

**ACTIONS TAKEN
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2011
6:30 P.M.**

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) Regular Session – July 20, 2011
- 2) Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters – June 22, 2011

b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:

- 1) August 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. – Retreat
- 2) August 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. – Open House – CIP
- 3) August 17, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 4) August 24, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters

c) Possible appointment of Ronald C. Ramsey, Esq. as an Assistant Magistrate for Camp Verde Municipal Court for a two-year term, effective August 4, 2011, and setting an hourly rate of \$38.00 per hour on an as-needed basis with a three-hour minimum. Anna Young, Esq. Assistant Magistrate has been appointed to the Yavapai County Superior Court and she will be unable to continue as an Assistant Magistrate for the Camp Verde Court. Staff Resource: Honorable Harry Cipriano

On a motion by Kovacovich, seconded by Baker, the Consent Agenda, Items a) and b), was unanimously approved as presented, with the correction to **a)2)** as noted, and Item **4.c)** pulled.

Whatley requested that Item 4a)2) Minutes of June 22, 2011 be pulled, adding that it was her mistake in reporting that she attended the Water Advisory Committee. It was not that Committee; (with input from the audience) it was the Verde River Basin Partnership.

Baker said she had a question regarding the Minutes of July 20, 2011, Item 9 on Page 3, third paragraph reporting that Burnside read aloud a letter which he realized was not on the agenda; although he believed it did pertain to the Hollamon Street project and he had promised to read it. Baker added that the Mayor has always been very particular about adhering to what can and cannot be said regarding an issue, and wondered if that can be done in the future, or was this a one-time thing. Burnside replied that it was a courtesy for Whatley because she could not attend or voice her whole opinion and join in the discussion; he would extend the same courtesy for any other Council member. Whatley interjected that she believed it pertained to the issue because it involved the CDBG that she was discussing.

Whatley requested that Item 4.c) be pulled for discussion.

4c) Possible appointment of Ronald C. Ramsey, Esq. as an Assistant Magistrate for Camp Verde Municipal Court for a two-year term, effective August 4, 2011, and setting an hourly rate of \$38.00 per hour on an as-needed basis with a three-hour minimum. Anna Young, Esq. Assistant Magistrate, has been appointed to the Yavapai County Superior Court and she will be unable to continue as an Assistant Magistrate for the Camp Verde Court.

On a motion by Baker, seconded by German, the Council **voted 4-3** to approve the appointment of Ronald C. Ramsey as an Assistant Magistrate for the Camp Verde Municipal Court for a two-year term, as requested by our Magistrate, effective August 4, 2011, and setting an hourly rate of \$38 per hour on an as-needed basis with a three-hour minimum; **with Whatley, George and Burnside opposed.**

5. **Special Announcements & Presentations**

There were no presentations or announcements

6. **Council Informational Reports.**

Whatley said that she recently attended the Sanitary District meeting at which the discussion involved investment options for their employees. Whatley said the Journal had reported that one year ago Burnside had begun working once again on the Copper Canyon Trailhead, and on Page 1 of this same issue there was an article reporting that the project is now

underway. She said the theme for this year's Fort Verde Days is "Honoring Our Military;" the Grand Marshal will be a member of the Camp Verde Cavalry.

German added that everyone might consider volunteering to help with the Fort Verde Days event. German attended the Regional Chamber Mixer a week ago which was very well attended at Blazin' M Ranch.

George said he has been trying to look into the Verde Valley Transportation group, and has so far been unsuccessful.

Buchanan also attended the Chamber Regional Mixer; it was awesome. He had a lot of interaction with Council members from other towns; seems like everyone is getting on the same page. Buchanan has had contacts with Council members from other towns and the Wine Consortium through various Yavapai College functions, and everything is going along very well. He enjoyed the Night Out last night, and hopes he will be advised in advance if the next Chamber meeting is canceled.

Kovacovich commented that the new carpet throughout the building looks much better than it did when he went to school here.

Baker commented that she had been visiting her daughter in Cleveland, Ohio, during the recent heat wave of the century; it is nice to be back in Arizona. She also attended the Regional Chamber Mixer; it was a great event. Baker said she volunteered last week at the Fort; there were visitors from Israel and from eastern parts of the States.

Burnside said initial work has started on Copper Canyon; that should be done by next week and the next step will be waiting on the Forest Service to give a notice to proceed; hopefully, it will be done in a month. Channel 18, as of next Tuesday, will be also serving Cottonwood's Town Council. Burnside has received a letter from Andy Tobin, inviting the Mayors from District 1 to attend a meeting in his office on Tuesday, August 16 at 10:30 a.m. Also, the Guardians of the River, women in conjunction with Cottonwood, Camp Verde, Cornville and Jerome, the Pink Heals Tour 2011 Kickoff event. Burnside gave an update on the applications for the grant on the Archaeology Society; out of 96 participants, 36 have been selected, and on August 8 they will decide on the few the money will go to; Burnside said he is delighted that two of them are the Verde Food Council, and the Verde Valley Consortium. He suggested that it would be nice if the Mayor could send a letter of support of those two. Burnside noted that Ace Hardware was giving T-shirts away; in addition to 14% discount on any purchase.

7. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

Howard Parrish advised Whatley that the Camp Verde Cavalry has not been contacted to see if they would accept. He added that his choice for Grand Marshal would be Della Boler. The Cavalry has led the parade since 1958 and does not need the recognition.

There was no further public input.

8. **Presentation by Friends of Legislative District 5 Shirley Dye relative to the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) populating Legislative District 5, followed by discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff to 1) contact the IRC with support for leaving Legislative District 5 intact with the minor addition of the Town of Camp Verde to bring it into full compliance with IRC rules, or 2) contact the IRC with a request to remain with the Verde Valley Communities, or 3) take no action.** Staff Resource: Russ Martin

There was no action taken.

9. **Discussion, consideration, and possible extension of the Vice Mayor's term until the first meeting in June 2013.**

Staff Resource: Debbie Barber

On a motion by Baker, seconded by George, the Council **voted 6-1** to extend Bob Kovacovich's Vice Mayor term one additional year in order to comply with our current Town Code; **with Buchanan opposed.**

Councilor George requested the following item:

10. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to placing signs, such as Bike Path, Share the Road, and Tour Bus Parking to encourage safe bicycling and pedestrian traffic throughout the Town.**

On a motion by George, seconded by Baker, the Council unanimously directed staff to place bike path signs, tour bus parking signs, and "Share-the-Road" signs, and other possible signs that encourages pedestrian/bicycle traffic in areas that Council finds appropriate.

Following the motion made, Martin summarized his understanding that staff needs to perhaps consider additional bike path lanes, or signage on the ones that do exist, to be more clear and the color perhaps changed to a lime green; beyond that no bike path issues will be addressed until other safe and acceptable locations are brought to the attention of staff; the "Share-the-Road" signs, where possible and within cost, begin a process of placing the signs throughout the community where more frequent activity would occur, in conjunction with other signs already in place that refer to sharing the road; the issue of the legality of sharing the road with others will be checked into and brought back to Council. The cost will be relative to what Public Works Director Long and his budget will allow. Martin recommended that the Tour Bus Parking signage placement that was suggested be delayed to the next Council meeting, prior to which time staff will research the issue of possibly restricting parking for others in that location; that will also be brought back to Council.

11. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

Shirley Brinkman, in connection with the discussion on tour buses, wanted to mention that a bus load of young people from Finland, a total of 48 people that came to see the old Jail and the Museum; they were thrilled to get their pictures taken at the Jail.

George Young reported that there is an FM radio station in Northern Arizona; one of their ads features the Cliff Castle Casino and Hotel and it is described as "just south of Sedona." Somewhere along the line, Camp Verde missed out.

There was no further public input.

12. **Manager/Staff Report**

There was no Manager/Staff report.

13. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Baker, seconded by Kovacovich,, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.