

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL SESSION  
MAYOR and COMMON COUNCIL  
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009  
2:15 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 2:15 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Mayor Gioia, Councilors Garrison, Kovacovich and Roulette were present; Vice Mayor Hauser, Councilors Smith and German were absent.

**Also Present:** Town Manager Mike Scannell, Town Attorney Bill Sims (by telephone conference), Public Works Director Ron Long, Mayoral Candidate Bob Burnside, and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper.

**3. Letters of support**

After a brief discussion it was determined that Item 3 had been listed in error; the intent was to review the Letters of Support in Item 5, which was then addressed prior to hearing Item 4.

**4. Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to litigation and/or possible development of Settlement Agreement among the Town of Camp Verde, California Hotwood, Inc., and business entities and affiliates related to the Zellner family. Note:**

Council may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to ARS §38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion or consultation with the attorney for legal advice and §38-431.03(A)(4) for discussion or consultation with the attorney in order to consider Council's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiation, in pending or contemplated litigation, or in settlement discussions in order to avoid or resolve litigation. (Staff Resource: Town Attorney)

On a motion by Kovacovich, seconded by Gioia, the Council unanimously voted to go into Executive Session.

After calling the Special Session back to order at 3:25 p.m., Mayor Gioia stated that Council has given direction to the Attorney on the woodlot case; there are no public statements at this time.

**5. Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of letters supporting the reauthorization of the federal surface transportation policy for three projects to include: 1) The widening of State Route 260 from I-17 to Thousand Trails, 2) Repair of Black Bridge on Montezuma Castle Highway and 3) Build Out Improvements to Finnie Flat Road. (Staff Resource: Ron Long)**

On a motion by Garrison, seconded by Kovacovich, the Council unanimously voted to approve letters supporting the reauthorization of the Federal surface transportation policy for two projects, to include the widening of State Route 260 from I-17 to Thousand Trails; and to build out improvements to Finnie Flat Road.

Public Works Director Ron Long reported on his contact with Congresswoman Kirkpatrick's office at which time he was advised that the deadline for submitting reauthorization of transportation funds was Friday, April 24. Long said that staff had originally come up with the three projects indicated; however, one of them does not qualify for a transportation request, and that is the Black Bridge project. Long said he will pursue that one through NACOG since it fits in better with a local government transportation improvement program funding through that entity. Long detailed the improvements planned for the State Route 260 and Finney Flat projects, and requested Council to support the two projects by authorizing the proposed letters of support to be signed by the Mayor. Gioia commented on the immediate response by the Congresswoman's office following his earlier conversation regarding the need for funding. Long said he understands that no matching funds from the Town should be required in connection with the State Route 260 project; staff is

following up to make sure that is correct; as for Finnie Flat, the Town will need to contribute matching funds in the approximate amount of \$180,000. That amount would be payable over a 5 or 6 year period. Long added that any funds received would be restricted specifically to the requested project.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individual are summarized.)

**Bob Burnside** questioned the amount of matching funds estimated by Long. *Long said he stood corrected.*

During further discussion, Gioia commented that Cottonwood has agreed to submit a letter supportive of the reconstruction of S.R. 260; he has also contacted the Yavapai-Apache Nation to request that their Council join in and have it ready by Friday, the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**A recess was called at 2:32 p.m. to go into Executive Session; the meeting was called back to order at 3:25 p.m.**

**6. Adjournment**

On a motion by Garrison, seconded by Kovacovich, the meeting was adjourned at 3:26 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 Special Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 8 day of May, 2009.

  
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Debbie Barber, Town Clerk