

**MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, JULY 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 Burnside, Vice Mayor Kovacovich, Councilors Garrison, Whatley, Baker, German and Roulette were present.

Also Present: Acting Town Manager/Marshal Dave Smith, Deputy Town Clerk Virginia Jones, and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was led by German.

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) Council Retreat – June 23 & 24, 2009
- 2) Regular Session – June 17, 2009
- 3) Special Session – June 17, 2009
- 4) Special Session – June 10, 2009
- 5) Executive Session – June 10, 2009 (recorded)

b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:

- 1) July 8, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. – Special Session
- 2) July 8, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. – Work Session
- 2) July 15, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 3) July 22, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning

c) Possible approval of agreement with The Network for the Whistle-Blower Hotline Services, and giving the Mayor approval to execute the agreement (Staff Resource: Michael Scannell)

On a motion by Baker, seconded by Garrison, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented, with the correction to the Regular Session Minutes of June 17, 2009 noted, and Items 4.a)1) and 4.b)2) pulled for discussion.

On a motion by Kovacovich, seconded by Garrison, the Council unanimously approved Items 4.a)1) and 4.b)2), with the sentence in 4.a)1) stricken as discussed.

Garrison requested that Item 4.b)2) be pulled; Whatley requested that the Council Retreat Minutes of June 23-24 be pulled; Kovacovich noted a correction to the Minutes of June 17, Page 3, Verde Valley Water Users Liaison should reflect Kovacovich with Whatley as the backup.

Whatley said that the sentence in the paragraph in the middle of Page 5, Council Retreat Minutes of June 23-24, "Whatley felt that stating there were a few personnel challenges that he needs to address," was incorrect, she did not state that, and requested that it be stricken. Garrison requested clarification of the items anticipated for the Work Session scheduled for July 8, 2009; Deputy Town Clerk Jones said the packet will be available by tomorrow for study.

5. Council Informational Reports.

Garrison reported on her attendance at the Regional NACOG meeting last Thursday; the Government is considering imposing a 40-cent per gallon tax on gasoline, with the State looking at an additional 6-cent per gallon as well. The economic picture is adversely affecting road projects and maintenance; Garrison said she will be receiving additional information that she will bring to Council for instruction on how to vote on those issues. Garrison noted that the NACOG Area Agency on Aging has scheduled an informational event on September 30, 2009 in Flagstaff, in the High Country Conference Center.

There were no other Council informational reports.

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

There was no public input.

7. **Presentation by Jodie Filardo of the Sustainable Economic Development Initiative Board and the City of Sedona Economic Development Department and Doug Allan, Associate, Career and Technical Education, Flagstaff Unified School District relative to a survey intended to determine the need for a Workforce Training Center in Northern Arizona. This item may also include discussion.**

There was no action taken.

Jodie Filardo, as a Member of the Sustainable Economic Development Initiative Board, gave a brief presentation to acquaint the Council with the project that she referred to as a novel concept, including a Workforce Training Center. Such a project is intended to develop and attract good jobs and maintain quality of life, involving the cooperation of local government and educational institutions. During the presentation Ms. Filardo distributed copies of an Opinions Survey that various entities are being requested to complete to help with determining the need for the Workforce Training Center. Doug Allan, from the Flagstaff Unified School District, explained how such training would also benefit all the area high schools.

The members discussed with the presenters the potential impact on taxes from the proposed Workforce Center; Mr. Allan explained that there appears to be Federal funding available, and the goal is to access that money, with the support of the governmental entities. There was also a question of whether a facility would be available; Mr. Allan said that the former K-Mart building is being eyed, but without cooperation from the owners at this time; also, ideas for some other facility, or even constructing a new building are being considered.

8. **Discussion, consideration, and possible selection of two candidates that are seeking election to the Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool Board of Trustees to fill two four-year terms. The candidates are Scott Barber, City of Casa Grande, Rich Mueller, City of Sierra Vista, Lori Wedemeyer, Town of Parker, Jackie Baker, Town of Camp Verde, James E. Mannate, Town of Florence, Deb Thalansitis, Town of Marana, Robert Easton, Town of Oro Valley, and Janet Perry, Town of Clarkdale. (Staff Resource: Michael Scannell)**

On a motion by Roulette, seconded by German, the Council unanimously voted for Jackie Baker and Janet Perry for election to the Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool Board of Trustees.

The Council discussed the candidates that were listed; Jackie Baker commented that she was acquainted with only Scott Barber who is currently on the Board, and she has only spoken with Janet Perry. After further discussion, the members suggested that it might be a good idea to consider Janet Perry, and unite with the Verde Valley representatives.

9. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Resolution 2009-780 a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona temporarily suspending all actions and to relieve the members of the following Commissions: Housing Commission, Library Advisory Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, and the Trails and Pathways Commission. This action may also include direction to staff to prepare a reception to thank those volunteers who serve on the commissions. (Staff Resource: Debbie Barber)**

On a motion by Baker, seconded by Garrison, the Council unanimously approved Resolution 2009-780 a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona temporarily suspending all actions and to relieve the members of such Commissions of all duties as of the date hereof, of the following Commissions: Housing Commission, Library Advisory Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, and the Trails and Pathways Commission.

Staff was directed to prepare a reception to thank those volunteers who served on the Commissions.

Deputy Town Clerk Jones explained that Council had directed staff to research and submit the document for approval that would temporarily suspend the actions of the subject Commissions, without the need to revise the existing Code. The proposed Resolution would allow the Council to keep track of when and why the Commissions stopped holding meetings on a temporary basis. Roulette confirmed that the Council is formally suspending the actions of the Commissions as a budgetary consideration, and reiterated the suggestion that citizens' committees could be formed to undertake the same responsibilities. Garrison cautioned that the citizens' committees would have to be formed without the sponsorship or encouragement of the Town, from the legal aspect. German encouraged the members of the suspended Commissions to consider volunteering for the Commissions that do remain.

PUBLIC INPUT

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

Tony Varela said he felt a responsibility to appear and represent the "now-defunct" Housing Commission; he appreciates the fact that the move is only temporary. Mr. Varela said he understands that the Commissions are only advisory, without authority; final decisions are made by the Council.

Mike Jacobson questioned how the suspension of the Commission would affect fund-raising, such as for the Library. *Burnside said that it would not be affected; all the Council is doing is to watch the funds it spends this year, and research all avenues before employees' jobs are affected.*

There was no further public input.

10. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff to begin the process to combine the Design Review Board duties with those of the Planning & Zoning Commission, to place Ordinance 2006-A331 on the July 8, 2009 Work Session Agenda for review and possible amendment, and to bring a recommendation or an ordinance for adoption to Council at the earliest possible date.** (Staff Resource: Debbie Barber)

On a motion by Garrison, seconded by German, the Council unanimously voted to direct staff to begin the process to combine the Design Review Board duties with those of the Planning & Zoning Commission, to place Ordinance 2006-A331 on the July 8, 2009 Work Session Agenda for review and possible amendment, and to bring a recommendation or an ordinance for adoption to Council at the earliest possible date.

Jones said that the Council had requested staff to consider the possibility of bringing together Design Review with the Planning & Zoning Commission. With the proposed direction, staff will be able to move forward and bring more information to the Council at the July 8th meeting.

Whatley opened the discussion with her hope that certain provisions in the Design Review section of the Code will be retained, since they pertain to keeping the rural character and individuality of Camp Verde. There was a brief discussion on incorporating those sections and the fact that Planning & Zoning had already handled design review in the past, as well as the role of the Council in the approval process. Burnside reminded the members that the item before the Council at this meeting is to recommend whether to proceed with dissolving Design Review and combining it with Planning & Zoning; the decision on which portions of the Design Review Code to retain will be discussed at the July 8th meeting.

11. **Discussion, consideration, and possible agreement to support and/or to co-sponsor the following proposed resolutions that will be submitted to the League of Arizona Cities and Towns for consideration** (Staff Resource: Debbie Barber):

- **Resolution #1 urges the Legislature to modify state liquor laws to enhance the ability of municipalities to address community-related problems associated with liquor establishments, such as requiring the Department of Liquor Licenses and Control and the State Liquor Board to give greater consideration to city/town recommendations on proposed liquor license. (City of Prescott)**
- **Resolution #2 urges the Legislature to modify State Statutes to allow cities and towns to request a price range in a Request for Proposal or Statement of Qualification solicitation for Professional Services. (City of Prescott)**
- **Resolution #3 amending Title 39-121.01(D) to allow additional fees for voluminous or substantial public records requests. (City of Prescott)**
- **Support conservation and protection of open space, plant, animal, water, and other natural resources as value-added to the current and best use value test of State Trust Land Transactions, particularly in those regions of the State where preservation of natural resources is critical to the highest and best use development of undeveloped land in adjacent unincorporated communities, incorporated cities and State Trust Lands. (City of Sedona)**

On a motion by Baker, seconded by Garrison, the Council unanimously voted to co-sponsor the City of Prescott Resolution Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

There was no further action taken.

Jones advised the Council that after a decision has been made on supporting individual resolutions, the League will be notified accordingly. After a discussion of the individual resolutions, with input from Marshal Smith, the Council unanimously agreed to support or co-sponsor the three City of Prescott resolutions. There was some discussion on whether the Council should support the City of Sedona modified draft resolution as presented. There was comment that there were too many questions that had been raised, with no clarification of those questions. After further discussion the majority declined to support the Sedona resolution.

Mayor Burnside requested the following item:

12. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff to research and to bring back a recommendation at the next**

meeting pertaining to the possibility of giving preference to Camp Verde contractors as it relates to:

- Town-funded projects and services
- Length of and procedures for the renewal of service and material supply contracts with the Town.

Staff was directed to research and to bring back a recommendation at the next possible meeting pertaining to the possibility of giving preference to Camp Verde contractors and merchants.

Burnside said that his reason for requesting this item stemmed from signing checks for payments to entities in Cottonwood and Rimrock for services to the Town. Burnside explained that it raised the question of why similar local merchants are not being supported. Burnside said he would like Council to consider directing staff to research the issues of approving yearly contracts, using local merchants, and how the local merchants can be helped to join in and supply the services needed, rather than go to entities out of Town. After some discussion, with input from Marshal Smith, including the issues of the formal bid process and the lesser process requiring only written bids, and how the Town is legally obligated to select the bidders, it was agreed to direct staff to research the issues raised, with advice from the Town Attorney, and bring back a recommendation for consideration.

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

(Comments from the following individual are summarized.)

Mike Jacobson, from the Jordan Meadows neighborhood, said that over the last 10 or 15 years the residents have tried to initiate zoning laws that pertain to eliminating trash and woodpiles that over the years have harbored and contributed to the proliferation of feral cats hiding and breeding in those trash areas. The situation is turning into an ecological disaster, including the loss of nesting birds. With no provision in the zoning, staff is unable to take the necessary steps to correct that problem. Imposing fines could help with the Town finances as well.

There was no further public input.

14. **Advanced Approvals of Town Expenditures**

a. **There are no advanced approvals.**

There were no advanced approvals.

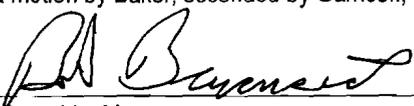
15. **Manager/Staff Report**

There was no Manager/staff report.

Prior to adjournment, Garrison stated a question for a Point of Order: In Item 10 staff was directed to put an item on the July 8th meeting that was not on the agenda earlier today; Burnside confirmed that the item had been included on the agenda.

16. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Baker, seconded by Garrison, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.



 Bob Burnside, Mayor

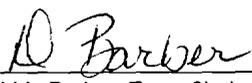


 Margaret Harper, Recording Secretary

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 1st day of July 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 17 day of July, 2009.



 Debbie Barber, Town Clerk