

**DRAFT MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
473 S MAIN STREET, SUITE 106  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 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 Bruce George, Councilors Robin Whatley, Brad Gordon, Jackie Baker, and Jessie Jones were present. Carol German was absent.

**Also Present**

Marshal Nancy Gardner, Town Clerk Virginia Jones, and Recording Secretary Saepyo! 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) Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters - July 22, 2015
- 2) Executive Session – July 22, 2015 (recorded)
- 3) Special Session – July 15, 2015
- 4) Regular Session – July 15, 2015

**b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**

- 1) Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Work Session
- 2) Friday, August 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Manager Evaluation and Goal Setting
- 3) Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters-Cancelled

**c) Possible approval of Resolution 2015-950 a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona, declaring as a public record that certain document filed with the Town Clerk and entitled “The 2012-2014 Amendments to the Tax code of the Town of Camp Verde”. Staff Resource: Mike Showers**

**d) Possible approval of Ordinance 2015-A411, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona, relating to the Transaction Privilege Tax; adopting “The 2012-2014 amendments to the tax code of the Town of Camp Verde” by Reference; establishing effective dates; providing penalties for violations. Staff Resource: Mike Showers**

**e) POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO RESCIND THE JULY 15, 2015 MOTION CALLING FOR A SPECIAL RECALL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2015 FOR THE RECALL OF COUNCIL MEMBER BRUCE GEORGE, AS ADVISED BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.**

**f) POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO MOVE \$8,000.00 FROM CONTINGENCY BUDGET LINE TO THE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT LABOR BUDGET LINE IN THE FY 15 BUDGET. STAFF RESOURCE: MIKE SHOWERS.**

On a motion by Vice Mayor George, seconded by Baker, Council voted unanimously to pull Item 4e for discussion, and to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Councilor Gordon, seconded by Jones, Council voted 4-1 to approve rescinding the July 15, 2015 motion calling for a special recall election to be held on November 3, 2015 for the recall of Council member Bruce George, as advised by the Town Attorney. Jackie Baker voted "No," and Vice Mayor George abstained.

Councilor Baker explained that she could not support rescinding the election in order to support the many citizens who have expressed concerns that their rights are not being protected. She acknowledged that the County already deleted the recall election from their records, but wished to recognize all the citizens who signed the petitions in good faith.

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

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

Jim Meredith from the Camp Verde Cavalry announced the Colonel's Daughter race, for ladies ages 13 – 18 at Fort Verde, Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at Noon. Three judges from around the state will judge contestants in the areas of Horsemanship, Poise & Personality (period dress), and Question & Answer. Winners will ride in the Fort Verde Days Parade with the Honor Guard and Parade Marshal.

Reed McManus and Steve Goetting confirmed with Council that the recall election agenda item was closed for public discussion. Mayor German explained that there would be no public hearing due to the Town Attorney's council to rescind the recall election.

Nikki Miller from Camp Verde Promotions thanked Councilor Gordon for participating in the Fort Verde Days meeting. She asked Council for help with a special Fort Verde Days kick-off event from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, in celebration of the Sesquicentennial. She suggested that the Mayor jump out of a birthday cake and Council ride in on a wagon. She asked the public to support the Scarecrows around Town contest, in which local businesses, organizations, and citizens design scarecrows to be featured at Fort Verde Days.

Tom Pitts announced the 2-day Rural Policy Forum starting at 8:30 a.m. or 9:00 a.m. on Thursday and Friday at the Clarkdale Clubhouse, for state leaders who wish to learn about the economic opportunities available in the Verde Valley. Cost is \$119 to register at door.

7. **Discussion, consideration and possible approval of Special Event Liquor License application for Montezuma Rimrock Fire District Auxiliary for a fundraiser to be held at 115 Camp Lincoln In Camp Verde, AZ 86322 on September 26, 2015. Staff Resource: Virginia Jones**

On a motion by Councilor Baker, seconded by Vice Mayor George, Council voted unanimously to approve the Special Event Liquor License application for Montezuma Rimrock Fire District Auxiliary for a fundraiser to be held at 115 Camp Lincoln in Camp Verde, AZ 86322 on September 26, 2015.

Jerry Taylor asked Council to support this fundraiser for the Fire District Auxiliary. Lou Lane, from the Fire District Auxiliary, reported that the fundraiser would take place at Babe and John McReynold's property by the school, which has a 400-person capacity. Camp Verde and Montezuma Rimrock are working together on this event. A generous donor has sponsored the David Parker Band, which has performed in Branson, MO and Nashville, TN. Cost is \$25 for tickets, the food will be excellent, there will be door prizes, and Budweiser is sponsoring some products for the event.

## **Public Hearing**

John McReynolds, owner of Campo De Ensueno, said he was proud to host this event, which is bringing communities together for a good cause.

8. **Discussion, consideration, and possible instruction to the Mayor as to how to vote on the proposed League Resolutions at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns (LACT) League Resolution Committee meeting on August 18, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. located at the Starr Pass Resort in Tucson. The following is a summary of the proposed resolutions (the resolution numbers are established by the LACT) :**

- **Resolution BFED1-Establish a statutory mechanism enabling local government to create renewable energy and conservation financing districts for commercial properties. City of Flagstaff Sponsoring City.**  
Council supports this resolution.

Council Baker confirmed that the League's pros and cons for each item were included in packet.

- **Resolution BRED-2-Seek legislation to allow cities and towns to invest in infrastructure and other improvements in a designated area, and pay for the investments via the increased property tax revenue generated by the new development. City of Surprise Sponsoring City**  
Council was mainly neutral and recommended that the Mayor consider the discussion and information presented at the committee meeting.

#### **Public Hearing**

Tom Pitts asked Council to support this resolution, as it allows for tax incremental financing by any taxing authority. If a school district wanted to expand classrooms or the sewer district needed to expand its infrastructure, economic developers would pay the expenses upfront, then be reimbursed later through tax revenues. This allows tax authorities and developers to invest in the community, move forward with projects, and recapture some of the cost. Tax authorities can set up all the parameters. Think about how much money the schools lost; this is a tool for them.

Vice Mayor George said that he did not support this resolution due to it sounding like a convoluted way of replacing impact fees that could be open to misinterpretation. He was concerned the taxes would be hard to collect and track.

Mayor confirmed that the tax authority would be in the driver's seat. Councilor Baker asked if it would first be necessary to institute a property tax. Pitts replied that the tax could be collected through the County instead of the Town. Councilor Jones cited the Archeology Center project as an example of how this would work.

- **Resolution GAHRE 1-Conduct thorough reform of the PSPRS (Public Service Retirement System) based on the principles provided by the PSPRS Task Force in the Yardstick document adopted by the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Executive Committee. This also includes specific aid for cities and towns to deal with unfunded liability of the system. Submitted by League Staff**  
Council supports this resolution.

Councilor Gordon said this is needed for ASRS as well.

- **Resolution GAHRE 2-Urges the Legislature to amend ARS 39-121.01 to allow cities and towns to place reasonable balances on public record requests that are overbroad or abusive and on the frequency on requests. Submitted by the City of Yuma.**  
Council supports this resolution.

Councilors Baker and Whatley supported granting some relief without affecting transparency.

- **GAHRE 3 – Develop and pass legislation to make the requirements for annexation a more simple and flexible process. Submitted by Town of Oro Valley and City of Yuma.**  
Council supports this resolution.

Council stated there is no need for this in Camp Verde, but would support it for other Towns and Cities.

- **GAHRE 4 – Provide relief from the proportional width and length requirements of current annexation statute if the minimum adjoin boundary of the property meets the minimum 300 foot requirement, there is a single property owner, and both the city or town and the property owner desire annexation, thus allowing the annexation of the entire parcel in one process. Submitted by Town of Queen Creek.**  
Council supports this resolution.

Council stated there is no need for this in Camp Verde, but had no objections.

- **GAHRE 5 – Methods for financing and operation & maintenance of retention and detention basins.** Note: This resolution was not on the second Amended Agenda, but Council and Staff agreed to include it since it was in the Council packet and advertised on the web.  
Council supports this resolution.

Councilor Jones stated that this is a critical issue to Camp Verde.

- **Resolution NSQL 1-Partner with cities and towns for the operation and maintenance of Arizona State Parks under long term leases, for a nominal amount, and participate financially by providing for a dedicated fund mechanism to share a portion of the costs. Submitted by City of Yuma.**

Councilors Baker and Vice Mayor George did not agree with this resolution, but recommended that the Mayor research the matter and consider the information presented at the committee meeting.

### **Public Hearing**

Tom Pitts said he talked to Yuma and state prisons, when they were defunded. Water parks stayed in business, but anything without screaming revenue—all the history and family jewels of the state were shut down. Many of the state legislators have limited knowledge of state parks and their importance. This gives us a seat at the table, a larger voice in the operation, a way to participate to save our state parks. Yuma and Jerome have done this and have been able to help manage, operate, and develop merchandise to generate revenue. This keeps a back door opened when threatened.

Mayor German expressed concern that this would become the norm and state parks would go away. Vice Mayor George said this was not beneficial for small historical parks like Riordan in Flagstaff, according to reports he has heard. He said if a park becomes run down on a long-

term lease, then the state would have to step in and put money into it.

Tom Pitts said without this resolution, it would be possible for the State to sweep whatever the Town has invested.

Councilor Baker said that Camp Verde's short-term agreement was user-friendly, and was not sure that a long-term lease would provide much more benefit, even if the contract always provided an "out."

- **Resolution NSQL 2-Restore the Arizona Housing Trust Fund. Submitted by the City of Flagstaff.**  
Council supports this resolution.
- **Resolution NSQL 3 – Recommendation for the authorization of expenditure and full appropriations through the reenactment of repealed ARS 41-501, 503 and 504 to restore the Arizona State Park Heritage Funds. Submitted by Town of Sahuarita.**  
Council supports this resolution.
- **Resolution NSQL 4-Proposing the expansion of state licensure requirements and local enforcement authority for sober living housing. Submitted by City of Prescott.**  
Council was mainly neutral and recommended that the Mayor consider the discussion and information presented at the committee meeting.

Councilor Gordon explained that sober living housing is allowed in any zoning, like schools and churches. He does not usually like to regulate matters like this, but that he has seen neighborhoods in Gilbert and Phoenix up in arms about drug deals and vandalism; so it could become a problem. Baker said the discussion at the meeting would help, and that more information would come to light.

- **Resolution TIPW 1-Urge the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to improve its communication with municipalities when studying changes to potential flight paths that would have a significant adverse aircraft noise impact on residential communities and urge Congress to amend key portions of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 that would help achieve the aforementioned request. Submitted by City of Phoenix.**  
Council supports this resolution.

#### **Public Hearing**

Tony Gioia asked Council to support this resolution due to its importance in noise control. Twelve years ago, he was asked to analyze a book of flight patterns, which showed the Verde Valley as the center of the new proposed flight paths to the Northwest and Chicago. All the local governments were alerted and they voted against it. Now our hikes in the wilderness remain quiet and all those planes are flying over Payson.

- **Resolution TIPW 2-Urges the Legislature to stop future sweeps of Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) allocated to Arizona cities and towns, and to restore HURF funding to FY2008 levels. Submitted by City of Yuma.**  
Council resoundingly supports this resolution.
- **Resolution TIPW 3-Support the inclusion of funding to accelerate design and construction of State Route 189 in ADOT's Five-Year Transportation Facilities**

**Construction Program. Submitted by City of Tucson.**  
Council supports this resolution.

9. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.**  
None

10. **Council Informational Reports.** These reports are relative to the committee meetings that Council members attend. The Committees are Camp Verde Fire District, 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.

Baker and Whatley thanked the Marshal and volunteers for a successful National Night Out.

Mayor German reported that approximately 600 adults and 300 kids attended National Night Out. He had a very successful meeting with the Tribal Chairman with Steve Ayers, about recreation on the river and the Hwy 260 roundabouts.

Vice Mayor George attended the Yavapai College Advisory Board Meeting and noted he also attended and was newly elected to the Verde Valley Nature Organization Board Meeting.

Gordon attended the General Plan meeting, recognized Cat Davis and Tony Gioia for their input, and invited the public to participate. He attended National Night Out, and the Camp Verde Promotions Fort Verde Days meeting. He attended a meeting with the State Park and Forest Service, and a Verde River recreation plan meeting, in which 40 people participated.

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.  
None.

12. **Adjournment**  
Mayor German adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

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Charles German, Mayor

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Saepjol 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 August 5, 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