

**ACTIONS TAKEN  
REGULAR SESSION  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 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 – August 3, 2011
    - 2) Special Session – August 3, 2011
  - b) **Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**
    - 1) August 24, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters – **CANCELLED**
    - 2) September 7, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
    - 3) September 21, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
    - 4) September 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters
  - c) **Possible approval of a special event liquor license for the Verde Valley Mounted Sheriff's Posse for Fort Verde Days that is scheduled for Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8, 2011.** Staff Resource: Debbie Barber
  - d) **Possible direction to staff to proceed with the purchase of a used 2005 Vermeer BC 1000X wood chipper for \$17,511.36 so that tree and brush trimmings may be reduced to wood chips.** This is a budgeted item in the CIP-HURF (\$25,000). Staff Resource: Ron Long
  - e) **Possible direction to staff to proceed with the purchase of a Grizzly machine in the amount of \$11,298.59 for processing materials used for street construction. \$7,488.64 remains in the CIP wood chipper line item and the remaining balance of \$3,809.95 will be paid from HURF Capital Expenditure Account.** Staff Resource: Ron Long

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

5. **Special Announcements & Presentations –**
- ❖ **Welcome to New Businesses**
    - ❖ **Family Homestead Developers, Phoenix**
    - ❖ **Mexamigo, Inc., 851 Howards Road**
    - ❖ **Earthly Treasures (Cornfest Event), Casa Grande**
    - ❖ **Frozen Fun Shaved Ice (Cornfest Event), Tempe**
    - ❖ **Betty's Curios (Cornfest Event), Tucson**
    - ❖ **Triple B Variety (Cornfest Event), Casa Grande**
    - ❖ **Strawberry Silver Co. (Cornfest Event), Strawberry**
    - ❖ **DGP Concessions (Cornfest Event), Glendale**
    - ❖ **AZ Flywheelers (Cornfest Event), Cottonwood**
    - ❖ **Desert Development and Design, Prescott**
    - ❖ **Trapper & Tanya Moore (Cornfest Event), Camp Verde**
    - ❖ **Verde Valley Dub Werks, Mayer**
    - ❖ **Central Glass and Screen, Cottonwood**
    - ❖ **Izzy Bella Designs (CornfestEvent), Peoria**
    - ❖ **Julie Coester (CornfestEvent), Chandler**
    - ❖ **Pretty Hair Things & More (Cornfest Event), Phoenix**

Mayor Burnside announced the new businesses as listed, commenting that it was a pleasure to welcome them to the Town, and expressing his appreciation for those who were participating in the Cornfest event.

6. **Council Informational Reports.**  
**Kovacovich** commended all the staff who worked so hard to make the Open House last week a success; the public did not show up in droves, but he thanked those who did attend.

**Whatley** said that although much of the public did not show up at the CIP Open House, it was definitely not a waste of staff's time; for Council the experience was invaluable. It was well worth it, and it is repeated in the future, perhaps there will be better participation by the public. Whatley said she attended the Sanitary District meeting on August 11, another

long session, mostly about retirement options for their people and ways to reduce the amount of waste taken to the landfill.

**Burnside** noted that a party is planned to honor Valerie House, a valuable employee who is leaving the Town, at the Salt Mine Cellars on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Also, the first Annual Sedona-Verde Valley Fire Fighters Charity Horseshoe Tournament, sponsored by the Camp Verde Fire District, will be held Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00, at the Town Soccer Fields. Burnside said he went to Cliff Castle Casino on Monday night and enjoyed one of the best steaks that he has ever had in a long time; their new chef at the Gallery used to have the Bistro in Sedona. Yesterday Burnside attended a meeting with other Mayors and Andy Tobin for an update on the Redistricting for the Legislative and Congressional process that has now started; for further information, the website is [www.azredistricting.org](http://www.azredistricting.org). Everyone is urged to go to the website to basically support the Verde Valley as a unit in itself. Burnside added that he will be meeting with a Coconino County Supervisor, Matt Ryan, at 4:30 p.m. at Town Hall, regarding the Redistricting and the population growth countered with natural regression in population affecting different areas in the State of Arizona. Burnside thanked the Town Manager for creating the letter that was sent in support of the grant funding that is being considered for 39 recipients that include three Verde Valley entities.

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

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Dave Freeman**, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, voiced his strong objection and rebuttal to what he considered were inaccurate comments made by Councilor Alan Buchanan at recent Council meetings that implied that the Chamber was trying in effect to hide information. Freeman reviewed at length the apparent lack of communication and the misperception that gave rise to those inappropriate and unacceptable comments that created difficulties for the Chamber. Freeman assured the Council that the Chamber will continue to try to operate as transparently as possible and work closely with all local businesses and activities in Camp Verde, especially with the Town and Yavapai-Apache Nation. After a brief interruption, Freeman reiterated his failed attempts to communicate with Buchanan, and said that the Chamber believes that regular attendance of all liaisons is vital to the ability of the Chamber to coordinate energies and focuses, especially with the Town. Freeman ended his comments with the suggestion that if the Chamber continues to have a contentious and negative person as a liaison, then they would like to have Council reappoint someone who would be truly helpful to maintain an important relationship.

**Gary Thompson** spoke to say that he would remit the remainder of his time to Chairman Freeman.

**Rabbi Roy Birnbaum** announced that the American Seminary for Contemporary Judaism has moved to Camp Verde as their northernmost area; they have a Synagogue, or Temple here in Town. They held services last week and will have High Holiday services this week. He commented that the Chamber has been unbelievably helpful; the first project is to get the office open, the second will be to try to put together a Youth Center, and there are plans to work with addiction recovery.

There was no further public input.

8. **Presentation by County Assessor Pam Pearsall relative to the new “Jobs Bill HB 2001” that was recently passed. House Bill 2001 gradually reduces property taxes generated by commercial properties, thus shifting the burden to Primary Occupied Properties. Note: this is for informational purposes only, as the Town of Camp Verde does NOT assess property taxes.** Staff Resource: Debbie Barber

There was no action taken.

Councilor Buchanan requesting item #9:

9. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Resolution 2011-854, a resolution of the Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona acknowledging preference of redistricting Map (to be determined) to the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors for redistricting Yavapai County.**

On a motion by Buchanan, seconded by Baker, the Council unanimously approved Resolution 2011-854, a resolution of the Mayor and Common Council, Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona acknowledging preference of Redistricting Map

C to the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors for redistricting Yavapai County.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Dorothy O'Brien**, the immediate Past President of Big Park Regional Coordinating Council, spoke on the importance of the redistricting issue to everyone, and reviewed the criteria for arriving at the decision of that Council's Redistricting Task Force, including the need to remain an integral unit in the Greater Sedona area, what the neighbors think, and to create districts that provide the opportunity to elect a strong Supervisor from the Verde Valley to ensure fair and equitable representation.

**Joan McClelland** said she is from the Big Park area; they want to unite with Camp Verde in order to have the best chance for a second Supervisor from the Verde Valley.

**Dave Norton**, current Vice President of the Big Park Regional Coordinating Council, explained in detail why the Council and the entire neighborhood are in support of Map C; everyone is working together for the benefit and the future of the Verde Valley.

**Kala Pearson**, President of the Beaver Creek Regional Council, stated that those communities overwhelming decided on Map C; they want to stay with Camp Verde, and this is a chance to have two strong leaders from the Verde Valley.

**Tony Gioia**, a member of the Yavapai County Resource Advisory Commission, expressed his preference for Map C; although it may not change the lack of power. It will at least provide for two strong Supervisors representing the Verde Valley. Gioia urged everyone to phone the Supervisors' Office at **928-771-3200** to let them know their desires.

There was no further public input.

- 10. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Resolution 2011-853, 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 2011-2012 Budget".**

Staff Resource: Mike Showers

On a motion by Baker, seconded by Kovacovich, the Council unanimously approved Resolution 2011-853, 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 2011-2012 Budget," including a transfer of \$30,000 in CIP line item 20-826000 to the Marshal's Office personnel line items as well as eliminating the grant revenue and expenses for the School Resource Officer program line items.

There was no public input.

- 11. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of the placement of an Economic Development Director position into the Town's Classification and Salary Plan, which will include the job description and salary range.**

Staff Resource: Russ Martin

On a motion by Whatley, seconded by Buchanan, the Council **voted 6-1** to approve the placement of the position of Economic Development Director s an amendment to the Classification and Salary Plan; **with German opposed.**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individual are summarized.)

**Irene People** stated that theTown needs to find the money to help the employees who have consistently stepped up to the plate to cover for employees who have left before they get pushed to the point of burnout.

Thee was no further public input.

**NOTE: A recess was called at 8:00 p.m.; the meeting was called back to order at 8:10 p.m.**

12. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff to prepare for the sale and/or trade of Town-owned properties located on the west side of Cliffs Parkway, west side of McCracken Lane and the intersection of Highway 260 and Oasis Road.** Staff Resource: Russ Martin  
 On a motion by Baker, seconded by George, the Council unanimously (1) directed staff to prepare for the sale of the property on Cliffs Parkway, with the proceeds from that sale to be directed to the library building fund; (2) directed staff to prepare for the possible sale or trade of the properties on McCracken lane and Hwy 260/Oasis, with any proceeds that might derive from the McCracken lane property to be directed to the Park Fund.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Linda Harkness**, President of CCCVL, reviewed the contributions on hand for the building of the new library, and said they were in favor of selling the property to put the money to work for building the library.

**Lynn Sweitzer** said the property was set aside for the library, and she wants the money to go to the library.

**Karen Heuman**, as a concerned citizen and Secretary of the CCCVL, said she is definitely in favor of putting the Cliffs Parkway parcel up for sale.

**Irene Peoble** commented on the limited access to the McCracken property; it is very overgrown with weeds and should be put up for sale.

**Tony Gioia** said he would suggest the Town sell the Cliffs Parkway property; it would be undervalued at this time but that would be in line with the current depreciated building costs. (He briefly discussed with the Town Manager the possibility of any intent to rezone the Oasis property.)

**Gerry Laurito** said he believes that selling the Cliffs Parkway property for the library building fund would also inspire the public to donate more for that project.

There was no further public input.

13. **Discussion and possible direction to the Mayor to vote in favor of or against the attached resolutions as submitted to the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Resolutions Committee for consideration.** Staff Resource: Debbie Barber  
 The Mayor was directed to vote in favor of or against the attached resolutions, in summary, as follows: **Page 1**, Items 1, 3, 6, 11, 17, 19, 20, 22, and Staff 2, the majority in favor of Subcommittee Recommendations; **Pages 2 and 3**, Items 2, 4, 10, 12 and 13, 21, and Staff 1, the majority in favor of the Recommendations with Amendments; **Page 4**, Items 5, 15, 16 and 18, the majority in favor of those issues as listed; **Page 5**, Items 7, 8, 9 and 14, the majority in favor of Not Recommending for Passage.

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

(Comments from the following individual are summarized.)

**George Young** questioned the bid process for selling Town property and the possible requirement for a public vote.

There was no further public input.

15. **Manager/Staff Report**

There was no Manager/Staff report.

16. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Baker, seconded by German, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.