

**MINUTES
BUDGET WORK SESSION
MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2006
5:00 p.m.**

Minutes are a summary of the discussion. They are not verbatim.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Gioia called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Councilor Parrish led the pledge of allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Gioia, Councilors Baker, Kovacovich, Parrish, Parry, and Smith were present. Vice Mayor Hauser was absent.

Also Present:

Finance Director Dane Bullard, Marshal Dave Smith, Parks Director Lynda Moore, and Town Clerk Deborah Barber were also present.

3. FY 2006/07 General Fund Operating Budget.

Special Events:

Council discussed Parks & Recreation Special Events budget and COLAS. It was generally agreed that the Special Events Line Item should have a cap of no more than \$100,000, including employee salaries. Council members discussed various possibilities and event scenarios. Director Moore stated that with a \$100,000 cap, which includes staff salaries, the Town could possibly put on three major events – Ft. Verde Days, the Crawdad Festival, and the Pecan and Wine Festival. She recommended that the Pecan and Wine Festival be reduced from a three-day event to a two-day event. Council members noted that with only three main events, that staff should review the need for the Special Events Coordinator. Moore advised that the Haunted House, the Cornfest, block parties, and Highland Games would have to be eliminated. She further advised that the Cornfest was two weeks away and that a decision needed to be made since expenses in this year's budget will be incurred. The Mayor responded that staff had direction. She advised that she would check with the FFA to see if they might be interested in taking over the Cornfest, so that it could go on as planned.

Mayor Gioia asked Moore to consider these suggestions, prepare the calculations, and bring back the information to Council at the next work session on the 12th with the proposal.

There was also a lengthy discussion by Councilors Smith and Parry regarding their confusion as to how the financial statements and reporting were presented. Both Council members believed the reporting to be inaccurate. Bullard noted that the employee salaries would be moved to the Special Events Line Item for reporting purposes only and that for general accounting purposes, they would remain in the Maintenance Line Item. He said that he would prepare P&L statements listing the actual employees, excluding the Director, rather than basing them on average pay.

COLAS:

Council members discussed various scenarios and generally agreed that the sworn officers, excluding the Marshal, would receive a 10% COLA, and the general employees would receive a

7.5% increase. Council noted that the 10% increase for the officers would bring the officers' salaries more in line with other communities in our area.

4. Adjournment

Mayor Gioia adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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Tony Gioia, Mayor

Deborah Barber

Deborah Barber, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING, minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the discussion of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde during the Work Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona held on the 5th day of July 2006. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 24 day of July 2006.

Deborah Barber

Deborah Barber, Town Clerk