

ACTIONS TAKEN
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2008
6:30 P.M.

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) Regular Session – September 17, 2008
- 2) Special Session – September 24, 2008
- 3) Executive Session – September 24, 2008 (recorded)

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

- 1) October 8, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. – Work Session with RBF for Park Master Plan/ Quarterly Work Sessions with Commissions
- 2) October 15, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 3) October 22, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning
- 4) October 29, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. – Joint Tribal & Council Session with RBF

c) **Possible approval of Proclamation declaring October 23, 2008 as “Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) Appreciation Day”.** (Staff Resource: Norma Garrison)

d) **Possible approval of contract with Traffic Signal Maintenance for the annual testing and inspection of two traffic signals.** *This is a budgeted item. (Staff Resource: Ron Long)*

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Kovacovich, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented, with the corrections to the Minutes of September 17, 2008 as noted.

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

(Comments from the following individual are summarized.)

Robin Whatley, Parks & Recreation Commission Chairperson, said the applications for the Fort Verde Days Parade are still being taken, and that it is a great way for businesses to advertise.

There was no further public input.

6. **Council Informational Reports**

Garrison reminded everyone of the upcoming NACOG tourism event to take place on Main Street on October 23, 2008, with the buses arriving between 8:00 a.m. and 8:15 a.m., and to be prepared to have a great time.

German said the letter from the Sanitary District regarding the 15 acres has been received, and will be on the Agenda for the meeting of October 15, 2008.

Hauser reported on the Verde River Days event on Saturday and the successful “Dump the Drugs” program resulting in at least 15 trash bags full of old prescription medicines being incinerated.

Gioia said the Town of Camp Verde was celebrating one year with Town Manager Mike Scannell; he also reported on the final report from the Arizona Town Hall Forum, and the many activities held on the Saturday Verde River Day event that continued on into the second day with canoe and kayak trips on the River. Gioia announced that CCCVL’s successful rummage sale brought in approximately \$7,400 for the Community Library building project.; also, this will be the last weekend for the Farmers’ Market.

7. **Accountant Lisa Elliott will update Council on the revenue/expenditure figures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.** (Staff Resource: Lisa Elliott)

There was no action taken.

There was no public input.

8. **Discussion, consideration, and possible setting of a Work Session to review the proposed Financial Operations Guide.** (Staff Resource: Lisa Elliott)

This item will be agendaized for review and further discussion at the October 15, 2008 meeting.

There was no public input.

9. **Public Hearing, discussion, consideration, and possible recommendation to approve a liquor license application for the Clear Creek Village Store located at 4483 E. Hwy 260, #27.** *(Staff Resource: Debbie Barber)*
On a motion by Elmer, seconded by Hauser, the Council voted 5-2 to approve a liquor license application for the Clerk Creek Village Store, with 'no' votes by Smith and Garrison.

PUBLIC INPUT

(Comments from the following individual are summarized.)

Jamie Nelson, the applicant for the subject liquor license, said she believes the Store will be a success, and outlined ways it already is serving the citizens as well as tourists.

There was no further public input.

10. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of a Technical Assistance Contract with NACOG for Rehabilitation Specialist services for the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation project.** *(Staff Resource: Matt Morris)*

On a motion by Smith, seconded by Garrison, the Council unanimously approved the Technical Assistance Contract with NACOG for Rehabilitation Specialist services under the current Home Grant No. 318-07 not to exceed \$3,000 per home.

There was no public input.

11. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to the Manager relative to addressing the lack of compliance by the Plaza Water Store with Council's direction in terms of tendering to the Town the required rental payments for the right to occupy Unit #6 in Rio Verde Plaza.** *(Staff Resource: Michael Scannell)*

Staff was directed to work with the Town Attorney to draft up a letter to Ms. Ward to advise her of the deadline of October 15, 2008 for compliance with the request for the increased rental payments; otherwise, the Town will pursue its legal rights to sever the landlord/tenant relationship on that date.

There was no public input.

Councilor Garrison requested the following item:

12. **Discussion and clarification of Council's unanimous vote with regard to Rio Verde Plaza to "allow whatever time the Town Manager would deem reasonable for relocating the businesses and that the facility be closed and eventually removed."** NOTE: This item is for discussion and clarification only and is NOT intended to be a reconsideration of the August 27, 2008 vote.

There was no action taken.

PUBLIC INPUT

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

Vada Lovato said that although she has been very vocal about saving Rio Verde Plaza, the Artisans Gallery now has a new home on Main Street; she appreciates the hard work that the Council does, and knows that the members do what is in their hearts what is best for Camp Verde.

Lois O'Toole, representing Mobileation, said that it was understood from the beginning that the building would eventually go, and she understands the reasons behind the Council decision. Ms. O'Toole added that because of the type of business and the importance of remaining in place until after the Christmas season, they would appreciate being able to continue as tenants at least until February, 2009. *Gioia reassured her that Council had directed staff to allow "whatever time is reasonable" for the tenants to relocate, and there should be no problem.*

Ginger Mason appreciated the opportunity to speak on the issue; she is afraid the empty building will be a larger "dead zone." It would have been a good location for the library; perhaps developers could do something with the building. The pizza place spent a lot of money getting their business going. Ms. Mason said she would like to see something regarding future plans, perhaps a community meeting, library location, youth center. *Gioia thanked her for the input and explained that the problem is in trying to keep tax revenue coming in.*

Mark Kipena read a letter he wanted to submit to the Council to explain the difficulty his pizza business is suffering because of the economy, and to request a waiver of the September and October payments. *Scannell said that working with Mr. Kipena has been a pleasure, and that he is working with Mr. Kipena through someone from the Small Business department at Yavapai College and Scannell requested authority to work with Mr. Kipena through this difficult period. Gioia commented that the Council has agreed to give the Manager the latitude to work with the tenants. German further commented on the current economic problems and the need for the community to support the businesses.*

Robin Whatley said that although she could not believe the option of tearing down the building, after listening to the facts and figures had to agree that the Council had made the right decision. Ms. Whatley added that the most incredible people live in Camp Verde; they are able to think beyond their own needs.

There was no further public input.

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

There was no public input.

14. **Advanced Approvals of Town Expenditures**

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

There were no advanced approvals.

15. **Manager/Staff Report**

Scannell reported that he had received a communication from Greg Eggstaff, a commercial property owner, who is interested in a master lease with the Town for Rio Verde Plaza, structured in such a way that he would become responsible for the costs associated with the building for utilities, and then as the landlord would set the rents at whatever level he deemed appropriate, and the Town would be out of the commercial property leasing business. Scannell said that if Council wishes he will follow up on the request however Council deems appropriate. Gioia advised Scannell that since it is a request from the public, he should pursue this item further and, depending on the follow-up, it would be appropriate to bring it to Council as an agenda item for consideration. Scannell said he would follow up on behalf of the Council to help Mr. Eggstaff understand what the dynamics are, and then report back to Council.

16. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Elmer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.