

**MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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 Gioia, Vice Mayor Hauser, Councilors Garrison, Smith, and Kovacovich were present; there are two seats vacant.  
  
**Also Present:** Town Manager Mike Scannell, Library Director Gerry Laurito, Parks & Recreation Director Lynda Moore, Town Clerk Debbie Barber, and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**  
The Pledge was led by Kovacovich.
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 – February 4, 2009
- 2) Special Session – February 4, 2009

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

- 1) February 25, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning – **CANCELLED**
- 2) February 25, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Retreat
- 3) March 4, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 4) March 18, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session/Council Hears Planning & Zoning
- 5) March 25, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning – **CANCELLED**

c) **Possible authorization to add the Town's name to letter sent to Arizona legislators asking them to refrain from diverting the Arizona Heritage Fund for FY 2009 adjustments or for the FY 2010 budget.** (Staff Resource: Mayor Gioia)

d) **Possible direction to staff to amend the March 6, 2009 letter to Arizona State Parks requesting a Waiver of Retroactivity for Acquisition Projects to allow the Town to apply for a Heritage Grant as soon as funds become available and authorization for the Mayor to sign.** (Staff Resource: Mayor Gioia)

e) **Possible approval of the sublease with the Kiwanis Club of Beaver Creek in Rimrock to house the Beaver Creek Library Services (a branch of the Camp Verde Community Library).** (Staff Resource: Gerry Laurito)

f) **Possible approval of the Yavapai Library Network Participation Library Automation Agreement, an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Camp Verde and the City of Prescott as agent of the Yavapai Library Network.** (This is a budgeted item.) (Staff Resource: Gerry Library)

g) **Possible approval of a special event liquor license application submitted by the American Legion Post #93 for the Verde Valley Highland Games to be held on March 28, 2009 at 30 E. Hwy. 260, Camp Verde.** (Staff Resource: Debbie Barber)

h) **Possible approval of the proposed 2009/10 Budget Calendar.** (Staff Resource: Michael Scannell)

i) **Possible direction to staff to prepare a letter of support to the State Legislature and Governor relative to the continued funding of the University of Arizona's Drachman Institute.** (Staff Resource: Vice Mayor Hauser)

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Kovacovich, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented, with the exception of Item i), and correction of two minor typos.

Garrison requested that Item i) be pulled for discussion; the year indicated in Item d) should be corrected to reflect 2008, and correct Item f), to state "Gerry Laurito."

**4.i) Possible direction to staff to prepare a letter of support to the State Legislature and Governor relative to the continued funding of the University of Arizona's Drachman Institute.**

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Kovacovich, the Council unanimously approved Item 4.i).

Garrison requested that in the future the Council members have an opportunity to review any letters before they are mailed out. Smith also recommended that when requesting approval to send such letters, a draft of the proposed letter be included in the agenda packets for review.

There was no public input.

Garrison requested that Item 19 be moved under Item 14 to make sure that it will be heard at this meeting; it was agreed to do so.

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

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Bill Carter**, Camp Verde Realty, spoke on behalf of the Merchants Committee, to protest the recent amendments to the sandwich sign Ordinance, and the lack of support from the Town for the small businesses; the merchants have received a letter that the "rules have changed" from the decision made on December 17, and they have chosen to consult an attorney to discuss available options.

*(Gioia reminded the speakers that Council will not be able to respond to them since the issue is not an agenda item, but this is a venue where all input is certainly invited.)*

**Alex Wilson**, representing the Chamber of Commerce which has a responsibility to the business owners, spoke as an advocate, recommending that the Town return to the previous policy adopted in December, allowing time for the businesses to have the signs in 2009, and pointing out that it is not in the Town's best interest to make the business environment even more difficult and to keep in mind the current economic situation..

**Bea Richmond** said she could not understand how depriving businesses off of Main Street their sandwich signs squares with the need to conserve money by the Town itself; she likes the "cozy" small-town type of signs.

**Therese Tobish**, Ancient Bear Gallery, said she could have the signs, but it is not fair.

**Jim Lawson** understands how tough it is for a small business to survive, and asked if the Council supported the proposition for the signs. *(Gioia explained the process for returning an item to the agenda for a rehearing.)*

**Charlotte Floyd**, Treasure Box, said that the main concern was how the sign ordinance will hurt the Bread of Life, as well as those who are two or three streets over; they want an equal playing field.

**Andy Dickey**, Verde Barbell, also requested that the issue be brought back on the agenda; the survival of his business needs every marketing tool they can get. *(Gioia said he would consider that as a direct request to him as a member of the Council.)*

**Ramona Aldridge** said that her business would allow the sign, but she questioned businesses who are on Main Street, but whose doors do not technically face Main Street; she suggested the Ordinance is nitpicking.

**Ken McKnight**, American Legion Bingo, referred to the sign put out each Sunday by the Methodist Church which he believes that is the same as the senior citizens' Bread of Life; what is wrong with those?

**Donna Stilwell** expressed her continuing anger, saying she is "mad as hell."

**Stan Dickey**, Verde Barbell, referred to the Governor enacting a moratorium against new legislation.

**Robin Whatley** reported that the issue came up at the Candidates Forum last night; she said those who wanted to see her response and that of other candidates should watch Channel 18, and to call 567-3433 for information. Whatley also announced the Transportation meeting tomorrow night, Cliff Castle Conference Center, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

**Lauren Thomas**, Black Rose, said the signs are visual affirmation that the businesses are there.

**Jim Flick**, a 23-year resident, reminded everyone that the folks running for different office have their signs all over the place, and asked if they are in a different category.

There was no further public input.

Gioia said that he personally would ask that the issue be agendaized for Council consideration. **For the record**, Smith said he would like to discuss the kiosks on the corners again, as well as the fees for the signs. Gioia said that would be added to the agenda.

6. **Council Informational Reports**

**Smith** shared information from Ron Long on the recent meeting of the Verde Valley Transportation & Planning Organization and the need for shovel-ready jobs to receive the full benefit of the State allocation of \$800,000. Smith reported on his attendance at an emergency meeting of the Sanitary District, with input from Town Manager Scannell that the issue of the redrafting of the IGA has been tabled and referred to their attorney. Smith explained how Sedona Recycles will accept and dispose of electronic appliances, primarily TV sets.

**Garrison** gave an update on recent NACOG meetings and information on the drastic loss of jobs due to the economy. Garrison requested an agenda item for the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to invite the Yavapai-Apache Nation to present and Council accept the check from the Proposition 202 funds in the amount of \$56,058.

**Hauser** reported that information from the water meetings she attended indicates that the water situation is in very good shape and promises to remain so.

**Gioia** said that the Census Bureau is hiring up to 250 jobs in the Verde Valley, paying between \$12.50 and \$18.00 an hour; for inquiries about interviews call 928-286-5600, through 5606. Gioia reported on his discussions with the Director of State Parks regarding Ft. Verde and the possibility of using the Land Conservation Fund. The Stimulus Package may or may not allow new parks to be built from the fund. Gioia also reported on his attendance at the Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee meeting.

7. **Presentation by Lettie Connell relative to the Wreaths across America for the Prescott National Cemetery.**  
There was no action taken.

Lettie Connell said she was appearing in order to request donations, either as a group or individually, and in her presentation outlined the mission of the "Wreaths Across America" organization to place wreaths on military graves to honor those men and woman who fought for the freedom of America. Ms. Connell provided the organization's website, [www.waa4tnc.com](http://www.waa4tnc.com); her phone number if 928-567-5012.

There was no public input.

8. **Presentation and update by Director Kathy McLaughlin relative to the Yavapai Family Advocacy Center's activities.**  
There was no action taken.

Kathy McLaughlin distributed copies of a print-out of a Power Point presentation, and gave a comprehensive update on the importance and effectiveness of the combined resources at the Yavapai Family Advocacy Center, the first presentation having been made 10 years ago.

There was no public input.

9. **Presentation and possible approval of the Verde Valley Ranger's Mounted Sheriff's Posse's annual event calendar in which they will sell alcohol, specifically June 5-6, 2009 – Crawdad Festival, July 18, 2009 – Corn Festival, and October 9-10, 2009 – Ft. Verde Days.** *This is a pre-authorization for the events and does not approve the actual Special Event Liquor License applications, but rather lets the organization know if it is practical to proceed with the applications.*

On a motion by Kovacovich, seconded by Smith, the Council voted 4-1 to approve the Verde Valley Ranger's Mounted Sheriff's Posse's annual event calendar; with a 'no' vote by Garrison.

**Jim Williams**, Verde Valley Rangers Sheriff's Posse, reviewed the successful result of their participation in the Crawdad Festival event last year and the use of those funds, and requested permission to sell beer at this year's Crawdad Festival, Corn Festival and Ft. Verde Days. Mr. Williams said he has been working with Lynda Moore on the functions, including the Wine & Pecan event.

The members discussed with Mr. Williams the possibility of another successful Crawdad Festival this year; Smith and

Hauser both would hope they will do well since it is a big help to the staff. Garrison expressed her continuing concern over the risk of lawsuits that the Town assumes resulting from sales of alcohol on Town property; she stated that she would always vote against alcohol at functions held on Town property.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individual are summarized.)

**Linda Buchanan** thanked the Rangers for all they do for the community; she cited the pending and potential lawsuits facing the Town already, and believes that the Rangers have proven over time that they can mitigate the risk.

There was no further public input.

*Councilor Garrison requested item #10.*

10. **Possible reconsideration of the action taken on February 4, 2009 to renew the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Camp Verde Unified School District for use of the triangle parking lot and trail adjacent to Butler Park and the District Office and authorization for the Mayor to execute the contract documents.** (Staff Resource: *Lynda Moore*)

There was no action taken.

Garrison explained that her previous questions about the subject IGA have not been addressed by new School Board as had been requested; she reiterated her concern about the cost involved, the responsibility for restoring the property if abandoned or closed, and the termination clause that is the same as that in the pool agreement which caused problems for the Town. Director Moore said she did not have the cost for maintenance, pointing out that the lot is mostly used only during Little League and soccer; staff would maintain it even without the IGA if debris were left following any use by the Town. Moore could not see the School District backing out of the agreement; there is no cost involved, both parties benefit, and the IGA has been renewed automatically for a number of years. There was further discussion on maintenance performed by staff, which Moore said amounts to very little.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individual are summarized.)

**Linda Buchanan** reminded the Council that the same people who elected them also elected the School Board, and the Council should just consider reasonable risk; everyone should "play well" with each other.

There was no further public input.

Town Clerk Barber confirmed that the IGA was approved under the Consent Agenda previously; the document has not yet been executed. Garrison **requested that the record show** that her vote should be registered as "No," based on no time line guarantee in the document and the experience with the pool IGA.

There was no consensus that the Council reconsider the action taken on February 4, 2009, and Garrison reiterated her request that the Minutes reflect that she did not vote "Yes."

11. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Ordinance 2009-A362, an ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona amending Section 2-1-4 of the Town Code, Vacancies in Council.** (Staff Resource: *Debbie Barber*)

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Garrison, the Council unanimously approved Ordinance 2009-A362, an ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona amending Section 2-1-4 of the Town Code, Vacancies in Council.

Barber reviewed the research she had done on municipal elections in connection with replacing Councilor German who resigned on February 2, 2009; and the potential for incurring the expense of a General Election in September. The suggested changes to the Ordinance would still fall in line with the Statutory requirement for elections, while keeping the intent of the original Ordinance. If the amendment is approved, it would become effective on March 20<sup>th</sup>, which means an appointment to the seat left vacant by German would need to be made no later than April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Otherwise, it would be left for the General Election in September, which leaves the seat vacant for 9 months.

The members briefly discussed the options presented, the concern that the citizens should be involved in selecting a replacement, and the recommendation to amend the Ordinance as reviewed. For further clarification, Baker reconfirmed the effect of the change in the Ordinance.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Jackie Baker** commented that a person running in the General Election would have as much time to campaign as those in the Primary; a change in the Ordinance is not a very good idea since it would in effect take the public out of the decision on a 4-year Council term.

**Linda Buchanan** said that she supports the Clerk's recommendation, and that the community trusts the Council to make those difficult decisions.

There was no further public input.

**A recess was called at 8:09 p.m.; the meeting was called back to order at 8:19 p.m.**

12. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Ordinance 2009-A360, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona amending Town Code Chapter 4 Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Article 4-2.A.3 - Organization and Article 4-3 - Meetings.** *(Staff Resource: Debbie Barber)*

On a motion by Garrison, seconded by Hauser, the Council unanimously approved Ordinance 2009-A360, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona amending Town Code Chapter 4 Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Article 4-2.A.3 - Organization and Article 4-3 – Meetings, with the suggested changes.

Barber explained that in November Council voted to reduce the number of meetings to reduce expenses because of the economic downturn; in order to do that it is necessary to amend Chapter 4 of the subject Ordinance pertaining to Organization and Meetings. A Resolution will be prepared in January of each year setting forth the hours of operation, Holiday Schedule and the meeting schedules for the Boards and Commissions, to be posted on the Town website. Barber quoted the statement, "that the Council shall establish meeting dates and times by Resolution in January of each year," and meetings were changed to every other month. Barber also cited the provision, "that Commissions may schedule special meetings or work sessions with the prior approval of the Town Manager."

**PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Lisa Mina**, Library Commission Chairperson, requested that the Library Commission be allowed to set its schedule to meet 6 times a year, for example, March, April, July, September or October; she suggested that the schedule could be determined every January, selecting 6 months during the year instead of every other month. *(The Council held a discussion based on the request from Mina, addressing the effect on staffing, as well as the intent to reduce the number of meetings during the year to 6; it was generally agreed that scheduling the 6 meetings could be set by each Commission in January of each year, with the approval of Council.)*

**Bea Richmond** protested of being "lock stepped" into the schedule set by Council that resulted in a gap of three months for a meeting of the Trails & Pathways Commission.

**Linda Buchanan**, reminded the Council that the Housing Commission has been reduced to a quarterly schedule; she agrees that there are different circumstances with each Commission.

**Robin Whatley** said this is a great idea, she is already planning how to get out of town in the summer; she is not speaking for Parks & Recreation, but the proposed agenda looks like it would be a good one, and the public can see the schedules on the Town website.

**Roger Doering**, Library Commission, explained that the Library operates in concert with the school year; he suggested that the wording on the provision for special meetings be revised to state, "**subject to** the approval of the Town Manager."

There was no further public input.

The members reviewed establishing the schedules at the beginning of the year, the schedules as listed in the agenda packet, starting in March, also addressing this year's four meetings allotted to the Housing Commission. In response to a question, Ms. Buchanan, although not speaking for the entire Housing Commission, said she would be willing to recommend adopting the proposed schedule at their March meeting.

Garrison summarized her understanding of the discussed changes, that the meetings would be held every other month, starting in March, except for the schedule submitted by the Library Commission, and as discussed with Ms. Buchanan, and if any Commission feels it is necessary they may make a request to Mr. Scannell. As for the meetings to be held every other month, Barber suggested the language be changed to, "6 meetings per year." A Resolution will be presented to Council every January with the proposed schedules. It was also agreed to make the change suggested by Mr. Doering, instead of "with prior approval of the Town Manager," to "**subject to the approval of the Town Manager.**"

13. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Ordinance 2009-A361, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, amending Town Code Article 2-3-1, Regular Meetings. (Staff Resource: Debbie Barber)**

On a motion by Gioia, seconded by Hauser, the Council unanimously **did not approve** Ordinance 2009-A361, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, amending Town Code Article 2-3-1, Regular Meetings.

Barber said that the subject Ordinance addresses the Council meetings, and Council had decided to reduce the number of meetings to two per month, and in order to do that, changes will be required to the Town Code. Barber pointed out that the meetings have been very long, with a number of items not having been addressed because of time. According to the Town Attorney, that schedule cannot be followed on a temporary trial basis; the Code must be amended. If Council wants to keep the meetings as they are, with P&Z on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, then no amendment is required.

The members discussed the problems resulting from the revised schedule, with varied suggestions on how to accomplish more within that time line and try to become more efficient, but with the majority agreeing that it has not been working.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Jackie Baker** said she believes all that is cut out is only one meeting; the second Wednesday of the month was set aside for a Work Session. Ms. Baker added that she believes that the Housing Commission should also have been given 6 meetings.

**George Young** said that in videotaping the programs he has found that the time involved in transcribing them to put on the air has been exactly the same, so there does not appear to be any saving by extending it out in time or having two smaller meetings.

**Linda Buchanan** said she believes this is one of those penny-wise, pound-foolish decisions; cutting back on Council meetings was done in excess of what the Town Manager suggested; the Council is sacrificing the decision-making process and creating chaos in the community.

There was no further public input.

There was general agreement to continue to try to tighten up meetings, and when possible cut them, and to carefully take steps in order to get the work done.

14. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Resolution 2009-759, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, setting Meeting Dates and Times for Council and all Commissions/Committees for 2009. (Staff Resource: Debbie Barber)**

On a motion by Garrison, seconded by Kovacovich, the Council unanimously approved Resolution 2009-759, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, establishing hours of operation, setting Meeting Dates and Times for Council and all Commissions/Committees for 2009, with the changes, including the schedule that the Library Commission submitted, the change in the meeting time for Trails & Pathways to 5:30 p.m., and with the four meetings per year for the Housing Commission as previously approved.

Barber explained that the subject Resolution establishes the meeting dates and times for all the Commissions so that all the members will know their schedules throughout the year, as well as when quarterly reports are due. In addition, the Chamber of Commerce has requested that they be included in the quarterly report schedules; changes to the Library Commission meetings will be made in accordance with their request.

Discussing the schedules for the quarterly reports, it was agreed that, since they will only meet four times a year and the schedule was prepared after their January meeting, the Housing Commission would begin their quarterly report meetings starting with March, with no penalty for the January meeting.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Bea Richmond** commented that at their November meeting the Trails & Pathways Commission had voted to change from 6:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and asked whether the time listed in the schedule could be changed to 5:30 p.m. *(In response to a question from Council, Richmond confirmed that the new time had been determined by Commission vote.)*

**Jackie Baker** questioned whether an exception for the Housing Commission being limited to 4 meetings per year had been made a part of the Resolution. *(Garrison said that schedule had been voted upon at the last meeting, and that the Clerk had confirmed that it had been addressed in the Ordinance.)*

There was no further public input.

There was discussion about the times set for meetings of the Commissions, and that when the time is set in January each year it cannot be changed in mid-year; however, acknowledging the new meeting time for the Trails & Pathways Commission would create no problem at this point.

There was some concern regarding the meeting schedule for the Housing Commission and the possible need to reconsider the Ordinance as adopted; after further discussion it was determined that the exception establishing the Housing Commission meeting four times a year had been voted upon previously and re-confirmed in the motion adopting this Resolution.

15. **Discussion, consideration, and possible authorization for the Mayor as the Town's Chief Elected Official to support or oppose certain Bills introduced during the legislative sessions when they adversely affect the Town's interests and need an immediate response.** *(Staff Resource: Debbie Barber)*

A motion by Kovacovich, seconded by Smith, to withdraw the subject authorization **failed by a 3-2 vote**, with 'no' votes by Hauser and Gioia.

Barber said that the requested authorization is an annual exercise that establishes the policy allowing the Mayor to respond to issues that come up when there is insufficient time to have a Council meeting; the Staff Report indicates what was approved last year.

Gioia requested that Council also empower him to react to any legislation about saving Ft. Verde, which would be in the Town's interest.

There were comments from some members expressing their objection and concern about letters being mailed without Council review; also, examples of letters sent without Council authorization were cited, including a letter to all Commissions regarding cutting meetings, and a recent letter to the Attorney General requesting review of a matter for possible criminal charges. Gioia read aloud the letter that had been sent to all the Commissions, adding that the letter had been reviewed by the Manager and staff; Gioia apologized for the wording that had been perhaps misleading.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Linda Buchanan** commented that things that are said to "adversely affect" the Town's interest may not mean the same thing to all.

**Robin Whatley** said that hopefully not being able to meet the need for immediate response will not hurt the Town.

There was no further public input.

Hauser added her opinion that things do come up in the Legislature, and she shared past experience in connection with the need to testify because of legislation that was affecting the Town's water resources. Gioia referred to the list of items that Council had agreed upon in 2008 and authorized the Mayor to: Item 1, "Support legislation that protects the groundwater aquifer of the Verde River Basin;" Item 2, "Oppose legislation that compromises the integrity of the groundwater aquifer of the Verde River Basin," Item 3, "Support legislation that maintains the State-shared revenues for the Town"; Item 4, "Oppose legislation that erodes State-shared revenues"; Item 5, "Support legislation that retains land use authority for municipalities in Arizona"; and/or 6, "Oppose legislation that erodes the land use authority for municipalities in Arizona." Gioia requested confirmation that there is a majority of Council members who do not want him to stand for those items as had been agreed upon in the past; there was no further discussion.

16. **Discussion, consideration, and possible appointment of Council members and alternates to serve as the Sanitary District Liaison and the Chamber of Commerce Liaison.** *(Staff Resource: Mayor and Council)*

On a motion by Gioia, seconded by Smith, the Council unanimously appointed Ron Smith as the Liaison to the Sanitary District, and Brenda Hauser as the Liaison to the Chamber of Commerce.

The members discussed whether there should continue to be a liaison for the Sanitary District since it appears the only issues left are the tank and the 15 acres, plus it would cost to redo the IGA. In addition, Smith said he would prefer not to serve as liaison to the Chamber, but he would be willing to be appointed as liaison to the Sanitary District, if Council wishes. Hauser volunteered to be the Chamber of Commerce liaison. Town Manager Scannell expressed his belief that it is critically important to continue some level of communication with the Sanitary District, and that the IGA should now be revised. Garrison confirmed that the appointments made would be just until the June election.

There was no public input.

17. **Discussion, consideration, and possible development of projects to submit to Ann Kirkpatrick, Member of Congress for consideration in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act followed by possible direction to staff to submit the projects in the required format.** *(Staff Resource: Mayor Gioia)*

Staff, with Gioia, was directed to try to fit the criteria and work with the Congresswoman's office personnel who have offered to help find the correct agencies, the names and the line items to name for requests for appropriations for these projects; also, staff to get estimates of the number of jobs these projects will create and people to be employed.

Gioia referred to the requirement to submit requests for appropriations in a particular format and to fit certain criteria; however, in discussions with the Congresswoman's office, Gioia was informed that the Town is encouraged to apply for anything that will further the cause of increasing jobs, including infrastructure and facilities, and her office has assured Gioia that they will work with the Town no matter what is prioritized and how it fits into the criteria.

Gioia suggested including, as first and foremost the completion of Hwy 260 to a four-lane; development of Phase I of the 118-acre park land; and construction of the Library. Gioia outlined his understanding of the percentage of the appropriations to be made to the State with the remainder going to municipalities. Gioia reviewed infrastructure projects suggested by staff for Finnie Flat Road, Hollamon Street, Black Bridge, Phase II Townsite, Salt Mine Road, Yaqui Circle, General Crook Trail, Middle Verde Road, McCracken Road, and Montezuma Castle Highway. The non-infrastructure projects are the Town Library, Chamber of Commerce remodel, and Town Computer System. Gioia said he would recommend placing the 4-lane Hwy 260 project first, and then the Park and the Library, to be included on the list of non-infrastructure projects and in front of the list of recommendations.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

*(Comments from the following individual are summarized.)*

**Roger Doering** recommended meeting with the business people and the Chamber to get their ideas to try to find out what would help stimulate the economy, including suggestions for bringing in industry or manufacturing activities to create jobs.

There was no further public input.

Addressing the suggestions made by Mr. Doering, Gioia explained that there are certain criteria and regulations that must be complied with, and infrastructure projects that would create jobs are the first consideration, not plans for economic development. Gioia then outlined what he would suggest as direction to staff, with his participation as well, and Town Manager Scannell confirmed his understanding of such direction that included following the guidelines enumerated in Congresswoman Kirkpatrick's February letter as closely as possible, with the assurance that her staff will work with the Town on the list of projects to be submitted.

Because of the late hour, the meeting was next formally adjourned with no other actions taken.

18. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff to prepare an ordinance that adopts Robert's Rules of Order, as modified that best fits the Town's needs for Council consideration at the earliest possible date.**  
(Staff Resource: Michael Scannell)

(Note: Item 19 was heard prior to Item 15, as agreed.)

19. **Discussion, consideration, and possible acceptance or rejection of bids for the Town-owned property consisting of .36 acre parcel of the northern boundary of the Community Park located at McCracken Lane. The bid opening is scheduled for February 13, 2009.** (Staff Resource: Lynda Moore)  
On a motion by Smith, seconded by Kovacovich, the Council unanimously accepted the bid for the Town-owned property consisting of .36 acre parcel of the northern boundary of the Community Park located at McCracken Lane; this sale does not affect or move the 100-foot buffer that has been placed around the Park.

Director Moore announced that at the bid opening one bid was received in the amount of \$12,077; there was no discussion.

There was no public input.

20. **Discussion, consideration, and possible authorization to fill the position of Parks Administrative Assistant.**  
(Staff Resource: Lynda Moore)
21. **Presentation and possible reconsideration of Council's decision to have Town Staff enforce the Town's regulations concerning the youth livestock project activity for 2009 based on new information submitted by the FFA advisors, allowing the FFA advisors to proceed with the enforcement regulations for 2009.** (Staff Resource: Nancy Buckel)

Councilor Smith requested item #22:

22. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to a) holding in abeyance any actions relative to enforcing the transaction privilege tax on residential and commercial properties in the Town of Camp Verde and b) to prepare an analysis for the Council's review and to deliver said analysis on or before March 4, 2009 of those options that exist with respect to developing new sources of revenue to offset the loss of revenue that may flow from the rescission of the transaction privilege taxes currently levied on residential and commercial properties in the Town of Camp Verde.**
23. **Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda.**
24. **Advanced Approvals of Town Expenditures**  
a) **There are no advanced approvals.**
25. **Manager/Staff Report**  
Community Development Director Buckel reported that notice was received today that the court date previously set for March 2 and 3, 2009 on the woodyard litigation has been continued to June 17, 2009 at the request of Robert Earle, attorney for the Zellners.
26. **Adjournment**  
On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

  
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

February 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6 day of March, 2009.

Debbie Barber  
Debbie Barber, Town Clerk