marshall Rob Schmidt presented the May 2021 Sun City Fire and Medical District monthly reports, discussion followed including inspections, fire preventions, expenses, and response times.

Fire Marshall Rob Schmidt mentioned that one of the fire engines needs to be updated, and they need to purchase an ambulance due to capital needs. Sun City Fire Department is asking if the Town would be willing to help them in purchasing the ambulance which has a cost of \$240,000, as they need to start replacing the ambulance they have, with some of the recovery act money that the Town would be receiving. Sun City Fire Department did receive some Cares money from Maricopa County for the sick time however, not for the overtime.

Mayor LeVault asked how much would it cost to purchase a fully furnished ambulance.

Fire Marshall stated a fully furnished ambulance would cost \$240,000.



Mayor LeVault explained the American Relief money coming is one time money, which the Town would be getting this fiscal year, and next year. Mayor LeVault would like everyone to consider this matter at a future meeting to discuss helping Sun City Fire and Medical District purchase the additional ambulance.

Councilmember Miller mentioned there's a lot of brush fires going on, and driving around Town she has noticed there a lot of tall weeds in people's backyard and in the alley way, and inquired if that would be a cause for fires.

Fire Marshall Schmidt mentioned that any dry bush could cause fire. From people throwing their cigarettes, or sparks from chains that are dragging on the road.

Councilmember Chittenden asked if the 399 calls for service included all Cities and Towns in our area, and when is your next meeting and at what time does it start.

Fire Marshall Schmidt mentioned the 399 calls includes all the calls they went to. The next Sun City Fire Department Board meeting is on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, and it starts at 9:30 a.m., which is located at 99<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Bell.

**Presentation and/or Discussion Re:** Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Report, which may include discussion of crime statistics, specific crimes including traffic violations, thefts, violent crimes, trespass and issues with homelessness, crime prevention, MCSO staffing levels, community needs, and response times.

Captain Stutsman mentioned today was a very rough day, and he is very proud of his deputies and everyone that helped out during the mass shooter. There were thirteen people that got shot at today, and one person passed away. When we received the 911 call, we are running to the scene as most people are fleeing from the danger. We worked with Surprise Police Department, Arizona Department of Public Safety. and I'm so proud to be part of this community and do what we do. The Surprise Police Department has the suspect in custody. The entire incident took place over an hour and half from 103<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to West Northern Avenue, Loop 101 to Thunderbird Road, 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue to West Union Hills Drive, 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue to West Union Hills Drive, 113<sup>th</sup> Avenue to West Bell Road, 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue to West Bell Road, 21800 North El Mirage Road, and Loop 303 to Happy Valley Road.

Captain Stutsman reviewed the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office May 2021 monthly reports, discussion followed including review of crime statistics, crimes including traffic violations, thefts, violent crimes, trespass and issues with the homelessness, and the Flock Safety cameras.

Captain Stutsman stated if you see something, please say something. Call 911 or the non-emergency number.

Councilmember Miller asked if the person that passed away was one of their own deputies.

Captain Stutsman stated there were no deputies or police officers injured, it was a member of the community.

Citizen Tim Ayres wanted to say thank and that he appreciates everything the Captain Stutsman and Deputy Hagen have done and the guidance they have given for the neighborhood watch program. They started the neighborhood watch a couple of weeks ago, and have 43 residents attending the neighborhood watch meeting. This includes both Spanish Gardens and River Bend 2.

Councilmember Haney Duncan asked if Denny's had any other break-ins.

Captain Stutsman stated there were no other break-ins.

Councilmember Hout wanted to extend her gratitude and thank you for everything they do.

- E. Presentation, Discussion and/or Action Re:** Review of applicant Owen Davis for the Youngtown Citizens' Dog Park Committee and possible action to appoint as a committee member for a term beginning July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024.

Town Clerk Nicole Smart was in attendance to present applicant Owen Davis for the Youngtown Citizens' Dog Park Committee. Town Clerk Nicole Smart requested an approval from Council to appoint Owen Davis to the Youngtown Citizens' Dog Park Committee for a term beginning July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024. A three (3) year term. Oath of Office was taken at this time.

Citizen Owen Davis stated he's a school teacher, and he has resided in Youngtown for almost a year.

*Approval to appoint Owen Davis to the Youngtown Citizens' Dog Park Committee for a term beginning July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024.*

*Councilmember Hout*

*Second – Councilmember Chittenden*

***Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote with all Councilmembers in attendance voting, and Councilmember Hout and Councilmember Haney Duncan telephonic voice vote was noted as a yes.***

- F. Presentation, Discussion and /or Action Re:** Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement for Services between Maricopa County Administered by its Human Services Department and the Town of Youngtown in regards to the Community Development Block Grant for the sidewalk agreement in the amount of \$350,000 (Blackman)

Town Manager Blackman was in attendance to present the approval of the Community Development Block Grant for the sidewalk agreement in the amount of \$350,000, and answer questions from Council.

Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement for Services between Maricopa County administered by its Human Services Department and the Town of Youngtown in regards to the Community Development Block Grant for the sidewalk agreement in the amount of \$350,000.

*Councilmember Miller*

*Second – Councilmember Chittenden*

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**G. Presentation, Discussion and / or Action Re:** Ongoing efforts to address criminal activity, nuisances, and homelessness in the Town.

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Mayor LeVault discussed the petty crime happening in this State. They are stealing catalytic converters and selling them for drugs, and there are porch pirates stealing packages on the front porch. Mayor LeVault stated he hasn't heard that is happening in town; however, it is happening in other places.

Citizen Ann Nelson stated she would like to know who is lighting up the fireworks and who stole her son's bike.

Captain Stutsman stated to call the office, and he will send a deputy out to speak with her.

Councilmember Hout would like to do an article for the Youngtown Village Reporter in regards to citizen Ann Nelson.

Resident Cynthia Shaffer asked if the Town has reached out the Director of Department of Veterans Affairs, to see if they can help the Town. She also stated that the Town should reach out to the Faith Based Centers to hand out flyers to homeless people to get help. Cynthia would like to say thank you to Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, and the Sun City Fire Department.

Vice Mayor Vickers mentioned the Funeral home across from Walgreens on Peoria Avenue is now a Drug Rehabilitation house.

Citizen Sandra Hankle mentioned she lives in El Mirage. They have an issue in regards to homeless people in El Mirage and she doesn't know what she needs to do and who does she reach out to. They just found out the Town of Youngtown has cleaned up the river bottom, and El Mirage has not done anything. Can you advise us who we should speak with?

Mayor LeVault mentioned the Town cleaned up our side of the river bottom a couple of years ago and we are maintaining it. You will need to attend a Council meeting and speak to your Mayor in El Mirage. Mayor LeVault mentioned don't give money to the panhandlers.

Vice Mayor Vickers mentioned the homeless people know the law more than we think. A lot of the homeless people made this life style, and they know what they are doing.

Town Manager Blackman mentioned it's encouraging to see people come together to try and fix this issue. We are in this together.

Mayor LeVault mentioned that a town this size should not have a police force. The Town finance consultant did a report, and it showed that it would cost more than six million dollars to start up the police force. This does not include all the other equipment that would be needed that is currently provided by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services.

Also, since we do not pay a town property tax, the finance consultant provided each council member with how much it would cost them for new property taxes to start up a police force. The property taxes would be - for Mayor LeVault \$2,800.83, for Vice Mayor Vickers \$1,479.34, Councilmember Duran \$2,604.65, Councilmember Miller \$1,277.04, Councilmember Haney Duncan \$1,563.65, Councilmember Hout \$1,390.81 and Councilmember Chittenden \$1,373.98. Mayor LeVault mentioned that no one is paying property taxes in Youngtown.

Councilmember Miller mentioned when we asked the Youngtown Police to speak with the citizens in regards to keeping the police department, they did not want to do that.

Betty Trolen inquired when we might be getting additional law enforcement services.

Mayor LeVault mentioned the Town is negotiating with Maricopa County Sheriff's Office to amend the contract.

Councilmember Jim Trolen asked why can't the Town use the contingency to pay for another deputy.

Town Manager Blackman explained the contingency is in place for emergency. The Town has added \$300,000 in the public safety budget for the additional law enforcement resources.

Councilmember Chittenden mentioned when she was an officer years back, they used Maricopa County Sheriff's Office services, and they can offer so much more than the Youngtown Police Department ever could. Councilmember Chittenden mentioned life has changed since many years ago. We asked the residents to support the property tax and they did not want to. It was a very sad night when we closed the Youngtown Police Department, however, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office can offer a lot more than the Youngtown Police could ever do.

Councilmember Hout mentioned we all worked hard in regards to the homelessness issues.

Citizen Bob Ferrara mentioned he educated himself and it's true that the town can't afford a police force, and MCSO is offering the town a lot more than the police force we had and they are doing a good job.

**10. Call to Executive Session:** No Call to Executive Session.

**Councilmember Chittenden**

**11. Future Agenda & Meetings**

A. Future Agenda Items

B. The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on:

I. **Regular Council Meeting for Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Adjournment**

*Motion to Adjourn – Councilmember Miller*

*Seconded – Vice Mayor Vlckers*

***Meeting Adjourned 8.06 p.m.***

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Michael LeVault, Mayor

Attest:

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Nicole Smart, Town Clerk

Minutes approved at the July 1, 2021 regular meeting



## TOWN COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**Discussion and/or Action Re:** Approval of Resolution 2021-13 of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Youngtown, Maricopa County, Arizona ordering that an equal apportionment tax be fixed, levied and assessed on all the property within the boundaries of the North Youngtown Street Lighting Improvement District in amounts specified in the approved statements and estimates for fiscal year 2021-2022 for the North Youngtown Street Lighting Improvement District and providing certified copies of the Resolution to be delivered to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and the Arizona Department of Revenue

**STAFF PRESENTER:**  
Jeanne Blackman, Town Manager

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of Resolution 2021-13, ordering that an equal apportionment tax be fixed, levied and assessed on all the property within the North Youngtown Street Lighting Improvement District (NYT SLID) in amounts specified in the approved statements and estimates for fiscal year 2021-2022 for the North Youngtown Street Lighting Improvement District (NYT SLID).

**COMMUNITY BENEFIT:**

It is in the residents' best interest and the Town Government (as stewards of the Town's funds) to fairly establish a tax levy to finance appropriate expenses associated with the North Youngtown Street Lighting Improvement District (NYT SLID) to the property owners who benefit from the street lights in their area of Town.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Council, as the Town of Youngtown's governing body, annually assesses a tax levy upon all property in the North Youngtown Street Lighting Improvement District (NYT SLID) to pay annual expenses for electricity for street lights in the District.

Council approved the North Youngtown Street Lighting Improvement District (NYT SLID) final budget following a public hearing on June 17, 2021.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Benefit of having \$83,288.66, funds in Fiscal Year 2021-2022 specifically to address the NYT SLID. The assessment will be \$51.41 per parcel.

**REVIEW BY:**

via email  
Pierce Coleman, P.L.L.C. Town Attorney  
By: Trish Stuhan

**PREPARED BY:**

via email  
Pat Walker, Finance

via email  
Jeanne Blackman, Town Manager

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YOUNGTOWN, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA ORDERING THAT AN EQUAL APPORTIONMENT TAX BE FIXED, LEVIED AND ASSESSED ON ALL THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE NORTH YOUNGTOWN STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN AMOUNTS SPECIFIED IN THE APPROVED STATEMENTS AND ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 FOR THE NORTH YOUNGTOWN STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the provisions of A.R.S. § 48-616 require the governing body to levy taxes upon all property in a municipal street lighting improvement district necessary to pay the annual expenses of said districts; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Youngtown, having adopted annual statements and estimates of expenses of the North Youngtown Street Lighting Improvement District as the final budget for the District for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, after a public hearing on the statements and estimates was held on June 17<sup>h</sup>, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the County of Maricopa is the assessing and collecting authority for the Town of Youngtown, the Town is required to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Assessor and Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona by the third Monday in August;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Youngtown, Arizona, that an equal apportionment tax sufficient to provide funds for the annual expenses of the North Youngtown Street Lighting Improvement District within the Town of Youngtown, as set forth below, is hereby levied on all property within the boundaries of said district, except such property which is, by law, exempt from taxation. Said levy shall be \$51.41 per parcel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution shall be delivered to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and the Arizona Department of Revenue before the third Monday in August.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution or any part of the Code adopted herein by reference are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Resolution or any part of the Code adopted herein by reference, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Youngtown, Maricopa County, Arizona, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael LeVault, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nicole Smart, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pierce Coleman, P.L.L.C, Town Attorneys  
By Trish Stuhan

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2021-13 was duly passed and adopted by the Common Council of the Town of Youngtown, Arizona, at a meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2021, and the vote was \_\_\_\_\_ ayes and \_\_\_\_\_ nays.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nicole Smart, Town Clerk



**Exhibit A**

**North Youngtown  
Street Lighting Improvement District  
Budget FY 2021-2022**

	APS Bill	Admin Fee	FY 21 Actual Billings Received	
	\$ 79,322.53	X 5% =   \$ 3,966.13	for July	\$ 6,658.79
			August	\$ 6,624.74
Actuals Billed to Date	\$ 79,322.53		September	\$ 6,640.63
Number of Lights	502		October	\$ 6,596.09
Cost/Light	\$ 158.01		November	\$ 6,633.69
Adt'l lights to be billed			December	\$ 6,624.73
Cost/Light	\$ 158.01		January	\$ 6,476.77
Adt'l light billing	\$ -		February	\$ 6,507.67
Total Billing	\$ 79,322.53		March	\$ 6,459.42
Admin Fee	\$ 3,966.13		April	\$ 6,700.00
Total Billing & Admin Fee	<b>\$ 83,288.66</b>	51.41275	May	\$ 6,700.00
			June	\$ 6,700.00
divided by 1620 parcels	\$ 51.41	cost per parcel	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 79,322.53</b>
	83,284.20			

(APRIL-JUNE ARE ESTIMATES)



## TOWN COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**Discussion and/or Action Re:** Approval of Resolution 2021-14 of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Youngtown, Maricopa County, Arizona ordering that an ad valorem tax be fixed, levied and assessed on the assessed value of all the real and personal property within the boundaries of the Agua Fria Ranch Street Lighting Improvement District in amounts specified in the approved statements and estimates for fiscal year 2021-2022 for the Agua Fria Ranch Street Lighting Improvement District and providing certified copies of the Resolution to be delivered to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and the Arizona Department of Revenue.

**STAFF PRESENTER:**  
Jeanne Blackman, Town Manager

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval to adopt Resolution 2021-14 ordering an Ad Valorem tax to be fixed, levied, and assessed on the assessed value of all the real and personal property within the boundaries of the Agua Fria Ranch Street Lighting Improvement District (AFR SLID) in the amounts specified in the approved statements and estimates for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for the Agua Fria Ranch Street Lighting Improvement District.

### **COMMUNITY BENEFIT:**

It is in the best interest of the residents' and the Town Government (as stewards of the Town's funds) to fairly establish a tax levy to finance appropriate expenses associated with the Agua Fria Ranch Street Lighting Improvement District (AFR SLID) to the property owners who benefit from the street lights in their area of town.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Council, as the Town of Youngtown's governing body, annually assess a tax levy upon all property in the AFR SLID to pay annual expenses which includes the cost of electricity for the street lights in the District.

What is paid in taxes has two components: one is the rate of taxation, the other the valuation of properties. If property valuations go up, then the tax rate goes down and if property valuations go down, then the tax rate goes up.

The Maricopa County Assessor supplies valuations for the AFR SLID in February and those valuations are used to calculate the tax levy for the SLID. These valuations can change in the days before the tax levy report goes to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors.

Fiscal year 2020-2021 estimated cost is \$24,342.98. Ad valorem tax is levied and collected based on the assessed valuation of all the real and personal property within the AFR SLID.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Benefit of having \$24,342.98 funds in FY 2021-2022 specifically to address Agua Fria Ranch Street Lighting Improvement District.

**REVIEW BY:**

**PREPARED BY:**

via email  
Trish Stuhan, Town Attorney

via email  
Pat Walker, Finance

via email  
Jeanne Blackman, Town Manager

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YOUNGTOWN, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA ORDERING THAT AN AD VALOREM TAX BE FIXED, LEVIED AND ASSESSED ON THE ASSESSED VALUE OF ALL THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AGUA FRIA RANCH STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN AMOUNTS SPECIFIED IN THE APPROVED STATEMENTS AND ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 FOR THE AGUA FRIA RANCH STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the provisions of A.R.S. § 48-616 require the governing body to levy taxes upon all property in a municipal street lighting improvement district necessary to pay the annual expenses of said districts; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Youngtown, having adopted annual statements and estimates of expenses of the Agua Fria Ranch Street Lighting Improvement District as the final budget for the District for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, after a public hearing on the statements and estimates was held on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the County of Maricopa is the assessing and collecting authority for the Town of Youngtown, the Town is required to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Assessor and Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona by the third Monday in August;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a tax rate sufficient to provide funds for the annual expenses of the Agua Fria Ranch Street Lighting Improvement District within the Town of Youngtown, as set forth below, is hereby levied on all property, both real and personal, within the boundaries of said district, except such property which is, by law, exempt from taxation. Said levy shall not exceed \$.290 per \$100 assessed valuation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution shall be delivered to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and the Arizona Department of Revenue before the third Monday in August.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution or any part of the Code adopted herein by reference are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Resolution or any part of the Code adopted herein by reference, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Youngtown, Maricopa County, Arizona, this 1st day of July, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael LeVault, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Nicole Smart, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pierce Coleman, P.L.L.C, Town Attorneys  
By Trish Stuhan

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2021-14 was duly passed and adopted by the Common Council of the Town of Youngtown, Arizona, at a meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2021, and the vote was \_\_\_\_\_ ayes and \_\_\_\_\_ nays.

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Nicole Smart, Town Clerk

**Exhibit A**

**Agua Fria Ranch  
Street Lighting Improvement District  
Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

<b>FY 2021 Actual Bill Amounts</b>				<b>Net Assessed Value</b>
for July	\$ 1,939.68	<b>Actuals</b>	\$ 23,184	\$ 8,403,484
August	\$ 1,917.31	<b>Additional</b>	\$ -	÷100
		<b>Admin</b>		
September	\$ 1,929.50	<b>Fee</b>	\$ 1,159	\$ 84,034.84
October	\$ 1,924.94		<b>\$ 24,342.98</b>	0.2897
November	\$ 1,925.82			
December	\$ 1,925.34			
January	\$ 1,850.48			
February	\$ 1,890.62			
March	\$ 1,880.10			
April	\$ 2,000.00			
May	\$ 2,000.00			
June	\$ 2,000.00			

**Total \$ 23,183.79**  
(APRIL-JUNE ARE ESTIMATES)

**Additional Lights**

Total Previous Year	\$ 23,183.79
Number of Lights	212
Cost/Light	\$ 109.36
Number of New Lights	-
Number of Months	-

Projected Increase	\$ -
Admin Fee	\$ -
<b>Total Add Lights</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**Admin Fee**

<b>Actual</b>		
\$		\$
23,184	X 5%=	1,159.19