



**Town of Faro
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers**

PRESENT:

Mayor/A/CAO Jack Bowers
Councillors Gary Jones
Michelle Vainio
Neil Yee

GM Finance Absent
GM Operations Mark Vainio
GM Rec Center Tina Freake
Executive Assistant Tracy Sawicki
On Call Casual Finance Cl. Trudy Amos

Delegation: Alicia Vainio – “Children Playing” sign
Stephan Grenon – Faro Softball

Public Present: 7 Public on Zoom: 14

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 25-215

Jones, Vainio

THAT the agenda for the June 17, 2025, Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. DELEGATION

Resolution 25-216

Jones, Vainio

THAT Council do now move into Committee of the Whole to hear from the delegations.

Carried

Alicia Vainio requested for a “Children Playing” sign on Yates Crescent because of speeding. Council discussed. Mayor will work with GM Mark Vainio to install. There is a sign at the town shop that will be installed.

Stephan Grenon stated that ball practice is happening twice per week at this time. Requested to have the fields ready before the ball tournament starting June 27, 2025. There are 12 teams confirmed so far. RCMP will be patrolling more this year. Carried

Resolution 25-217

Jones, Vainio

THAT Council do now move into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATION

Nothing Presented.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Jones, Vainio

THAT The minutes of the June 03, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Tabled

THAT Council will not share Zoom recorded meetings at this time. The decision will be made once the new CAO is here. Councillor Yee voted against this discussion.

Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nothing Presented.

7. FINANCIAL

Councillor Yee was concerned that the Firefighters Honoraria pay on the current financial report for May 1- 31 was possibly paid twice.

Councillor Vainio suggested that when discussing the payment register that company names not be mentioned and to speak by using the cheque number.

8. REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Bowers summarized his written report regarding Procedures Bylaw 2007-05, paragraph 5 and Policy # 2021-001 Workplace Violence & Harassment.

Council Reports

Councillor Vainio reported.

Had a meeting with Gerald Curran with CIMCO regarding a new ice plant. They are in the preliminary stages. It will be very costly, in the 1 million range but 850K will be covered by funding.

Councillor Jones nothing to report.

Councillor Yee summarized his written report regarding call to RCMP, Faro's population, DIY reducing wildfire smoke indoors.

Read 10.2.3 of the Code of Conduct.

Administration's Reports

Chief Administrative Officer

A/CAO Jack Bowers summarized his written report and responded to questions by Council.

Operations Manager

Acting Manager Vainio summarized his written Report and responded to questions by Council.

General Manager of Recreation and Culture

Manager Freake summarized her written Report and responded to questions by Council.

9. BYLAWS

Nothing Presented.

Resolution 25-219

Jones, Vainio

THAT Council do now revert to Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 25-220

Nothing Presented.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 25-221

Jones, Vainio

THAT Council approved the Faro Housing Development Grant Policy with the following 4 amendments:

1. Revise date to 2025 in paragraph 6.0.2
2. Revise date to 2025 in paragraph 7.0.1
3. Revise date to 2027 in paragraph 7.0.3
4. Revise project amount from \$400,000.00 to \$300,000.00 in paragraph 8.0.2

Carried

Resolution 25-222

Vainio, Jones

THAT Council grant a leave of absence for Councillor Wendy Michell-Larocque, the regular Council Meeting held on June 17, 2025.

Carried

Resolution 25-223

Vainio, Jones

THAT Council accepts the proposed offer of \$60,000.00 (plus GST) for the property and residential structure, sited at Lot 258 (#605 Yates). "As is, Where Is". With no warranties or guaranties as to the condition of the land or structure on the property.

Carried

12. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION (OUT & IN)

Nothing Presented.

13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Resolution 25-224

Jones, Vainio

THAT Council do now move into Committee of the Whole for public questions.

Carried

Council responded to questions from the gallery.

Resolution 25-225

Jones, Vainio

THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

Resolution 25-226

THAT Council motioned to extend the meeting from 10 pm to 10:30 pm

Jones, Yee

Carried

Resolution 25-227

THAT Council recessed for a 5-minute break at 10:02 pm

Jones, Vainio

Carried

14. IN CAMERA

Resolution 25-228

THAT Council do now recess and reconvene *in-camera*.

Jones, Vainio

Carried

In camera discussion

Resolution 25-229

THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.

Jones, Vainio

Carried

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 25-230

THAT the 17th day of June, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Vainio, Jones

Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting of
Council held on July 8, 2025 by
Resolution # 25-231


Michelle Vainio, Deputy Mayor


Jack Bowers, A/CAO