DRAFT MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
473 S MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.

Minutes are a summary of the discussion. They are not verbatim.
Public input is placed after Council discussion to facilitate future research.

1. **Call to Order**
Mayor German called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**
Mayor Charles German, Vice Mayor Jackie Baker, Councilors Robin Whatley, Bruce George, Brad Gordon, Carol German, and Jessie Jones were present.

Also Present
Town Manager Russell Martin, Marshal Nancy Gardner, Finance Director Mike Showers, Fort Verde Park Manager Sheila Stubler, Town Clerk Virginia Jones, and Recording Secretary Saepyol Choe.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Mayor German 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) Regular Session – January 21, 2015
      2) Council/Manager Retreat – January 23, 2015
   b) **Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**
      1) Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. – Work Session Retreat
      2) Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. – Executive Session
      3) Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. - Regular Session
      4) Friday, February 20, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. – Council/Manager/Department Heads Retreat
      5) Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning
   c) **Possible approval and authorization to execute the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) IGA/JPA 14-0004471-I; To define access management on the crossroads along SR-260 from I-17 to Thousand Trails Road, responsibilities of ADOT, the Town for the completion, on-going maintenance of the improvements and recital #6 addressing the project budget.** Staff Resource: Ron Long

   On a motion by George, seconded by Vice Mayor Baker, Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

5. **Special Announcements and presentations:** There are no Special Announcements or Presentations.

6. **Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda.**
Sheila Stubler, Fort Verde State Park Manager, announced that the park is now open 7 days a week. They already had the soft opening and there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony February 17 at 10:00 a.m. The hard

work gone into opening the park daily has finally paid off. The park earned $300 on the two days they would normally be closed, even without any advertising. She thanked the two Rangers who have been helpful in the process and everyone who helped make this possible. She announced the Vintage baseball, Buffalo soldier, Dutch oven cooking events taking place on Valentine's Day 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tom Pitts reported continued progress with reviving the Chamber, whose membership will include prominent businesses such as the Cliff Castle Casino and Out of Africa and businesses along Finnie Flat; which will help raise profile of Camp Verde. He reported a successful presentation at the monthly legislative lunch for the governor's association, at which he met all the local legislators. He hopes to share photos soon with Bob Thorpe, Brenda Barton. He invited Council to attend a seminar on February 19th that will feature great speakers.

Steve Goetting recommended that Council host an ADOT public discussion of what Hwy 260 will look like, to include: number of roundabouts, speed limits, lane widths, and address rumors, concerns, the construction timeline. He would appreciate a show and tell presentation from ADOT to educate the public.

7. **Discussion, Consideration and Possible Approval of Liquor License Application for Denise Morago, Sutler's Steak House Located at 563 S. Main Street in Camp Verde.** Staff Resource: Virginia Jones. On a motion by Vice Mayor Baker, seconded by George, Council voted unanimously to approve of the Liquor License Application for Denise Morago, Sutler's Steak House Located at 563 S. Main Street in Camp Verde.

Virginia Jones reported that the notice was posted for the 20 days required by law, and received no issues or comments.

8. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to proposed legislation by the 52nd State Legislature during its 1st Regular Session that convened on January 12, 2015.** Staff Resource: Russ Martin

Council took no action on this item.

Russ Martin reported legislative updates concerning HURF funds and a sales tax proposal now in review. There is talk of deviating registration fees, which pay for the use of highways, to help offset the cost of State Patrol. The State would take revenues from the gas tax that would normally come to Camp Verde, increase the fee, and not increase what they take--"only" taking $90 million. They would not raise taxes, only fees.

One hot topic issue is that the State is considering taking $18 million off the top of sales tax revenues to hire more employees and pay for State government. It is true that the State shares its sales tax revenues with the cities, but the State, with this proposal could end up collecting $100 million from local governments. In addition, they propose reducing the Residential Leasing Tax by 25% each year for 4 years until it disappears. Camp Verde has kept the Residential Leasing Tax at 2%. The States implies that with property tax and the lease tax, property owners are experiencing double taxation, but this is not applicable in Camp Verde where there is no property tax. The leasing tax applies mainly to commercial businesses.

Martin informed Council that they could formally log in and register for or against a particular bill through the legislative website; or directly contact legislators--such as, Steve Pierce, Karen Fann, or Bob Thorpe--to respond to these proposals. He recognized Rene Guillen from the Governor's staff for his effective legislative activity for last few years.

Vice Mayor Baker recalled that the League of Cities and Towns determined such tax proposals to be illegal, regardless of shared revenues from the State that benefit the Town, such as from the vehicle license tax.

The State cannot take money from the Town that is legally theirs to keep.

Martin shared an analogy given by one legislator that the rays of sunshine on the AZ flag should represent services that go out from the State government, not finances being funneled from cities to the State. Karen Fann has recommended putting a bill together, that would help the State appreciate how much it costs local governments to do business. For example, if the State is going to give the local government roads, then take away the resources necessary to maintain them, then the responsibility of maintenance should fall back on the State.

9. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.**
Tom Pitts stated that the State is keeping tax cuts down and deciding instead to take money from its cities. He is working on a bill now, economic development House Bill 2591, which would legalize the use of crowdfunding to finance businesses--just as Alex Goetting did for the Verde Brewery Company. The bill would open the opportunity for small businesses to raise up to $1 million a year, and larger business up to $2 million. This is all private money and there are small fees required for quality control. At least eight states have passed similar bills, including TX and WA; and 14 states are working on a similar concept for intra-state funding. Crowdfunding can also fund state infrastructure. Millions have been raise for a ski park in Vermont through crowdfunding; and he has already spoken to many businesses in Camp Verde who are excited to leverage this platform. Many senators, attorneys and others have helped craft the bill and are sponsoring it. It is already on its second reading. Sixteen representatives are co-sponsoring bill. The feedback is positive from businesses across the country, and the legislative process is moving very quickly. His organization awarded Karen Fann and Senator Jeff Dial for their contribution to economic development.

Steve Goetting confirmed Councilor George's suggestion that the Town could use crowdfunding to raise money for a Town park. He invited Council to visit Ignacio Mesa's 9-acre Clear Creek Vineyard & Winery. Best in the Verde Valley--a must visit, along Hwy 260!

10. **Council Informational Reports.** These reports are relative to the committee meetings that Council members attend. The Committees are Camp Verde Schools Education Foundation; Chamber of Commerce, Intergovernmental Association, NACOG Regional Council, Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization, Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee, and shopping locally. In addition, individual members may provide brief summaries of current events. The Council will have no discussion or take action on any of these items, except that they may request that the item be placed on a future agenda.

Vice Mayor Baker attended the Annual Four Chaplain Memorial Service at the American Legion and invited more Council members to participate next year.

Mayor German regretted not being able to attend the Legion's event due to recovering from a medical procedure.

Jones reported that Council attended the Library's Dirt Turning Ceremony.

Carol German announced that many key players and board members are working toward offering Yavapai College course in Camp Verde by this fall.

11. **Manager/Staff Report** Individual members of the Staff may provide brief summaries of current events and activities. These summaries are strictly for informing the Council and 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.

Martin explained that the money budgeted for the Water Advisory Committee will more than cover their full scope of work; and invited Council to contact him for more details on their projects.

12. **Consultation with the Town Attorney for legal advice concerning the development agreement with Steve Coury:** Note: Note: Council may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to ARS §38-431.03.A3 for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney concerning the development agreements and §38-431.03(A)(4) for discussion or consultation with the attorney in order to consider Council's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiation.

On a motion by George, seconded by Vice Mayor Baker, Council voted unanimously to approve going into Executive Session pursuant to ARS §38-431.03.A3 for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney concerning the development agreements and §38-431.03(A)(4) for discussion or consultation with the attorney in order to consider Council's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiation.

Council went into Executive Session at 7:07P.m.

Mayor German called the Regular Session back to order at 7:40 p.m.

13. **Adjournment**
On a motion by Jones, seconded by Baker, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:07 p.m.

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Charles German, Mayor

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Saepyol Choe, 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 Regular Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on February 4, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2015.

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Virginia Jones, Town Clerk