

**ACTIONS TAKEN
SPECIAL/WORK SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS · 473 S. Main Street, Room #106
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.**

Note: Council member(s) may attend Council Sessions either in person or by telephone, video, or internet conferencing.

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor German called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Mayor German, Vice Mayor Baker, and Councilors Carol German, Bruce George, Brad Gordon, Jessie Jones, and Robin Whatley were present.

Also Present

Manager Russ Martin, Public Works Director Ron Long, Town Clerk Deborah Barber, and Recording Secretary Saepyol Warren.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor German led the pledge.

4. **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Hearing followed by discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to prioritizing projects to submit in the 2014 NACOG Regional Account application for CDBG funds.** Staff Resource: Debbie Barber/Ron Long

Council gave the staff direction to prioritize the CDBG funds as follows: first priority is to resurface 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th streets between West Head Street and West Arnold Street; then to fund the Verde Valley Senior Center's request for a \$27,000 van, and lastly \$18,000 for kitchen equipment--as long as the streets project can be completed without the use of General Funds.

Council discussion is covered in the minutes.

Public Hearing:

Elaine Bremner from Verde Valley Senior Center requested \$27,000 for a new van and \$18,000 for new kitchen equipment to include: a pizza oven, convection oven, refrigerated salad bar as recommended by AZ Health Department. The van would be used to transport Camp Verde residents to appointments and services; and the kitchen equipment would make it possible to continue providing safe, quality, hot meals for all the Verde Valley. NACOG only reimburses half of the first 1900 meals, which covers a small fraction of the total cost for the 5000 meals the Senior Center produces and delivers monthly. It is critical, therefore, for everyone in the Verde Valley to contribute. Ms. Bremner assured Council that she has already asked Clarkdale for financial assistance and will attend Cottonwood's public hearing to request CDBG funds for different needs.

Murray Lichty recommended adding streetlights to Main Street to improve visibility and prevent accidents, such as hitting pedestrians. He suggested for the Verde Valley Senior Center, that Elaine look into government vehicle auctions in Phoenix.

5. **Summary presentation of the Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) – Final Report of the Business Corridor Study. The summary will cover the study's purpose, study area, study process, the two selected concepts for improving the tri-intersection and a concept for the Finnie Flat business corridor.** Staff Resource: Ron Long

Presentation is covered in the minutes.

6. **PowerPoint presentation, explanation, and discussion of the requirements of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and the need for a complete Stormwater Program that includes a comprehensive drainage plan.** Staff Resource: Ron Long

Presentation was rescheduled for January 8, 2014.

Public Hearing:

Resident Bob Johnson requested more culverts for under Hwy 260 to alleviate flooding in the Verde Lakes neighborhood; as well as for the four existing culverts half-full of debris to be cleared out.

Verde Lakes Resident Ken Church requested help to prevent flooding in his neighborhood, which has affected his home several times over the last 15 years, costing \$50,000 in remediation and problems with mold. He asked for work to be done before the 2014 monsoon season.

7. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Jones, seconded by Baker, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.