

**MINUTES
SPECIAL SESSION
MAYOR and COMMON COUNCIL
PARKS & REC CONFERENCE ROOM
Wednesday, April 20, 2005
8:30 A.M.**

**Minutes are a summary of the actions taken. They are not verbatim.
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1. Call to Order

Vice Mayor Reddell called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Vice Mayor Reddell and Councilors Kovacovich, Parrish, and Teague were present. Mayor Dickinson and Councilors Baker and Gioia were absent.

Also Present:

Yavapai Apache Nation Representative Billy Gardner, Town Manager Bill Lee, Community Development Director Will Wright, and Town Clerk Deborah Barber

3. Discussion and consideration of construction plans for Highway 260 development.

Reddell advised that the costs for the SR 260 improvement project was \$20 million dollars over budget because of increased acquisition and utility costs. Reddell advised that he and other Council members and the Town Manager had met with Supervisor Chip Davis and ADOT representatives on Monday to discuss Camp Verde's wishes. He explained that the Upper Verde Valley did not want to have slow-speed road through Camp Verde. He said Council needed to compromise on the proposal and that we needed to be prepared to take over the road sometime in the future when the bypass is built. He noted that ADOT was unhappy with the number of signal lights (4) that Council requested in their last discussion. He further noted that Camp Verde is asking for only 2.5 miles of the road with access points. The remaining 9.2 miles of road go into Cottonwood without interruption.

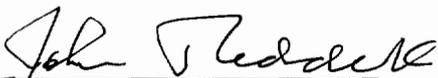
Wright noted that neither the County, nor ADOT had provided the criteria used to determine the need for the bypass and suggested that it is important to know this for proper planning.

Lee explained that Reddell, Kovacovich, and Parrish attended the meeting with ADOT and Supervisor Davis. He said that Davis feels as though he is caught in the middle of what the Upper Verde wants and what Camp Verde needs. He explained that Davis came up with the idea for Camp Verde to present what their needs. He advised that Council should not be bogged down in trying to decide exactly where the roads would be. He noted that ADOT just finished construction on 5 miles of a 4-5 lane highway through Camp Verde and he does not understand why this same road to Cottonwood with fewer access points could create such uproar or why it would be considered a blood alley. He said that Council needed to focus on a compromise that will benefit everyone and come up with the trigger points that will require the bypass construction and the requirement for the Town to take over the existing road.

Council and staff discussed various options and came to a consensus that the road will be 4 to 5 lanes, with access points, lights, and plumbing for future lights.

4. Adjournment

On a motion by Parrish, seconded by Kovacovich, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.



John Reddell, Vice Mayor



Deborah Barber, Town Clerk

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 special session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on the 20th day of April 2005. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 28 day of April, 2005



Deborah Barber, Town Clerk