

**MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2007  
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 Smith, Baker, Kovacovich, Parrish and Parry were present.

**Also Present:** Town Manager Bill Lee, Town Attorney Bill Sims, Finance Director Dane Bullard, Community Development Director Nancy Buckel, Town Engineer Ron Long, Housing Director Matt Morris, Councilor-elect Greg Elmer, Town Clerk Debbie Barber and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was led by Smith.

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) April 4, 2007 – Special Session
- 2) April 4, 2007 – Regular Session
- 3) April 4, 2007 – Executive Session
- 4) March 28, 2007 – Regular Session

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

- 1) Council Hears Planning & Zoning – April 25, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
- 2) Regular Session – May 2, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
- 3) Regular Session – May 16, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
- 4) Council Hears Planning & Zoning – May 23, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

**c) Possible acceptance of Ann Nason's resignation from the Library Advisory Commission with appreciation for her service.**

**d) Possible approval of a Special Event Liquor License for the American Legion Post 93 as a fundraiser for the Camp Verde Wrestling Team. The event is scheduled for April 20 & 21, 2007.**

**e) Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of the Agreement for Joint Use of Athletic Facilities and Recreational Easement with Chester-Campbell LLC for Sunnyside Park.**

On a motion by Baker, seconded by Kovacovich, the Council unanimously approved the Consent Agenda as presented, with 4.d) pulled, and the addition of a budget session on Tuesday, April 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Smith requested that an agenda item be set for next Wednesday to review some complaints listed by the HR Director. Town Manager Lee commented on his attendance at a presentation on the Manager/Mayor form of government, and suggested planning a retreat, hiring a facilitator,

and trying to work through some recent issues that need to be resolved, and without newspaper reporters present; Lee will work on the arrangements. Finance Director Bullard requested that meeting dates and times be scheduled to work on the 07-08 budget; Tuesday, April 24 at 4:00 was set for the preliminary review. Mayor Gioia requested that Item 4d) be pulled for discussion.

**4.d) Possible approval of a Special Event Liquor License for the American Legion Post 93 as a fundraiser for the Camp Verde Wrestling Team. The event is scheduled for April 20 & 21, 2007.**

On a motion by Gioia, seconded by Parry, the Council unanimously approved the recommendation for a Special Event Liquor License for the American Legion Post 93 as a fundraiser for the Camp Verde Wrestling Team; the event is scheduled for April 20 & 21, 2007.

Commander Tucker, American Legion Post 93, outlined the event hosted by Steve Coury to raise money for the children in the wrestling program; the Post would like to help with the fund-raising and is requesting approval of the application for a liquor license. There was a question regarding including the Town as an additional insured. Attorney Sims expressed his opinion that because the event will be held on private property the Town would incur little liability, if any; Sims suggested that the Legion could be asked to include the Town, but not if it would cost them an additional amount.

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

For the benefit of the public attending, Lee displayed one example of the type of plaques and stands that will be placed throughout the Town in connection with guiding the Walking Tour of the Town's historical points, and gave an overview of the plans for creating public awareness. Staff was commended for their work on the project.

There was no further public input.

**6. Presentation by ADOT Prescott District Engineer Dallas Hammit regarding the SR 260 improvements and potential development, followed by discussion.**

There was no action taken.

Dallas Hammit, ADOT Prescott District Engineer, made a Power Point presentation on the upcoming plans for State Route 260, including widening and safety improvements, detailing the funding that had been allocated for the overall plans. Following the presentation, the Council protested, among other issues, the plan for the Coury Drive access point remaining a minor intersection, the adverse effect of the plans on Camp Verde's economic development, and the planned primary access to the proposed Cottonwood Gateway development. Hammit said that decisions on access management are made at the District and Director's level; in addition, priorities for projects that will be funded are determined by the State Transportation Board. Hammit advised the Council that the line of sight problem that exists at the Senior apartments at the 260 bypass will be corrected by ADOT, possibly by the end of May.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Rob Witt** proposed a plan for possibly acquiring State Lands and curving a portion of 260 to get the required distances for intersections, which would make it possible for Steve Coury to get the necessary access for which he has indicated he will invest \$6 million. Witt maintained that Cottonwood is punishing Steve Coury for moving into Camp Verde, which harms Camp Verde as well.

**Steve Coury** commented that the 600-foot requirement for his business does not seem to be shown on the proposed development drawing displayed by Hammit. In addition, he believes the access at Coury Drive was not shown at any of the final public meetings, or in the papers for the last two years.

There was no further public input.

7. ~~**Discussion with the Town Manager concerning his performance review.**~~ Note: Council may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to ARS §38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney; ARS §38-431.03(A)(4) for discussion or consultation with the attorney in order to consider its position and instruct the attorney regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation, or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation; and ARS §38-431.03(A)(1) for discussion or consideration of assignment, appointment promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of any public body.
8. ~~**Discussion, consideration, and possible assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of the Town Manager.**~~
9. **Discussion, consideration, and possible award of contract to Carter & Burgess for Project #07-034, Request for Proposal and Statement of Qualifications to provide professional consultant services for the SR 260 Access Management Plan.**  
Staff was directed to go back and together with the proposed consultant, form an informal project advisory group to advise the consultant, revise the scope, ask the consultant for the resulting new price, and bring the request for award of contract back to Council as soon as possible.

Lee said that following the ADOT public hearings approximately a year ago on the proposed access management plan along 260, he and Town Engineer Ron Long met with County and ADOT personnel to discuss taking another look at the plan along 260 since Camp Verde had not gotten what it wanted; they suggested hiring a consultant to help with a plan. Long outlined the steps that were taken in soliciting the subject Carter & Burgess contract for an access management plan, and gave a brief overview of what the plan would provide. Dallas Hammit cautioned that such a plan would have to be acceptable not only ADOT but also Cottonwood, Jerome and Clarkdale, and stressed the requirement to hold public hearings. He also indicated that a management plan that can be approved would be beneficial; however, there is no guarantee that the plan would be approved by ADOT.

The Council discussed the scope of the contract in detail with Ron Long, together with input from Dallas Hammit, and Mike Riggs of the consultant firm, including the cost and terms for payment and objection to including a study of possible bypass routes. Sims advised the Council that because of considering changes in the scope of work prior to award of the contract, under the procurement rules of the State of Arizona, the Council still has two approaches: The contract could be awarded tonight and the cost determined as the work is done, with the option of terminating the contract on a five-day notice, or the consultant can come back with an entirely different agreement with a different scope, as an alternative. It was requested that staff work with the consultant to eliminate that portion regarding a bypass and to bring back a revised scope of work and deliverables as discussed, as well as the revised cost, to the Council as soon as possible. In addition, a project advisory committee will be created to advise the consultant.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individual are summarized.)

**Andy Groseta**, property owner on Hwy 260, said he was pleased that the Town plans to hire a consultant and believes that the emphasis should be Hwy 260 to enhance development along that highway with access to properties.

There was no further public input.

10. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Camp Verde Sanitary District.**

On a motion by Gioia, seconded by Baker, the Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session with the Attorney for a discussion on the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Camp Verde Sanitary District.

Town Attorney Sims reminded the Council that a couple of different approaches had been considered as to how the Town can help the Sanitary District; a different approach involving a pledge of sales taxes was agreed to at the last meeting. A revised agreement was drafted that was acceptable to the Sanitary District and their attorney. However, comments were just received from their bond attorney that present a challenge; some issues and changes in language need to be worked on, which will take about a week. Sims briefly referred to some of those issues, but did not want to go into the specifics and recommended going into Executive Session in order to advise the Council as to how he and the District's attorney are trying to resolve the issues with the District's bond attorney.

**PUBLIC INPUT`**

(Comments from the following individual are summarized.)

**Rob Witt** said he has appreciated working with Town staff and also appreciates Jim Ledbetter serving as the Sanitary District's attorney as well; without the Town's help, the District would not be where it is now.

There was no further public input.

**The following Items 11 through 14 were addressed prior to adjournment for Executive Session.**

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

There was no public input.

12. **Advanced Approvals of Town Expenditures**

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

There were no advance approvals of Town expenditures.

13. **Manager/Staff Report**

There was no Manager/staff report.

14. **Council Informational Reports**

Smith reported on the upgrades that have been made to the pool and commended staff for their work.

Baker thanked the Fort for the history of the Soldiers this past weekend.

Parry commented on his enjoyment watching the Little League children and the adults, and observing their energy and enthusiasm; the Town badly needs ball fields.

Parrish said he also enjoyed watching the kids play baseball.

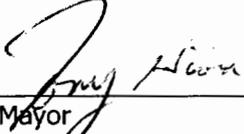
Hauser expressed her appreciation to staff for the Easter egg hunt and their work with the kids.

Gioia commented on the History of the Soldier that coincided with the 50-year celebration of State Parks; he said he also enjoyed the Opening Day of Little League and agreed that ball fields are needed right away.

**A recess was called at 8:52 p.m.; the meeting was called back to order at 9:15 p.m.**

15. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Gioia, seconded by Hauser, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

 5/2/07  
Tony Gioia, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 3 day of May, 2007.

  
Debbie Barber, Town Clerk