

**MINUTES
SPECIAL SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, June 25, 2008
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 6:25 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Mayor Gioia, Vice Mayor Hauser, Councilors Smith, Garrison, Kovacovich, German and Elmer were present.

Also Present: Town Manager Mike Scannell, Town Attorney Bill Sims (*by telephone conference*), Town Clerk Debbie Barber and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was led by Smith.

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) Executive Session – June 18, 2008 (taped)
- 2) Special Session – June 18, 2008
- 3) Regular Session – June 18, 2008
- 4) Special Session – June 11, 2008

b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:

- 1) July 2, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 2) July 9, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. – Work Session
- 3) July 16, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 4) July 23, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning

c) Discussion, consideration and possible approval of Resolution 2008-748. A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council, of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, adopting and declaring as a public record that certain document filed with the Town Clerk and entitled 'Town of Camp Verde Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Tentative Budget'. (Staff Resource: Lisa Elliott)

On a motion by Gioia, seconded by Hauser, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented, with stipulations as stated by Mayor Gioia.

Gioia stated that he would not vote on the June 18th meetings; however, he would like the motion to show that the budget needs to be updated; the foreword for each department needs to be addressed, as well as the changes by Council in work sessions.

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

Howard Parrish congratulated all of those who organized the Walk; it was a great experience, and the law enforcement did an excellent job.

There was no further public input.

6. **Council Informational Reports** Individual members of the Council may provide brief summaries of current events and activities. These summaries are strictly for informing the public of such events and activities. The Council will have no discussion, consideration, or take action on any such item, except that an individual Council member may request that the item be placed on a future agenda.

- **Councilor German's Liaison Report regarding Camp Verde Sanitary District (District) meetings and possible discussion and/or determination of requests for**

placement on the District's standard agenda item for Council Updates/Reports.

German reported on the Sanitary District meeting and the presentation on WIFA, with the Bond Counsel Attorney and representative from Stone & Youngberg also in attendance; they outlined possible refinancing of the Sanitary District obligations. German added that the Council members have been given copies of the new redlined IGA document for their information. He also commented on the question of the possible election and suggested putting that on the agenda for discussion in early July for a deciding vote.

Smith also commented on the well-run group and enjoyable, fast-paced Walk. Smith said that the number of participants will probably double for next year. Smith reported on a meeting he and Marvin Buckles had with Supervisor Chip Davis regarding soliciting possible help on the Copper Canyon Trailhead.

Garrison outlined the NACOG Tourism 3-day event that will take place beginning October 23rd; there will be a meeting on July 16th from 3:00 to 6:00 at the Parks & Rec Conference room to discuss the final plans; it promises to be a very good opportunity to present Camp Verde to the NACOG people attending.

Gioia detailed his trip to Washington D.C., joining forces with the Yavapai-Apache delegation and meeting with Congressional representatives on issues of water rights and efforts to designate Verde Valley rivers as Wild & Scenic. One major accomplishment, working with Congressman Pastore, was coming up with possible significant funding for the Verde River Basin Partnership.

7. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Resolution 2008-749, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, amending Resolution 2001-471, concerning budgeting and accounting procedures relative to the allocation of Town Sales Tax Revenues. (Staff Resource: Lisa Elliott)**

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Kovacovich, the Council voted 6-1 to approve Resolution 2008-749, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, amending Resolution 2001-471, concerning budgeting and accounting procedures relative to the allocation of Town Sales Tax Revenues; **with a 'no' vote by Smith.**

Town Manager Scannell outlined the background of the resolutions allocating revenues from sales and construction tax revenues to fund special projects and needed services for the Town, portions of which were designated for the Park and Capital Improvement Funds. Scannell pointed to the current economy that has changed markedly, such that the allocation of funds pursuant to the language in the resolutions is compromising the integrity of the operation of the General Fund. It has therefore become necessary to radically alter those allocations and redirect those monies from the Capital and Park Funds into the General Fund, and it would be appropriate to amend the resolutions by changing the language to indicate goals to pursue rather than a mandatory requirement.

The members briefly reviewed with Scannell their understanding of the history and intent of the previous resolutions. There was some objection to redirecting the revenues meant for the Park Fund pursuant to the vote of the community, countered with general agreement that municipalities throughout the State are faced with difficult decisions because of the economy. It was also pointed out that the language in the proposed resolution provides that the change in allocation of funding would be temporary, and when the economy turns around the monies will be returned to the way originally intended. Scannell confirmed that staff fully intends to be redirecting those monies back, as contemplated in Resolution 2001-471, when the future allows.

There was no public input.

8. **Discussion, consideration, and possible appointment of a member to fill the vacancy on the Camp Verde Trails Commission. This term expires in September 2010. (Staff**

Resource: Debbie Barber)

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by German, the Council voted unanimously to appoint Elena "Ele" Espinosa to the Camp Verde Trails Commission for the term expiring September 2010.

Town Clerk Barber said that Ms. Espinosa, the one and only applicant for appointment to the Trails Commission, had confirmed her interest in serving, but was unable to attend this meeting due to a prior commitment

There was no public input.

9. **Discussion, consideration, and possible appointment of a Vice Mayor. This term expires in May 2009.**

On a motion by Gioia, seconded by German, the Council voted unanimously to appoint Brenda Hauser as Vice Mayor for the term expiring in May 2009.

There was a brief discussion regarding appointment of a Vice Mayor, with Hauser agreeing to be appointed to serve again as Vice Mayor.

There was no public input.

Councilor Garrison requested item #10:

10. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff and/or the Mayor regarding, but not limited to the 5-member subcommittee established by Council to work on revisions to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA); the current IGA and the revised IGA; shared funding of a Sanitary District Administrator; the last letter from the Town to the Sanitary District regarding a deadline to approve the IGA; the revised IGA that the District sent to their attorney without the involvement of the Town Attorney or the full subcommittee; the proposed election in November 2008; and establishing the scope of duties for the Sanitary District Liaison.**

The Council discussed withdrawing the requirement of an election from the IGA, and it was suggested that if Greg Freeman has support of his Sanitary District Board to withdraw that requirement from the IGA, then he can request the Council to agendaize that change for the July 2nd meeting, and, furthermore, that Freeman understands from the discussion what is required from his Board in order to notify the Council by Monday afternoon to agendaize the item for the July 2nd Council meeting.

Councilor Garrison reviewed the background of the negotiations with the Sanitary District, including Council appointment of a five-member committee for the purpose of working on the IGA and certain issues that needed to be resolved in connection with that agreement. After one meeting of the committee with the District in March, a letter was sent to the District requesting a response by April 11th regarding a revised agreement sent in February that would have canceled the election set for November asking voters to turn over control of the Sanitary District to the Town. No written response has since been received. Garrison pointed out the urgency of needing input from the District in order to make a decision regarding the November election and a decision on funding during the budget process. Garrison summarized independent actions of the Mayor that she believes have circumvented further negotiations between the Town and the District in resolving those issues that were to have been the responsibility of the five-member committee, resulting in a revised draft agreement just received from the District. In addition, Garrison also confirmed with Town Attorney Sims that the revised agreement had not been submitted to him for review or approval. The Council discussed at length the concerns expressed by Garrison, including the statements from the Mayor to clarify and defend his contacts with the District.

PUBLIC INPUT

(Comments from the following individual are summarized.)

Greg Freeman, Chairman of the Sanitary District Board, explained that his meetings with Gioia

were only intended for him to gather background information in order to respond to the Town's proposed revisions to the agreement submitted by letter last February, and cited other urgent "time-sensitive" problems with the District that had taken precedence over response to that letter from the Town. Freeman also cited perceived problems with that document and, based on his discussions with the Mayor, the subsequent decision of the Sanitary District to draft the newly revised agreement in question, without input from the Town Attorney, to submit to the Mayor and other Council members for review and further action.

There was also extensive Council discussion with Freeman, responding to his statements, including the remonstrance that the District's continuing lack of a reply to the Town's February letter as well as a follow-up letter in March, was incredibly rude, disrespectful and inexcusable. After further discussion, Freeman agreed that he would arrange to convene the Sanitary District Board immediately on an emergency basis in order to be able to agendaize and try to resolve the concerns of the Council at the meeting scheduled for July 2, particularly for Council to make a decision on the impending election deadline. Sims confirmed that the provision in the IGA relating to the election could be amended apart from the entire agreement.

There was no further public input.

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

Garrison requested an agenda item for July 2nd, for:

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to make changes to the Town Code to clearly define the duties, powers and responsibilities of the Mayor and the Town Council and the Town Manager, and ways to foster a more productive working relationship between them.

There was no further public input.

12. **Advanced Approvals of Town Expenditures**

a) There are no advanced approvals.

There were no advanced approvals.

13. **Manager/Staff Report**

There was no Manager/staff report.

14. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Garrison, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

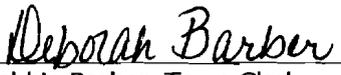


Margaret Harper, Recording Secretary

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 Special Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on the 25th day of June 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 22 day of July, 2008.



Debbie Barber, Town Clerk