

**(Corrected) MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009  
6:30 P.M.**

**Minutes are a summary of the actions taken. They are not verbatim.  
Public input is placed after Council motions to facilitate future research.  
Public input, where appropriate, is heard prior to the motion**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Mayor Gioia, Vice Mayor Hauser, Councilors Garrison, Smith, and Kovacovich were present; there are two seats vacant.

**Also Present:** Town Manager Mike Scannell, Town Attorney Bill Sims (by telephone conference), Councilors-Elect Pete Roulette, Robin Whatley and Jackie Baker, Library Director Gerry Laurito, Parks & Recreation Director Lynda Moore, Deputy Town Clerk Virginia Jones, and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was led by Hauser.

Prior to addressing the Consent Agenda, the Council, with input from Town Manager and Town Attorney Sims, discussed in detail three requests by Garrison to (1) move Item 18, which deals with a newly-elected Councilor who is to fill a vacant seat, to just before Item 7; (2) follow procedure outlined in Resolution 2008-745 regarding announcing each item in the Consent Agenda; and (3) move time-sensitive Items 14 and 17 to just prior to Item 8, with the following actions taken:

A motion by Kovacovich, seconded by Smith, to rearrange the order, to put No. 18 before No. 7, **failed** by a 3-2 vote; with Gioia and Hauser opposed.

On a motion by Garrison, seconded by Hauser, the Council voted unanimously to move Items 14 and 17 to after No. 8.

A motion by Smith, seconded by Garrison, to move No. 7 to behind No. 18, **failed** by a 3-2 vote, with Gioia and Hauser opposed.

**4. Consent Agenda – All those items listed below may be enacted upon by one motion and approved as consent agenda items. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item if a member of Council requests.**

**a) Approval of the Minutes:**

- 1) Special Session – March 18, 2009
- 2) Executive Session – March 18, 2009 (Recorded)
- 3) Regular Session – March 18, 2009

**b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**

- 1) April 8, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. – Work Session
- 2) April 15, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 3) April 22, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning
- 4) May 6, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session/Council Hears Planning & Zoning
- 5) May 20, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 6) May 27, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning

**c) Possible approval of Proclamation declaring the month of April as “Substance Abuse Awareness Month” in the Town of Camp Verde. (Staff Resource: Brenda Hauser)**

**d) Possible approval of Proclamation declaring the month of April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in the Town of Camp Verde. (Staff Resource: Brenda Hauser)**

**e) Possible approval of Proclamation declaring the month of April as “National Library Week” in the Town of Camp Verde. (Staff Resource: Gerard Laurito)**

**f) Possible approval of Ordinance 2009-A363 an Ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, approving the sale of real property, as described on Exhibit A**

attached hereto. This property is a vacant .36 acres parcel of residential land located east of McCracken Lane in the 1200 Block South, a portion of parcel 404-02-171. (Staff Resource: Lynda Moore)

- g) Possible approval of Resolution 2009-762, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, approving and adopting the Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) between the Town of Camp Verde, (“Town”) and the participating public agencies as defined in A.R.S §11-951 (“Parties”) for the purpose of defining Workers’ Compensation Coverage in joint activities and authorizing the Mayor to execute the IGA and declaring an emergency to exist. (Staff Resource: Michael K. Scannell)
- h) Possible approval of the monthly financial update for the period ending February 28, 2009
- i) Possible approval to renew Intergovernmental Agreement with the Camp Verde Unified School District for the Triangle Parking Lot and Trail that was approved by the Camp Verde School Board. (Staff Resource: Lynda Moore)
- j) Possible approval of attached letter opposing HB-2259 which amends the procedures for the implementation of local development fees and authorization for the Mayor to execute the letter. (Staff Resource: Mayor Gioia)

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Garrison, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented, with the exception of Items c), d), e) and i).

Gioia requested that Items c), d) and e) be pulled for separate consideration, and read aloud Items f) and g) pursuant to the procedure outlined in Resolution 2008-745; Garrison requested that Item i) be pulled.

**4.c) Possible approval of Proclamation declaring the month of April as “Substance Abuse Awareness Month” in the Town of Camp Verde.**

**4.d) Possible approval of Proclamation declaring the month of April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in the Town of Camp Verde; and**

**4.e) Possible approval of Proclamation declaring the month of April as “National Library Week” in the Town of Camp Verde.**

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Garrison, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Proclamations set forth in Items c), d) and e) as written.

Hauser commented on the importance of **Item c)** in recognizing that April is the “Substance Abuse Awareness Month,” as well as “Child Abuse Prevention Month,” referred to in **Item d)**; Gioia read the Proclamation referred to in **Item 4e)**; and action was taken on the three items addressed.

**4.i) Possible approval to renew Intergovernmental Agreement with the Camp Verde Unified School District for the Triangle Parking Lot and Trail that was approved by the Camp Verde School Board.**

A motion by Garrison, seconded by Smith, that the Council not accept the subject IGA, **failed** by a 2-3 vote, with Kovacovich, Gioia and Hauser opposed.

A motion by Hauser, seconded by Kovacovich, that Council **approve** the IGA with the Camp Verde Unified School District for the Triangle Parking Lot and Trail **failed** by a 3-2 vote; with Garrison and Smith opposed.

Garrison stated that she remains opposed to the subject Agreement since she believes that the document is one-sided and unfair to the Town; she objects to the termination clause and feels that the District should be held to a term of three years.

This item will be returned to the Agenda for further consideration.

**5. Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda.**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Howard Parrish** reminded everyone of the upcoming arrival of the White Mountain Sheriff’s Posse on Friday, May 1, delivering mail to the Wingfield Plaza after a three-day ride; Parrish described the planned events, and said that all are invited to join in those activities.

**Ginger Mason** added that on Friday afternoon, between 2:00 and 3:00, free hot dogs will be given to the first 160 people, and on Saturday there will be entertainment and a barbecue offered at the Cowboy Cuisine Restaurant.

**Sheila Stubler**, Park Manager at Ft. Verde, invited everyone to the Fort in connection with a program presenting the History of the Soldier, and introduced David Dimperio.

**David Dimperio** described the list of equipment used by the soldiers, as well as the Indians, that will be on display and demonstrated as part of the History of the Soldier program.

**Robin Whatley** said she became concerned after the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting; there is a perception that campaigning is occurring during Council meetings; she requested that a moratorium be placed on any agenda item that may use anything against someone who is on the ballot in order to avoid the appearance of anyone campaigning or using an agenda item as a campaign tool to imply that someone is involved in shady deals or show a candidate in a bad light.

**Gerry Laurito**, Library Director, distributed copies of the annual report of the Yavapai Library Network that show the progress over the years and the benefits of being part of the membership.

**Linda German** reminded everyone that tomorrow is the Library monthly book sale sponsored by the Camp Verde Library Endowment; great bargains are available.

**Jackie Baker** responded to the comments by the prior speaker regarding what she felt was campaigning through an agenda item on March 18. Baker said that was not a campaign issue, that violations of the Code of Ethics need to be addressed in public, not determined in private. Baker also suggested that there be a Call to the Public on items that are pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

**Irene Peoble** announced the upcoming Blood Drive at Basha's on Friday, April 3, from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m.; she suggested that in order to help shorten meetings, Council members also limit themselves to three minutes, the same as the public.

There was no further public input.

6. **Council Informational Reports**

**Hauser** relayed the "wish list" from the Youth Center; she reported on meeting with the Chamber members and commented on the success of the MatForce Parade and event; the Marshal is looking to locate a "Dump the Drugs" facility. Hauser added that April is also "Water Awareness Month."

**Smith** displayed the Stewards of Public Lands litter bag that is available at Town Hall at no charge, and shared a letter received with signatures of 22 residents expressing gratitude for work done by the Town in their area. Smith reported on the RC&D meeting he attended and the opportunity for the Town to take advantage of the stimulus package dollars; the success of the Farmers Market boosting tourism in Chino Valley, and how the Prescott Valley annual Volunteer Expo continues to maintain a great number of volunteers. Smith also reported on the Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization, and displayed a flow chart of the allocation of the stimulus package funds and the final amount to be shared in the Verde Valley between the County and cities.

**Garrison** assured the public that she brings up the issue of Hwy 260 at every opportunity at the NACOG meetings; as the Council representative she is keeping the issue alive. Garrison said that she would like to hope to purchase DVD copies of the upcoming April 21<sup>st</sup> Commissioners Training Session to be made available to loan to the public, if Ch. 18 is planning to film the event. In response to a comment from the public earlier, Garrison said that the Council did try to adhere to the 3-minute rule, but the public felt that they had been left short on information.

**Kovacovich** said that the annual meeting of the Verde Valley Water Users Association is tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Use Complex at the school; some time in the future the adjudication will be here.

**Gioia** gave an update on the Mayor's activities, including attendance at the recent Mayors/Managers/County Supervisors/legislators Quarterly Regional meeting; the upcoming Water Rights Special Session on Wednesday, 5:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers; a discussion with Chip Davis regarding a possible public-private partnership in connection with Hwy 260; attendance at the Chamber Mixer and discussion about Operations Proms; the Canoe Races with thanks to SRP and Town staff, and the Highland Games. Gioia also reported on the Verde River Basin Partnership meeting Monday; he declined at the Coordinators Meeting to serve on that Board.

7. **Discussion, consideration and possible appointment of a Council member to fill former Council member**

**German's term that expires in June 2011. The candidates for the position are Carol German and Tim Sykes.**

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Garrison, the Council by a vote of 4-1 appointed Carol German to fill former Council member German's term that expires in June 2011, with a 'no' vote by Kovacovich.

Gioia invited the two candidates to address Council.

**Carol German** said it would be an honor to try to serve the citizens of Camp Verde as a Council member. In summary, she outlined her former career experience and her volunteer activities serving on the Planning & Zoning Commission and as a member of the Camp Verde Library Endowment, the Focus Future Committee, and other organizations. German stressed her belief in studying issues and making decisions on what is best for the entire community.

**Tim Sykes** in essence emphasized his belief that Carol German would be a good leader and an asset to the Town, and implored the Council to choose her; if not, he would be glad to step up and serve, but only if Carol is not selected.

The members briefly discussed the decision before them. Kovacovich expressed concern that the Council is considering filling a seat that was not vacated until the end of January, yet it appears that the seat that was vacated in November cannot be filled until June. Kovacovich said that only two of the current members will have a seat at the next Council, and another member should not be voted on until there are at least three who are for sure on the next Council; for that reason he will vote "no" on either of the two subject candidates. There was a suggestion that the Councilors-elect and Mayor candidate in attendance offer their opinions. In response to a question regarding the requirement for filling the position vacated by Charlie German, Deputy Clerk Jones stated that April 2<sup>nd</sup> is the deadline pursuant to Town Code; if not filled, the Town would be in violation of the Code.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Jackie Baker** said she believes both candidates are excellent; also, she agrees that both Items 7 and 18 need to be addressed at one time and that the opportunity exists to fill both vacant seats.

**Pete Roulette** said it is nice that there are two people willing to step up to the plate; he would support Carol.

**Robin Whatley** stated that her personal feeling, if she were sitting on Council now, would be to cast her vote for Carol German because of her experience with the Town and as a member of P&Z.

**Bob Burnside**, as an individual, commented that he has worked with Carol on P&Z Commission; she is a breath of fresh air.

There was no further public input.

(Note: Deputy Town Clerk Jones subsequently administered the Oath of Office to Carol German at 8:15 p.m., after which German took her seat of office.)

Mayor Gioia requested item 8: **Carried over from the March 18, 2009 Regular Session**

8. **Discussion, consideration, and possible selection of projects to include in the Legacy Projects to commemorate Arizona's Centennial in 2012.**

Staff was directed to work with Steve Ayers to coordinate with the Manager on the legality and entertaining the ad hoc question, understanding that would be kept as low budget as possible, and bringing back a Proclamation as appropriate for Camp Verde to be entertained by Council on an Agenda item.

**Steve Ayers** explained that during the 2007 Legislative Session, the Arizona House of Representatives and the Senate passed a concurrent Resolution requesting that all towns, cities and counties and Indian Tribes identify and develop Legacy Projects to commemorate Arizona's Centennial in 2012; Ayers outlined what would be required to qualify as such Legacy Projects. Ayers said that he is requesting the Town to appoint perhaps an ad hoc committee with an ending date of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012, at the latest, to be formed from members of the Yavapai-Apache Nation, Chamber of Commerce, State and National Parks, and any interested persons from the community. The committee would develop a project to be brought to Council for approval and then submitted for inclusion in the Statewide celebration. Ayers added that he has permission from his publisher to participate in the project.

**Shirley Brinkman**, President of the Historical Society, stressed that this is a very important project; anyone who has suggestions is invited to participate.

There was no public input.

A recess was called at 8:03 p.m.; the meeting was called back to order at 8:14 p.m.

**Note:** Items 14 and 17 were heard in advance of the following Item 9.

9. **Presentation by a Chamber of Commerce Representative followed by discussion, consideration and possible direction to the Manager with respect to the Town's financial support of the Chamber's FY 2009/10 Budget, 12 month funding request as follows: 1)\$70,000 for the Chamber Visitors' Center and tourism operations; 2) An amount not to exceed \$35,000 for matching funds as required by the Chamber of Commerce's application to the Arizona Office of Tourism for the local and regional TEAM Grant that will be used for marketing, advertising, and promoting Camp Verde. (Staff Resource: Michael K. Scannell)**

On a motion by Gioia, seconded by Garrison, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of staff to allow a quarterly draw-down for the first quarter, including backing the TEAM Grant.

Town Manager Scannell indicated that he was asking for Council guidance on responding to the request from the Chamber for future funding for the year beginning on July 1, 2009, and proposed funding for the subject TEAM Grant. Scannell added that at this time he is recommending funding for only the first quarter, but anticipated that he subsequently will be requesting funding for the remainder of the fiscal year, for a total of \$70,000. Scannell pointed out that he believes the Chamber has been doing an outstanding job and deserves the assistance.

**Mary Taylor** gave an update on the programs and successes of the Chamber of Commerce, and allocation of the requested funding and the effect of State grants that have been cut this year; her presentation was followed by a brief discussion with the Council on the benefits to the Town that she had outlined; without adequate funding for the Chamber it may become just a Visitors' Center. Ms. Taylor said that the small staff of the Chamber would make it impossible to take over a major event, as had been suggested; they could help with coordination of volunteers only.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Ginger Mason** wanted to also mention that a lot of the folks involved with the Chamber are volunteers; Board members do help to market events through the Chamber and will continue to do so, no matter who takes over the events discussed earlier.

**Jackie Baker** commended Ginger Mason and Mary Taylor as two of the best volunteers anyone could ask for; she is encouraged by the allocation of the funding as outlined by Ms. Taylor, as well as evidence of the Chamber's efforts to publicize Camp Verde. Baker believes that the events can certainly be handled by volunteers.

There was no further public input.

10. **Presentation, discussion and possible direction to staff concerning the attached recommendation of the merchant group for addressing their concern with the recently adopted amendment to Section 118 of the Planning and Zoning Ordinance dealing with A-Frame signs. (Staff Resource: Nancy Buckel)**

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Garrison, the Council voted 4-2 to accept the recommendation by staff as set forth in the Agenda packet, to follow the outlined procedure, and that the \$620 blanket variance fee **not** be waived; **with 'no'** votes by Smith and Kovacovich.

Community Development Director Buckel outlined the history of dealing with the A-Frame signs issue, including the public meetings held by both the Planning & Zoning Commission and Council, ending with direction to staff to meet with the business community to work out a strategy that would more fairly address the needs of the merchants in light of the current economic situation. The resulting agreement has been memorialized in a letter from the merchants outlining the proposed process; however, staff is recommending that the Council not approve the request for the \$620 blanket variance fee. The merchants are requesting only a period of two years. Letters have been sent to all the business owners notifying them of the opportunity to participate in the merchant group.

**Bill Carter**, on behalf of the merchants group, said that they are elated at the support and guidance received from staff and the Town Manager regarding how to negotiate the proposed variance process. Carter confirmed that the merchants are requesting a two-year blanket variance from the current prohibition of A-frame signs, and that the fee of \$620 for the blanket variance be waived. The Council discussed with Mr. Carter the number of merchants currently

committed to participate, and the amount that each one would be assessed to total the \$620 fee, as well as the merchants who do not appear to take the proposal seriously. But if they do not participate they will not be able to display their signs, which is part of the agreement; If individual merchants decide later, they will have to pay the full variance fee at that time. There was discussion about the public meetings held previously at which very few, if any, merchants showed up to state their case; Carter suggested holding work shops in the future for merchant participation, and Ginger Mason pointed out the difficulty of closing a business in order to be able to attend the public meetings.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Bob Burnside** posed the following questions: (1) Did the Town send a letter to all business owners; (2) was it limited to only those businesses on Main Street; (3) would the variance legally meet the criteria imposed on the Board of Adjustments decisions; (4) why go through the Design Review Board; and (5) what is the cost for the certificate of insurance.

**Paul Aldridge**, of Healthy Times, said it is his understanding that they are already allowed A-frame signs under the current ordinance, and that includes some of the merchants who are participating in the merchant group; he thought the issue had been resolved back in December, and is also requesting waiver of the fee.

**Ginger Mason** commented on the earlier insurance question; there are varying fees depending on the difference insurance companies.

**Jackie Baker** reminded everyone that the whole point of the A-frame signs was to try to assist the business owners in any way the Town could; she would also support waiving the variance fee.

**Jim Sweitzer** asked if the A-frame signs include golf carts, and if the signs could be brought all the way to the 260 Interchange.

Buckel confirmed that letters were sent to all businesses; the signage is for those signs being used anywhere in the business area of Camp Verde; the Town Attorney has recommended involving the Board of Adjustments as a way to deal with the issue; the Design Review process is mandated by Code. Staff will try to accomplish the Board of Adjustments hearing by the end of April, possibly through a Special Session. Smith cautioned that if signs end up on the ADOT right-of-way, ADOT will pick them up.

There was no further public input.

*Councilor Garrison requested items 11 and 12: **(Carried over from the March 18, 2009 Regular Session)***

11. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff to amend Resolution 2007-745, a resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, superseding Resolution 2000-447 and establishing meeting policies and procedures for Council and all Town Commissions, to include an e-mail policy AND TO CORRECT OR AMEND INCONSISTENCIES IN THE RESOLUTION.**  
(Garrison requested that Item 11 be carried over to April 15.)
12. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff to include a detailed Point of Order procedure in the modified version Robert's Rules of Order that will be presented to Council for consideration at the earliest possible date. Discussion may include the method with which the Mayor handled the discussion and her Point of Order made during the January 21, 2009 meeting.**  
(Garrison requested that Item 12 be carried over to April 15.)
13. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) – Economic Workforce Development Division and the Town of Camp Verde to allocate additional funds in the amount of \$4,253 from LTAF II for the administration of the Voucher Transit System and possible discussion and/or direction to staff authorizing allocation of a portion of LTAF II funds for the Town's administrative services.***(Staff Resource: Ron Long)*  
On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Garrison, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) – Economic Workforce Development Division and the Town of Camp Verde to allocate additional funds in the amount of \$4,253 from LTAF II for the administration of the Voucher Transit System.

Scannell said that the subject Memorandum of Understanding is mostly a matter of housekeeping; people have to be

assisted with transit needs, and he recommended adopting the MOU. The issue of the costs charged was discussed; Scannell agreed that staff would research that question and do what it can to try to correct any misunderstanding about the cost, as well as try to bring down the cost.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Jackie Baker** said that the reason for the high cost is because there are only two vendors to use; the voucher program helped Prescott to bring in new businesses, and perhaps more vendors would help to bring down the cost.

There was no further public input.

14. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval to apply for a 2009 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant under the COPS Hiring Recovery Program.** (Staff Resource: Dave Smith)

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Smith, the Council unanimously voted approval for the Marshal's Office to submit an application for the 2009 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant.

**Lt. Earl Huff** explained the purpose and benefit of the subject Grant; it will allow the hiring of two police officers to supplant the two existing vacancies in the Marshal's Office. The Grant is 100% funded and covers the officer's starting salary for three years, but does not include holiday or overtime pay. At the end of the three years, the Town will agree to keep that individual for an additional year at the Town's cost.

The Council discussed with Lt. Huff further details of the benefits of the Grant and related financial responsibilities of the Town, and indicated support for applying for the Grant since it would be of service to the community.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Robin Whatley** questioned how the Grant would be affected if an individual chose to leave prior to the end of the three years. (Lt. Huff responded that the funding would continue if there is a showing of an effort to recruit another person.)

**Jackie Baker** asked if the hiring would be to fill new positions or those that were lost. (Huff said that it would be to fill two recently lost.)

**Jim Sweitzer** asked if local residents would be given preference in being hired. (Huff explained that hiring is based solely on a competitive testing process.)

There was no further public input.

15. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval by Council to accept ADOT's plan for the closure of the Newton Lane access to SR 260.**

Item 15 was continued to a future date.

Scannell requested that Item 15 be moved to a future date; additional research is necessary.

16. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of the Parks & Recreation Special Event Handbook and Application for individuals and groups hosting events on Town owned property.** (Staff Resource: Lynda Moore)

Item 16 was continued to a future date.

Scannell requested that Item 16 be moved to a future date; staff and Moore will be further refining the document and it is in the interest of the Town to delay the item.

17. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to the vacant Parks Administrative Assistant/Events Coordinator position and, in the event that the position is not authorized to be filled, discussion and possible direction to staff regarding a reduction in the number of events and programs hosted by the Town of Camp Verde.** (Staff Resource: Lynda Moore)

On a motion by Garrison, seconded by Kovacovich, the Council voted 5-1 to follow the recommendation of staff Lynda Moore to do away with the Pecan & Wine Festival, Cornfest and Ft. Verde Days as Town-sponsored events, and the public, if they so desire, will step forward, or a Commission such as Parks & Recreation to take on Ft. Verde Days, until times are more affluent and the events can be reconsidered depending on the economy, with a 'no' vote by Gioia.

Parks & Recreation Director Moore said the issue is returned to Council for consideration following direction given at the March 4 meeting. Rather than hire someone to fill the immediate need and then possibly have to let that person go, Moore said she is recommending that the Town discontinue sponsoring some of the events and asking the public to step up and take them over. The Council discussed with Moore the list of events that she had prepared indicating those proposed to be discontinued, including the three major events: Pecan & Wine Festival, Cornfest, and Ft. Verde Days, and the need to hear from people willing to commit to take them on before a decision is made to eliminate them. There was also a suggestion that the Parks & Recreation Commission take over putting on Ft. Verde Days. Without the additional staff member, Moore pointed out the senior and family programs that would suffer if the three major events were not discontinued. The members further discussed the options available, the demands on the Parks & Recreation Department staff, the current economic situation and the possibility of civic groups, the Chamber and citizens coming forward and taking over the three major events. It was acknowledged that the private sector has been successful in the past in connection with other events. Gioia said he believes action at this time is premature and that there should first be effort to negotiate with other parties to take on the three events before they are cut from the schedule.

There was no public input. **Note:** The call for the question was made and public was not allowed to address this issue"

*Councilor Smith requested item(s) 18*

18. **Discussion, consideration, and possible action relative to directing staff to amend the Town Code of the Town of Camp Verde, and more specifically to direct staff to draft an ordinance for adoption on April 8, 2009, as an emergency measure, which makes provision for an individual who has been duly elected by the electors of the Town of Camp Verde to fill the unexpired term of a vacated Council seat and to be formally seated as a Council Member on the day following the certification of the canvass of the vote or as soon as is practicable thereafter.**

On a motion by Smith, seconded by Garrison, Council voted 4-2 to direct staff to prepare an amended Town Code of the Town of Camp Verde, and more specifically, to draft an Ordinance to adopt on April 8, 2009 as an emergency measure which makes provision for an individual who has been duly elected by the electors of the Town of Camp Verde to fill the remainder of an unexpired term of a vacated Council seat; with 'no' votes by Gioia and Hauser.

Smith requested two Agenda items for the meeting of April 8, 2009; (1) **Discussion and Consideration and possible approval of Ordinance 2009-A364, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, amending Section 2-1-4 of the Town Code, Vacancies in Council, and declaring an emergency;** and (2) **Possible Administration of the Oath of Office and Seating of Council Member-elect Pete Roulette.**

Smith cited the provision of the current Town Code that requires a duly elected candidate for a vacated Council seat to wait to take his or her seat until the date on which all duly elected Council members are seated; that delay in filling the vacated seat serves to deprive the citizens of the representation they deserve. Smith said he recommends that the Town Code be amended promptly to correct this oversight, as outlined in the Agenda title. Pete Roulette would then be able to take his seat on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009, rather than waiting until June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.

The Council briefly discussed Smith's recommendation for what he suggested would help provide a seamless transition to the new Council, with Garrison and Kovacovich indicating their agreement.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Bob Burnside** wondered, if the emergency act takes place and Roulette could take the vacated seat, in the event either Hauser or Smith quit next week, would that same emergency measure apply to either newly-vacated seat for one of the other 4-year terms. *(Smith explained that if he or Hauser resigned, there would not be time to hold an election as required by statute, so he believes the emergency act probably would not apply.)*

**Pete Roulette** pointed out that he had been elected for a vacant seat, so the question from Burnside should not apply; also, he would love to have the experience gained from earlier seating.

Following the action taken, Gioia said his reason for voting against the motion was concern about making a patchwork out of the Town Code; Hauser said she voted 'no' because she felt it would be manipulating the Town Code since it is not an emergency and may present a problem in the future.

There was no further public input.

(NOTE: Immediately after hearing Item 18, the meeting was adjourned.)

Councilor Garrison requested item(s) 19

19. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff regarding fast tracking the revisions of the Planning and Zoning Ordinance.**

Mayor Gioia requested item(s) 20

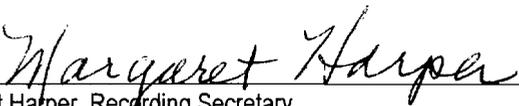
20. **Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda.**

21. **Advanced Approvals of Town Expenditures**
  - a) **There are no advanced approvals.**

22. **Manager/Staff Report**

23. **Adjournment**

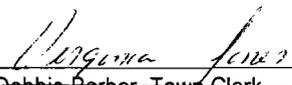
On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

  
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Margaret Harper, Recording Secretary

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the actions of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde during the Regular Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

  
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Debbie Barber, Town Clerk  
*Deputy Clerk*