

**MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
MAYOR and COMMON COUNCIL  
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2006  
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, Councilors Smith, Baker, Kovacovich, Parrish and Parry were present; Vice Mayor Hauser arrived at 6:31 p.m.

**Also Present:** Town Manager Bill Lee, Town Attorney Brad Woodford, Town Engineer Ron Long, Grants Administrator Mike Casebier, 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) September 20, 2006 – Regular Session
- 2) September 27, 2006 – Executive Session

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

- 1) Regular Session – October 18, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
- 2) Council Hears P&Z – October 25, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
- 3) Regular Session – November 1, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
- 4) Regular Session – November 15, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
- 5) Council Hears P&Z – November 22, 2006 – **CANCELLED**
- 6) Council Hears P&Z – November 29, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

c) **Possible approval of Proclamation declaring the week of October 8-14, 2006 as "Drive against Meth" week.**

On a motion by Gioia, seconded by Kovacovich, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

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

*(The following comments are in summary; they are not verbatim.)*

**George Young** said that a person had given him a video tape containing very informative short TV commercials regarding the real dangers of meth labs; he would appreciate knowing the name of that person.

**Rob Witt** described his personal experience that made him realize the importance of leaders using rewards instead of criticism. To illustrate, Mr. Witt read several quotations from a book by John Carver, entitled "Boards That Make a Difference"; copies of that book were presented to the Council members as gifts.

**Mike Casebier**, Grants Administrator, announced that Camp Verde had been selected to receive a grant to purchase two cannons and ten sets of period uniforms in connection with promoting

Fort Verde; he displayed pictures and described the historically correct cannons that will be purchased.

There was no further public input.

**As a courtesy to the attending public, Mayor Gioia requested that the hearing move forward to Item 9 prior to addressing the remainder of the Agenda.**

**6. Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of a contract with Sedona Recycles, Inc. for recycling services.**

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Gioia, the Council unanimously approved the contract with Sedona Recycles, Inc. for recycling services.

Lee explained that approval of the contract was routine, that the Town has been contracting with Sedona Recycles for a number of years. The contract has been reviewed by the Town Attorney. It was confirmed that the amount involved has been budgeted.

There was no public input.

**7. Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of a revised form to be used for evaluations of Council-appointed positions.**

On a motion by Parry, seconded by Hauser, the Council voted 6-1 to table this item until Parry and Smith have worked on the forms; with a "no" vote by Baker.

Lee said that Council had voted back in April to revise the subject forms; he has included all the forms in the agenda packet for review and to make possible changes. Parry explained that he and Councilor Smith had planned to study the forms, and suggested that the matter be tabled until after he and Smith can meet next week. As for the upcoming evaluations of the Manager and Finance Director, it was determined that the existing forms and procedure will be followed.

Gioia announced that after the action taken last week Council has informed the Town Attorney that Management has been directed to move forward with the evaluation process as the Town has in place. Clarification of that statement was requested but no further discussion followed.

**8. Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff concerning the possible development of policies and procedures for Town dedication plaques.**

The majority of the Council approved directing staff to adopt the policy of recognizing seated Council members, beginning when a project started to the completion of the project, on dedication plaques on buildings.

Councilor Smith said that at least two Councils had been involved in bringing the new Marshal's office to a reality; the previous Council had made the hard decision by identifying and purchasing the property and determining the method of financing it, but received no credit on the dedication plaque. Smith said he feels that there should have been recognition of that Council on the plaque, and suggested that the members discuss that issue and possibly direct staff on the future procedure for creating dedication plaques, and also to consider giving recognition to volunteers.

Lee said that Marshal Smith had indicated that the usual procedure is to recognize the standing Councils. The members discussed the concern expressed, and whether individual names or only the governing bodies are acknowledged, or simply dedicated to the citizens. It was agreed that whatever policy is decided upon, succeeding Councils could adopt a different one.

There was no public input.

9. **Update, discussion, and possible direction to staff regarding the development of Black Bridge Park.**

There was no action taken.

Mayor Gioia explained that, based on previous public concern, the purpose of including Item 9 on the Agenda was to give the public and Council members the opportunity to become informed regarding the plan for the Black Bridge Park.

Town Manager Lee detailed the meetings and contacts with residents in the area of the future park in order to discuss their concerns and the plans that will include building a pathway down to the river, dealing with the archaeological issues, although that cost is as yet unknown; the construction on the roadway, restrooms and signage. Mayor Gioia added that he had contacted the Yavapai-Apache Nation Chairman to ask for help on mitigating the archaeological site; with their assistance it may be possible to resolve the issue of cost through a grant proposal and working with volunteers. The Council members then discussed the history of the planned park at length with the Town Manager, questioning the ongoing issues of archaeological concerns, the costs involved, the history of acquiring the property, decisions that have been made, the need for a definite plan, a possible alternate access to the park to reduce traffic concerns, with general agreement regarding the importance of keeping the public informed as the standard operating procedure of the Town Manager.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

*(The following comments are in summary; they are not verbatim.)*

**Bobbie White May** agreed that definite plans should be available and the residents informed of any changes; she also described the history of finding Indian artifacts on the property, and made suggestions regarding creating a small access road, outlining ideas for the park. *Lee discussed with Ms. White the plans that he had previously reviewed with her and the other residents.*

**Paul Clawson** thanked the Council for their positive comments and for getting the issue out into the open, and questioned what appears to be essentially different from the original plan that was the basis for the grant funding, the apparent unknown costs ahead, and protesting that the citizens should have been kept informed. Mr. Clawson also suggested a better access route.

**Shirley Barnes**, because of the location of her home, shared her concern about an increase in people possible trespassing on her property as well as leaving trash or breaking into and robbing the residence.

**Bob Johnson** said that Black Bridge Loop Road has been quiet for years, and he does not blame the residents for being upset. *In response to his question, Mayor Gioia discussed with Mr. Johnson what a pit house is.*

**Rob Witt** described a telephone commercial as an example of the lack of communication, and publicly chastised Parry for what he considered was an attempt to embarrass the Town Manager in front of constituents. Mr. Witt said that management needs to be able to do their job without the interference of a governing board. *Ms. May spoke again, objecting to Mr. Witt reprimanding the Council member.*

**Robin Whatley** recounted her initial contacts with Mayor Gioia and Manager Lee in order to defend Gioia and clarify statements made by both. *Lee, Gioia and Ms. Whatley briefly discussed the issue for further clarification.*

There was no further formal public input.

When it appeared that the discussion, with public input, was becoming an emotional debate over adequately informing the community, placing blame, delegating and accepting responsibility, and

using the issue to manipulate an outcome, Mayor Gioia determined that further discussion would be unproductive and called an end to the hearing on this item.

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

**Bob Johnson** said that he feels that much is accomplished by letting anger out; he has done that many times and felt better for it.

There was no further public input.

11. **Advanced Approvals of Town Expenditures**

There were no advanced approvals of Town expenditures.

12. **Manager/Staff Report**

Lee commented that the weekend of October 14-15 is Fort Verde Days, and those planning on being in the parade should submit their applications. Lee also reported on another conversation with Congressman Renzi's office and updated the members on the progress on acquiring the public land for the community park.

Lee advised the Council that the traffic issue recently raised by residents on McCracken Lane are being addressed; a No River Access sign has been installed, the speed limit signs are being worked on. Lee also reported on the tourism grant that should bring people to the center of the Town.

13. **Council Informational Reports**

Hauser mentioned Homecoming Night this coming Friday, and reported on her attendance at the Verde River Day last Saturday as well as her participation today and the information discussed at the WAC Retreat.

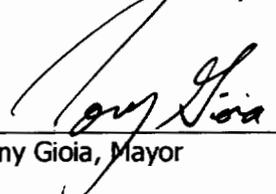
Parrish commented on the Colonel's Daughter competition and his appearance on TV last week advertising Camp Verde. Parrish shared his concern about glass in the road coming out from the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

Parry said it was good news that developers are not showing up to bid on auctioned land down in Phoenix, and that should be good for the Park. He encouraged everyone to go to Winslow to have a look at La Posada.

Gioia agreed that Verde River Day was a great event. Gioia commented on Prescott Valley auctioning off their processed effluent water to developers for new development which raised concern about the requirement by AMA regarding water being taken out of and returned to the aquifer. Gioia also announced an attempt to interest those in the community who might want to work on water issues as a committee.

14. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Baker, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

  
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Tony Gioia, Mayor

10-19-06

  
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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 4th day of October 2006. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 26 day of October, 2006.

Deborah Barber  
Debbie Barber, Town Clerk