1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL/THIS MEETING WILL HAVE PARTIAL REMOTE PARTICIPATION WITH LIMITED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. CORRECTION AND OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM:

SPECIAL STUDY SESSION FEBRUARY 24, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M. AND

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 24, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M. HELD VIA ZOOM MEETING WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM MEETING

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC A. R. S. §38-431-01(H): AT THIS TIME, THE PUBLIC WILL ONLY BE RECOGNIZED TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS LISTED FOR PUBLIC INPUT PURSUANT TO TOWN CODE SECTION 2-5-6. ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IS ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE TOWN COUNCIL, SUBJECT TO A REASONABLE TIME SET BY THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE ARIZONA OPEN MEETING LAW. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CALL TO THE PUBLIC, INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL MAY RESPOND TO CRITICISM MADE BY THOSE WHO HAVE ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL, MAY ASK STAFF TO REVIEW THE MATTER, OR MAY ASK THE MATTER BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BODY SHALL NOT DISCUSS OR TAKE LEGAL ACTION ON MATTERS RAISED DURING AN OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS THE MATTERS ARE PROPERLY NOTICED FOR DISCUSSION AND LEGAL ACTION.

6. MAYOR’S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS. AT THIS TIME THE MAYOR MAY WISH TO CALL UPON THE COUNCIL OR STAFF FOR CURRENT EVENTS OR MONTHLY REPORTS.

7. STAFF REPORTS ON ONGOING ACTIVITIES WITH POSSIBLE DIRECTION BY COUNCIL:

1. POLICE REPORT
2. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT
3. PATAGONIA FIRE AND RESCUE MONTHLY REPORT

**NEW BUSINESS**

8. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CDBG GRANT FROM SEAGO ESTIMATED TO BE $412,840.00.

THESE FUNDS ARE FROM THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING REGIONAL ACCOUNT (RA) AND MUST BE USED TO BENEFIT LOW-INCOME PERSONS AND AREAS, ALLEVIATE SLUM AND BLIGHT OR ADDRESS AN URGENT NEED. THE LIST OF USES IS ATTACHED.

9. DISSCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT SUSAN LANGE’S LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FOR REDUCTION IN LIBRARY STAFF FOR THE PURPOSE OF STABILIZING THE LIBRARY BUDGET, BY REMOVING THE LIBRARY ASSISTANT II POSITION FROM THE PAYROLL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE LIBRARY HAS BEEN CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FOR ALMOST 11 MONTHS AND WITH A REDUCTION IN REVENUES AND POSSIBLE FUTURE LOSS OF REVENUES, THIS IS RELUCTANTLY BEING SUBMITTED.

11. CAROLYN SHAFER REPRESENTING PATAGONIA AREA RESOURCE ALLIANCE (PARA), WOULD LIKE TO UPDATE THE COUNCIL ON PARAS ACTIVITIES.

12. CAROLYN SHAFER REPRESENTING THE FLOOD & FLOW COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THE COUNCIL AN UPDATE ON (i) MEETINGS WITH THE FOREST SERVICE, (ii) UPCOMING PRESENTATION TO SANTA CRUZ RIVER RESEARCH DAYS, AND (iii) RECOMMENDATION TO THE TOWN TO FILE COMMENTS ON THE AZPEDS PERMIT FOR SOUTH32.

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SEND A COMMENT LETTER TO ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (ADEQ) IN REGARDS TO THE MODIFICATION REQUEST OF THEIR CURRENT AZPEDS PERMIT BY ARIZONA MINERALS INC. LETTER ATTACHED.

14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO FILL OUT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING PRIORITY LIST TO SUBMIT TO SEAGO FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS). LIST ATTACHED.

15. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.

16. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

AT THIS TIME THE COUNCIL MAY BRING FORTH TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS, AND IF PREVIOUSLY REJECTED BY THE MAYOR, THE COUNCIL MAY VOTE ON WHETHER TO PLACE THOSE ITEMS ON A FUTURE AGENDA PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-5-5 OF THE TOWN OF PATAGONIA, ARIZONA CODE. THE COUNCIL MAY NOT DISCUSS, DELIBERATE OR TAKE ANY ACTION ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TOPICS OTHER THAN TO VOTE TO INCLUDE THEM ON A FUTURE AGENDA. A. R. S. §38-431.02(H).

17. **ADJOURN**

***Economic Development Planning, Patagonia, AZ***

Planning and Development Committee, March 2, 2021

A part of Economic Planning is envisioning, and prioritizing, means and programs to aid in developing local jobs and a local economy.

Below are some of the possibilities for future economic programs for the greater Patagonia area.

Based on their potential to aid the local economy, please prioritize with 1, 2, 3, etc, those possibilities you think have the most promise in the space provided. Comments would be helpful.

1. Small-town Industrial Park\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Designated land and possibly enclosed structures to be available for light manufacturing and similar entrepreneurial activity,

at the local scale, similar to the business size of Hi Desert Flutes.)

Comments?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Visitor Center\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(A free standing visitor center with sufficient space to showcase local history, recreational opportunities, business opportunities, as well as offer a small meeting/events space and possible business incubator space.) Comments?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Road and Sidewalk Beautification\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(A major investment to improve roads and add sidewalks within town limits, to improve both performance and enhance the community draw of tourists and new residents wishing to open businesses.)
3. Business Incubator\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(A dedicated physical space including office equipment, meeting space, and the like, available inexpensively to business start-ups, usually along with mentoring or other support for business. In small communities the businesses can be focused on rural or small-town projects.)
4. Rural Desert Ecological Museum\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(A building and program to show and explain the science of the high Southwestern Deserts, for use by tourists, and schools)
5. Other Economic Development Ideas \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

March 10, 2021

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

Attention: Devin McAllister

Environmental Scientist – Permit Writer

Water Quality Division

1110 West Washington Street

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Our comments below are in regard to the application of Arizona Minerals Inc. (AMI), for a major modification of AZPDES permit no. AZ0026387 in relation to the addition of outfall 002 to the Existing Permit for outfall 001.

The Town of Patagonia requests ADEQ issue Arizona Minerals Inc. (AMI), a new permit for the proposed outfall 002 into Harshaw Creek. We feel the modification of the current permit would not be as substantive in the review of water quality at the discharge point. The discharge point in our opinion, requires its own permit due to the higher quantity of discharge that affects the quality of the water. Harshaw Creek merges with Sonoita Creek which runs through our Town, may eventually affect the underground water quality that our Town Wells draw, in supplying water to our 874 citizens.

Thank you for consideration to our request,

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Andrea Wood

Mayor, Town of Patagonia

**FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE TOWN OF PATAGONIA, ARIZONA**

**Public Hearing Regarding Use of CDBG Funds**

The Town is expected to receive approximately $412,840.00 in FY2021 in federal CDBG funds from the Arizona Department of Housing Regional Account (RA). CDBG funds must be used to benefit low-income persons and areas, alleviate slum and blight or address urgent need. A public hearing will be held at 7:00 P.M. on March 10, 2021 at the Town Hall, 310 McKeown Ave. Patagonia, AZ to gather citizen input on the use of the CDBG funds. Examples of possible uses include the following:

* + 1. Public infrastructure (e.g., water, wastewater, street improvements);
    2. Community facilities (e.g., parks, health clinics, libraries, senior or youth centers);
    3. Housing (e.g., owner-occupied or multi-family rehab, utility connections on private property, new housing constructed by a non-profit);
    4. Public services (e.g., paying the salary of an additional staff person to expand a Head Start program, purchasing a van to transport persons with disabilities, equipment and rent to start a new job training program); and
    5. Economic development (e.g., a loan to a business for job creation, micro-enterprise development, acquisition of land for an existing business expansion).

For more information about the hearing, grievances, or the CDBG program; or to receive assistance in formulating prospective project ideas for presentation at the hearing contact the following:

Name, Title: Ron Robinson, Town Manager

Organization: Town of Patagonia

Address: 310 McKeown Avenue

City, State, Zip: Patagonia, Arizona 85624

Telephone: 520-394-2229

Fax: 520-394-2861

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations may contact Isabel Van Nest at the above location at least 48 hours before the hearing.