

**MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR and COMMON COUNCIL
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, May 17, 2006
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 Baker, Councilors Hauser, Smith, Kovacovich, Parrish and Parry were present.

Also Present: Town Manager Bill Lee, Town Attorney Brad Woodford, Community Development Director Will Wright, Town Clerk Debbie Barber, and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was led by Councilor 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) May 3, 2006 – Regular Session
- 2) May 3, 2006 – Executive Session
- 3) April 19, 2006 – Executive Session
- 3) April 26, 2006 – Council Hears Planning & Zoning

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

- 1) Council Hears P & Z – May 24, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
- 2) Work Session – May 31, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
- 3) Regular Session – June 7, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

On a motion by Baker, seconded by Kovacovich, the Council unanimously approved the Consent Agenda, with the addition of a Budget session set for May 22, 2006 at 5:00 p.m., and a Special Session on May 31, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Gioia requested the addition of a Special Session on May 31st at 5:00 p.m. to discuss options for funding the Park and the Library. Also, the Council agreed to meet on May 22, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. for a Budget session.

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

Robert Johnson commented on an apparent safety problem when exiting at Verde Lakes Drive onto Hwy 260, and requested that the Council consider installing a Caution light to slow vehicles down as they approach Verde Lakes Drive. In response, staff was requested to address that request and report back the findings to Council.

There was no further public input.

6. **Presentation by Youth Count Representative Harvey Grady on formation of a youth development plan for Camp Verde. This may be followed by discussion, consideration and approval for Harvey Grady to form the Camp Verde Youth Development Team.** Staff was directed to follow through with the suggestions made by Harvey Grady on efforts toward organization of the Youth Development Team and plan, and naming Joe Perez as Liaison.

Harvey Grady explained that he was making the proposal to communities throughout the Verde Valley on behalf of Youth Count, an organization that has existed for about 10 years, mainly in the Prescott area, to help communities and schools organize resources for youth. Mr. Grady's proposal was to lend assistance to the Town of Camp Verde to create a plan, using a mixture of adults and children to form a Youth Development Team; no money will be required on the part of the Town. Mr. Grady's Power Point presentation illustrated the existing increasing problems and the real need for working on correcting those problems by investing in youth development and ways to accomplish those goals. He pointed out that with a plan, funding resources are available, including grants. Following the presentation and ensuing discussion, the Council endorsed the formation of a Camp Verde Youth Development Team, with the assistance of Youth Count. Manager Lee recommended that Joseph Perez be designated as Liaison to represent the Town on the Team. In connection with the serious methamphetamine issue, Mr. Grady announced a community-wide conference scheduled for Friday, June 9, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., to be held at Mingus Union High School auditorium, and encouraged everyone to attend.

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Shirley Brinkman, Camp Verde, said she was thrilled with what was being said, and described an existing problem with juvenile delinquency in her immediate neighborhood. She said that her husband has started a Boy Scouts group, and suggested that there should be a way to include scouting in the proposed program.

Joe Perez expressed his thanks to the Council for endorsing Mr. Grady's proposal, agreeing that there is a real need that he is especially aware of, being a recent graduate from high school and seeing how the community is affected. Mr. Perez commented on work being done on forming a Youth Commission, and described in detail his activities and efforts toward developing youth leadership, and trying to meet a serious need to resolve the problems that continue to exist.

There was no further public input.

7. **Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Camp Verde Head Start program in celebration of 28 years of existence in Camp Verde.**

Elizabeth White, Chairman of the Board from NACOG, reviewed her background, including her participation as a Head Start parent, the Chairperson of the NACOG Head Start Parent Policy Council, and her seat on the NACOG Regional Council, along with Vice Mayor Baker. Ms. White described the history of the Head Start program from its start in 1965 and especially how it has personally benefited her and her children. Members of the Council expressed their deep appreciation for the efforts of the Head Start participants and staff, after which Mayor Gioia presented the subject Certificate of Recognition.

There was no public input.

8. **Public Hearing, discussion, consideration, and possible recommendation of approval of a liquor license application by Karl A. Palen for Crusty's Pizza & Subs located at Outpost Mall, Finney Flats units 1 & 2.**

On a motion by Gioia, seconded by Baker, the Council unanimously approved the liquor license application by Karl A. Palen for Crusty's Pizza & subs, changing the name of agent.

Town Clerk Barber explained that the request was for a change of agents only; the notice has been posted for the required 20 days and no objections have been received.

There was no public input.

9. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff to enter into a contract with Mohave Educational Services Cooperative. This will allow the Town of Camp Verde to purchase materials, services and construction from vendors at the prices and terms**

contained in the contracts between Mohave Educational Services Cooperative and those vendors.

Staff was directed to enter into the contract with Mohave Educational Services Cooperative as requested.

Manager Lee said that the subject cooperative is a buying group, and that the Town belongs to some others; basically it would allow tagging onto their bid process without the Town having to go out to bid.

There was no public input.

10. **Discussion, consideration and possible award of bid project 06-018, for a new tent and/or direction to staff to explore purchase of a slightly used tent.**

Staff was directed to pursue purchase of a used tent within the budgeted amount.

Lee advised that the subject purchase had been previously presented to the Council with the request to go out to bid, as part of the CIP. Two bids have been received for new tents, one that exceeds the authorized amount and the other that does not meet the bid specifications. Lee added that Council is now being requested to authorize the purchase of a used tent, staying within the budget amount previously allotted by Council.

There was no public input.

11. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Resolution 2006-679, a resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, supporting the verification of the driver's license status of employees who use Town vehicles in performing their job duties.**

The subject item was tabled.

Lee explained that after speaking with the Town Attorney there appear to be some details that still need to be addressed, and requested that the item be tabled and brought back to Council at a later date.

12. **Discussion and update on proposed Highway 260 construction project.**

There was no action taken.

Mayor Gioia reported on his efforts working with property owners in the Coury area and the public meeting with the Mayors of Clarkdale, Cottonwood, Jerome and County Supervisor Chip Davis, and the decision of ADOT to not move forward without some consensus among the communities on how the road will be built, with the particular question being Coury Drive. Gioia gave a Power Point presentation that had been put together by the ADOT engineer, reviewing the process to date on the SR 260 Access Management Plan and illustrating two options for regional access in the area of Coury Buick, neither of which have been met with a consensus. Gioia reviewed in detail the continuing frustration and attempts to work out a solution. After discussing all that has transpired, together with the commitment of the Board of Supervisors for \$42 million in funding which in essence belongs to all the communities, and the current stalemate, the majority of the Council continued to express objection to telling ADOT to make the final decision, which had been suggested as an option for the mayors to bring back to their councils for a consensus after the meeting. This item may be brought back to Council for action.

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Robert Johnson said he thinks that the Town should let ADOT make the decision; he is in a hurry to get the road in. He added that he hopes the road will allow driving with bright lights on without getting oncoming drivers upset. Johnson added that he understands that the main

concern of the Town is Coury, and maybe it would be better to leave that up to ADOT. He said that the community should have a positive outlook, and he thinks it will work itself out.

Rob Witt complimented Mayor Gioia for his hard work and long hours spent on the issue, and apologized that something he did may have interfered with Gioia's efforts, which was not the intent. Witt said that ADOT has been turning down access to parcels for eight years, with the excuse that the process must be completed first. In essence, Witt pointed out that there are parcels that are planned for wonderful additions for the community; the current status is not only unsafe but presents a very bad marketing situation for the projects that need to take place and succeed; the Town must insist on dialogue, not give in and allow ADOT to make the final decision. The Town must determine where the access points will be.

Jim Bullard questioned whether the Town would have any liability in connection with telling ADOT to go ahead with the work on 260; Attorney Bradford confirmed that any liability rests with the State since it is a State highway.

George Young wondered why the other mayors had any say-so whatsoever, until he heard the comments by Witt regarding the funding provided by the County. Young asked if it would be possible to ask the County to leave the project alone and let ADOT fund it as originally planned; if so, would that change any of the criteria for the highway. Young agreed that such a move would add years to the project.

There was no further public input.

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

Rob Witt requested that the Council consider adding a School Zone in front of the Christian School across from Basha's; Lee said that the matter had been previously brought to his attention by Witt who was advised that when the Town Engineer comes on board he will be handed that project to research. The road is currently still under ADOT control and nothing can be done until it is turned over to the Town.

There was no further public input.

14. **Advanced Approvals of Town Expenditures**

There were no advanced approvals of Town expenditures.

15. **Manager/Staff Report**

There was no Manager/Staff report.

16. **Council Informational Reports**

Baker announced that at Little America in Flagstaff on June 1, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., NACOG will be putting on a Regional Employers Forum designed to help employers address their workforce needs, with a number of business and educational agencies participating.

Hauser said that the Verde River Partnership now has a Website, *vrpartnership.com*; they are going forward, perhaps without some of the members that had been expected. Ira Piper is back in town; also, the movies on the Verde River earlier referred to take a total of approximately 30 minutes.

Smith reported on his attendance at the Cocopai RC&D Council meeting that included a presentation on the Stewards of Public Lands activities; Smith said there are plans to acquire a dumpster, and to educate the public about dumping on private land.

Kovacovich reported on the Water Advisory Committee meeting today in Chino Valley; there was a report from the U.S. Geologic Survey on the geologic framework of aquifer units and

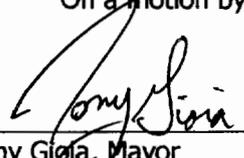
groundwater flow paths of the Verde River headwaters, confirming that the Prescott, Prescott Valley and Chino Valley pumping will affect the Verde; all communities in the Verde Valley agree on that.

Gioia said he had called the Governor's Office opposing House Bill 2381 based on an assault on local revenue authority. Council, staff and committees that have worked on impact fees will be setting up booths in front of Basha's to discuss with the public their questions and to exchange information, to explain impact fees, both in favor of and in opposition to the impact fees. The public will be advised regarding the dates the booths will be held. Also, the Stewards of Public Lands held a clean-up at Fossil Creek; there were volunteers from every community in the Verde Valley. Gioia added that everyone should make it a point to go to Fossil Creek and view the magnificent setting that now exists. It now appears that Camp Verde will have a commercial establishment coming soon on the order of Little America on a 38-acre parcel; more details will be available after they are finalized. Gioia also commented on the WAC meeting and an appeal from the County Supervisor to end the fighting and to move forward; however, there is continued disagreement on details of the Verde River Basin Partnership.

Parrish announced that an inquiry regarding the Mail Trail has been received from Portland, Oregon.

17. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Baker, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

 7.20.06

Tony Gioia, Mayor

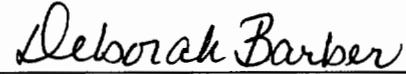


Margaret Harper, Recording Secretary

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 17th day of May 2006. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 25 day of July, 2006.



Debbie Barber, Town Clerk