

**MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
MAYOR and COMMON COUNCIL  
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
473 S. Main Street, Room #106  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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**

Mayor Gioia called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

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

**Also Present:**

Town Manager Bill Lee, Finance Director Dane Bullard, Town Attorney Brad Woodford, and Town Clerk Debbie Barber

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilor Parry led the pledge.

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) August 30, 2006 – Work Session
- 2) August 16, 2006 – Executive Session

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

- 1) Regular Session – September 20, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
- 2) Council Hears P&Z – September 27, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
- 3) Regular Session – October 4, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
- 4) Regular Session – October 18, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
- 5) Council Hears P&Z – October 25, 2006

c) **Possible approval of a letter requesting Governor Napolitano's assistance with the permitting process for the Sanitary District's expansion project.**

Mayor Gioia read the Consent Agenda, pulled Item C, and requested a motion. On a motion by Baker, seconded by Kovacovich, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

- 4.c Mayor Gioia explained that he had spoken with ADEQ Director Steve Owens and had been told that ADEQ staff was instructed to get the permitting done ASAP. After further discussion and a motion by Hauser, seconded by Smith, the Council voted unanimously to send the letter to the governor and state and federal representatives.

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

**Stan Bullard** informed the Council that their right-of-way permitting process with ADOT had gone from two days to over a month and that they were now required to prepare a SWPP plan with every project. He advised that this will impact utilities and will extend the time to move projects forward. He encouraged Council to take over Finnie Flat and Main Streets as soon as possible. *The mayor asked the manager to check into this.*

**Hal Cope (sp)** expressed concern that he had about the method in which wild animals are handled at the Out of Africa Park. He explained that it was impossible to take the 'wild' out of wild animals. He felt that that the park created a dangerous situation for their employees and visitors, and encouraged Council to agendaize this for further discussion at a future meeting.

**Norma Garrison** asked if Council could put the ICC codes online for the public. *The mayor asked the manager to research this.*

6. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Youth Count's 06/07 request for funding in the amount of \$6,000.** This is an unbudgeted item from the General Fund. Council directed the Manager to contact Youth Count and ask for a presentation before funding would be approved.

Manager Lee explained that this had been discussed during budget session and Council had decided to put a one-dollar placeholder in for Youth Count. He advised that we had received an invoice and Council needed to decide whether to remain a member. He noted that Youth Count provided services to the entire Verde Valley, including after school programs. He also advised that the \$6,000 was intended for use for the Director's salary, rather than specific programs to Camp Verde.

The Mayor chastised staff for not having additional information for which Council to base their decision and said that it had been alluded to that Youth Count was not providing services to the Verde Valley. Councilors Baker, Parry, and Smith also questioned efforts in Camp Verde.

Hauser disagreed stating that Youth Count was responsible for administering the \$100,000 grant for MET FORCE, and that it was vital to continue these efforts in the Valley since methamphetamines are such a serious problem. She also noted other programs, such as after school programs and encouraged Council support of the funding.

After further discussion, the Manager was directed to contact Youth Count and ask for a presentation before funding would be approved.

**Public Input:**

**Bob Womack** said that he would like to know why Cottonwood no longer participates in this organization. *The mayor asked the manager to research this and bring this back to Council as well.*

7. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff to re-align North Oasis Road right of way.**

On a motion by Baker, seconded by Hauser, the Council voted unanimously to table this item, with direction to the Manager to research the possibility of extending the road to Groseta Gardens.

Manager Lee explained that staff needed to do further research and requested that this item be tabled.

- 7a. **DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO THE ATTORNEY TO ATTEND FUTURE PLANNING & ZONING MEETINGS.**

Council directed the Manager to "work through the issues" and report to Council.

Gioia said that he requested this item because of errors made at the last meeting. He explained that with the growth, it was important that we have an attorney present at Council Hears Planning & Zoning meetings. Gioia suggested that in order to keep costs down, the attorney

could attend the P&Z meeting in exchange for one of the regular meetings or be available by telephone or teleconferencing.

Attorney Woodford advised that their firm was here to serve Council and would do whatever they wanted. He explained that there would be charges for standby time and for telephone consultations for additional meetings.

Smith expressed concerns about liability and Council's decisions, stating that the Mayor went forward to the next item after a motion failed, without giving the opportunity for another motion. Gioia later denied that this happened. However, Baker disagreed and stated that she had become confused after Gioia moved onto the next item without giving Council another opportunity to make a motion. Baker and Smith both spoke of procedural concerns and supported the attorney's presence at P&Z meetings.

Smith reminded Council that they had removed the web-based televising and meeting from the budget and this would have been a perfect opportunity to resolve these issues. Gioia said that the item had been removed from the budget to give the employees a raise. Smith strongly disagreed, reminding the Mayor that this item had been in the CIP budget, not the General Fund from which salaries are paid.

Lee advised that he would check into the on-call attorney costs and equipment and report to Council. He said that in the interim, the attorneys would be available by phone for P&Z matters.

**Public Input:**

**Bob Johnson** said that he would like more information on the Town's liability and the one million dollars about which Councilor Smith had spoken. Smith responded that if the Council required someone to do something that cost them money without the legal authority to do so, the Town would be liable for damages.

8. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of the 2006-07 NACOG Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) priority list.**  
Council directed staff to make the changes as discussed, and forward a copy to NACOG.

Baker explained that this is an annual exercise, prioritizing projects throughout the NACOG region. Council went through each of Camp Verde's projects. A copy of the CEDS list is attached and becomes a permanent part of this record.

**Council discussed items 10, 11, 12, and 13 and then adjourned the Regular Session.**

9. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff regarding the purchase of Camp Verde Water System**  
On a motion by Baker, seconded by Parry, the Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session pursuant to ARS §431.03.A7 for discussions or consultations with designated representatives in order to consider Council's position and instruct representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale, or lease of real property.

Council took no public action on this item.

Manager Lee recommended that Council discuss this matter in Executive Session.

10. **Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda.**  
There was no public input.
11. **Advanced Approvals of Town Expenditures**  
There were no advanced approvals.

12. **Manager/Staff Report**

Lee reported that the Marshal's Office dedication was scheduled in conjunction with Pioneer Days on September 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 a.m. He advised that wagon rides would be available and there would be hotdogs and cake.

13. **Council Informational Reports**

Parry reported that they had gone over the final punch list for the Marshal's facility earlier and that everything was good. He also advised that he was having a meeting with an architect on Friday who would help with the façade on the library building. There was some discussion between the Mayor and Parry, and Parry advised that everyone agreed the building looked like a 'Jiffy Lube'. He advised that there was no cost involved since this was a friend of his. The Mayor reminded Parry of his attendance at the Mail Trail events on Friday.

Parrish advised that he would be picking up the cement monuments for the Mail Trail dedication tomorrow. He explained that one would be placed at the Wingfield building, one in Pine, and the other in Payson. He reminded people that Main Street would be closed on Saturday at 260 and at Holloman Streets.

Kovacovich stated that Main Street looked very nice with the flags up.

Baker agreed and said the plants really looked beautiful now that they are growing. She reminded everyone that the Employee Assistance Fund would be handling the refreshments for Pioneer Days to raise money for the fund.

Smith advised that he would be attending the quarterly Verde Valley Transportation Organization meeting on 9-13 and for Council members to let him know if they wanted anything to be discussed. He also spoke of the Mule Show during Pioneer Days and reminded everyone of the steak dinner. He advised that the Council had received an invitation to the State's commemorative event at 9:11 on September 11. He encouraged people to attend if they could and to remember those that were lost.

Gioia reported that the veteran's were having a ceremony at noon on the soccer field on September 11.

14. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Baker, seconded by Parry, the regular session was adjourned at 7:54 p.m. so that Council could discuss item #9 in Executive Session.

*Tony Gioia 9/21/06*  
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Tony Gioia, Mayor

*Deborah Barber*  
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Deborah Barber, Town Clerk *cy*

**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 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2006. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Sept, 2006.

*Deborah Barber*  
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Debbie Barber, Town Clerk *cy*