

**MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2007  
at 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 Brad Woodford, Community Development Director Nancy Buckel, Councilor-Elect Greg Elmer, Parks & Rec Director Lynda Moore, Town Clerk Debbie Barber, and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was led by Parrish.

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) March 7, 2007 – Regular Session
- 2) March 7, 2007 – Executive Session
- 3) February 28, 2007 – Regular Session

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

- 1) Council Hears Planning & Zoning – March 28, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
- 2) Regular Session – April 4, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
- 3) Regular Session – April 18, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
- 4) Council Hears Planning & Zoning – April 25, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

c) **Possible approval of Resolution 2007-720, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, declaring and adopting the results of the Primary Election held on March 13, 2007.**

d) **Possible acceptance of Bill Carter's resignation from the Housing Commission.**

On a motion by Baker, seconded by Kovacovich, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved, with the Minutes of March 7, 2007 corrected as follows: Page 5, second paragraph, "Rural Metro's" should be "Rural Development's".

Councilor Kovacovich directed attention to an error on Page 5, second paragraph of the Minutes dated March 7, 2007; the correction was noted.

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

**Jean Jones**, after distributing pictures to illustrate her concerns, described what she believes is a dangerous traffic situation in the vicinity of Azure Drive and Cliffs Parkway, requesting the Council to look into the problem before a life is taken. *Mayor Gioia directed Lee to have the Street Department handle the problem.*

**Scott Simonton** said he had just learned of the proposal to exchange Butler Park for land dedicated to the School District, and wanted to state on record that in no way does he want to take the only park the Town has, and requested that the Council remove the item from the agenda.

There was no further public input.

6. **Presentation on the State Lake Improvement Fund grant (Black Bridge Park) followed by discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff on how to proceed with this project.**

On a motion by Kovacovich, seconded by Hauser, the Council voted 6-1 to direct staff to place the restrooms over to the left side, and the trail down to the river wherever the trail lends itself best to going down; with Gioia opposed.

Town Manager Lee reviewed the background of meetings held in connection with the Black Bridge Park, and detailed the compromise reached between Town staff, representatives of Town Commissions and the concerned residents. Although implementing the steps to be taken will require months of work as well as addressing archaeological considerations, Lee said that work can be done now on the trails system and getting the restrooms in place.

During the Council discussion, alternate suggestions were made, including using the parking already available at the library and former Marshal's site, and walking into the Park leaving it as it is. There was mixed reception among the members regarding the proposal for a new road, referred to as Option (c), and the estimated cost of construction.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**Tom Neilson** said that the Town should get the library moving; working on the park is putting the cart before the horse.

**Perry Haddon**, Trails & Pathways Commission Chairperson, said that his Commission has twice voted unanimously to have the entrance to the park where it is now, primarily because of the cost for a new road. He agreed with the idea of parking at the old Marshal's office.

**Robin Whatley** said that traffic is already a problem; she agreed with Baker's idea for parking and carrying canoes in. Also, one of the tenets of the General Plan was that the community did not want the Town "messing with our neighborhood."

**Jim Ellington** commented on the cost issue brought up by Haddon and the objection to bisecting the park; the Town Engineer had clarified those needs. And as far as putting the cart before the horse, the Town needs to show the State that we are serious; get the park done.

**Paul Clawson** said that with the compromise reached, the residents are giving up something and the Town is giving up something. He stated that Option 'C' is the best choice and is supported by the residents. As for the Trails Commission, it was not their decision to make.

**Kathy Davis** questioned what authority Town staff has to change the designated use of a road; is that authority in the Town Code. Ms. Davis advocates more public involvement in future planning.

**Lynn Reddell** explained the responsibility of the Trails Commission to address items brought before them; Black Bridge Park is a community park, not just a neighborhood park.

**Bob Bussing** complained that the Council is wasting time talking about a park that Bill Lee has said nothing can be done on until the Town gets approval from SHPO. It is crazy. Get the sewer and water in line before these other projects are started.

**Patricia George** said that she has seen 20 to 30 vehicles loaded with kayaks in her area, adding that you do not want that going past people's yards.

There was no further public input.

During further discussion Lee again outlined the compromise that had been reached. There were two different motions proposed, one including a direction to staff to draw up a plan depicting the specific locations of improvements, and the other to bring the matter back to Council after the NEPA clearance and input from both Parks & Rec and Trails Commissions, each of which failed for lack of a second.

Following formal action regarding the placement of the restrooms and the trail down to the river, Lee said he will provide a plan, adding that the motion will allow staff to move forward and get the biggest part of the grant contract built. The Council can meet and talk about the rest later.

7. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of a 60/40 split of alcohol sales with the Verde Valley Rangers Sheriff's Posse at the following events: Crowdad Festival, Cornfest, Block Party, Pioneer Days, and Ft. Verde Days.**

On a motion by Kovacovich, seconded by Gioia, the Council voted 5-2 to continue the 50-50 split of alcohol sales already in effect with the Verde Valley Rangers Sheriff's Posse; Smith and Baker abstained.

Parks & Rec Director Moore explained the request of the Verde Valley Rangers for an increase in their take of the sales of alcohol; there was no one present representing the Verde Valley Rangers.

The Council discussed the prior understanding that the split would be 50-50, the responsibilities of the Rangers, and the suggestion that the local bars should be approached to sell the alcoholic drinks to patrons on their own premises; there were also statements of continuing objection to the Town sponsoring sales of alcohol.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**Jim Ellington** spoke in support of the Verde Valley Rangers, saying that they have taken over around 90% of the responsibilities and will be taking on the clean-up as well.

There was no further public input.

8. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of approval of the amended Exhibit A, Administrative Services 2007 Fee Schedule as established by Resolution 2007-718, revising the Parks & Recreation Fee Schedule, adding a \$10.00 fee for use of electric at the Ramada, Gazebo, and Butler Park.**

On a motion by Gioia, seconded by Baker, the Council unanimously approved amended Exhibit A, Administrative Services 2007 Fee Schedule as established by Resolution 2007-718, revising the Parks & Recreation Fee Schedule, adding a \$10.00 fee for use of electric at the Ramada, Gazebo, and Butler Park.

Moore said that her department is beginning to get requests to provide electric service for events at the Ramada, Gazebo and Butler Park, and believes that adding a \$10.00 fee would be reasonable.

The Council briefly discussed the issue, with Lee pointing out that Parks & Rec is service oriented to provide amenities to the community, and Moore confirming that assessing the fee does not increase the administrative cost.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**Ann Everett** suggested that, rather than have to increase the fee in the future, to just double the requested fee to \$20 now.

There was no further public input.

9. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff regarding a proposal for the Town to exchange Butler Park for the 10 acres in Simonton Ranch which is currently dedicated to the Camp Verde Unified School District.**

On a motion by Smith, seconded by Parrish, the Council voted unanimously to table this item.

Lee said that the exchange had been proposed by the Schools Superintendent; however, neither he nor a representative from his office was present to support the request.

There was no public input.

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

**Rob Witt** spoke regarding land donated to the Town by a developer and intended for a specific purpose. Witt said that is done because the developer wants to provide amenities for the subdivision. Changing the use in effect takes away benefits that the developer wanted to give to the people.

11. **Advanced Approvals of Town Expenditures**

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

There were no advanced approvals requested.

12. **Manager/Staff Report**

Lee reported that the Town is losing two employees who have tendered their resignations: Mike Casebier, Grants Administrator, and Ray Floyd, Building Inspector.

13. **Council Informational Reports**

**Smith** reported on the Cocopai RC&D meeting and the anniversary activities of Clarkdale; also, the impact fees will go into effect Thursday morning, and staff has been working hard to help the community regarding pending permits.

**Baker** thanked the employees for their hard work under difficult conditions, thanked everyone for their vote, and announced the Chamber of Commerce luncheon this coming Friday.

**Kovacovich** commented that Main Street is finally completed, and it looks great.

**Parry** spoke about the Copper Canyon cleanup. He also added his congratulations to Tony for his reelection as Mayor.

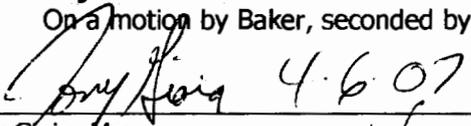
**Parrish** said he had participated in the Sedona St. Patrick's Day Parade; his group won First Place in their division.

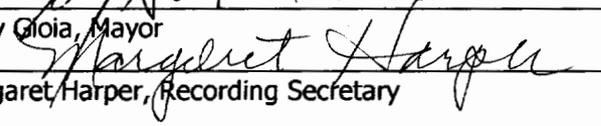
**Hauser** thanked everyone for their expressions of support and caring during her husband's recent surgery, and also reported on the Verde Watershed meeting.

**Gioia** also commented on the Copper Canyon cleanup, adding that it was far different from what it was a year ago. Gioia said he also attended Sedona's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Gioia brought attention to the attendance of Greg Elmer at the Council meeting tonight.

14. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Baker, seconded by Hauser, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

  
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Tony Gioia, Mayor

  
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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 Regular Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on the 21st day of March 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 11 day of April, 2007.

Deborah Barber  
Debbie Barber, Town Clerk