DRAFT MINUTES
SPECIAL SESSION/WORK SESSION
MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
Of the TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS · 473 S. Main Street, Room #106
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Roll Call**

Mayor Charlie German, Vice Mayor Bruce George, Councilors Jackie Baker, Carol German and Brad Gordon and Councilor Elect Buck Buchanan were present. Councilors Jessie Murdock-Jones and Robin Whatley were absent.

Also Present: Town Manager Russ Martin, Town Clerk Virginia Jones, Community Development Director Mike Jenkins, Assistant Planner Kendall Welch and Recording Secretary Marie Moore.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor German led the pledge.

4. **Discussion and possible approval of a letter of support for a USDA Loan and Grant application for Bread of Life Mission.** Staff Resource: Russ Martin

On a motion by Councilor Gordon, seconded by Councilor Baker, Council unanimously approves the letter of support for a USDA Loan and Grant application for the Bread of Life Mission with instruction to staff to include financial support theTown has given and any other items they feel necessary.

Town Manager Russ Martin explained the current letter for Council's review is a draft and welcomes any editing. Mr. Martin explained that the draft includes the essentials, explaining that the Town is supportive and has a current partnership with the Mission.

Councilor Brad Gordon questioned the requirements for letter and indicated that it does not mention that the Town has given monetary help in the past to the Mission. Mr. Gordon stated he felt it would be important to include the details of the financial help given.

Phoebe Hatch, Bread of Life Mission representative indicated that anything that can show support or what has been done would be helpful to include.

Councilor Jackie Baker stated that she feels that specifics of help given by Town should be included and questioned if the Mission was seeking letters from other organizations for support.

Ms. Hatch indicated that they would have at least three (3) other letters to include and feels that the Town has included the need for the program sufficiently. Ms. Hatch also stated that the letters would go before the Mission's grant writer for approval before submission.

Town Manager Russ Martin informed Council that staff is in need of approval and then a final draft would be distributed to each Council Member.

5. **Discussion consideration and possible direction to staff regarding cultivation facilities for Medical Marijuana.** Staff Resource: Russ Martin

On a motion by Councilor Brad Gordon, seconded by Councilor Jackie Baker, Council unanimously directed staff to look into the regulation of cultivation facilities and dispensaries of non-medical use of marijuana after the November election.

Vice Mayor Bruce George called a 'Point of Order' and made a motion to table the discussion, consideration and possible direction to staff regarding cultivation facilities for Medical Marijuana until after the November 8, 2016 election due to the existence of Proposition 205. There was no second to the motion. Vice Mayor Bruce George stated he felt it was unethical to discuss the matter without proper information and excused himself from the meeting at 5:39 pm. A copy of Vice-Mayor Bruce Georges statement is attached and becomes a permanent part of the record.

In response to Mayor Germans question regarding why the item was on the agenda. Manager Martin explained that the inclusion was due to public interest questioning as well as zoning questioning.

Councilor Carol German suggested Council look at the idea of limiting growing facilities in the Town, as there are already four (4).

Councilor Brad Gordon stated there was discussion at the League of Cities and Towns regarding limiting growth facilities as well as taxing those facilities, which is not legal at this time.

Manager Russ Martin indicated that staff conducted an investigation to determine if the Town has regulations that are comparable to others and how the regulations affects the community. Mr. Martin also explained that additional regulations would need to support the welfare of the community within police power and that State law dictates regulations, but there are other issues that need to be identified and addressed. Mr. Martin stated that one thing staff determined is that use permits are related to intense residential or quasi-commercial and not for commercially zoned areas. Mr. Martin explained that currently C2 is the appropriate zoning and would like it moved toward C3.

Mayor German questioned if there was direction given before Proposition 205 is voted on, would the matter need to be brought before the zoning commission?

It was determined that the next zoning meeting would be in the beginning of November and close to the election.

Councilor Jackie Baker indicated that she is not knowledgeable in the medical marijuana laws and is reluctant to direct staff at this point.

Councilor Carol German expressed that she felt Council was not discussing the issue on the ballet and would like to see staff look into the possibilities as a municipality to limit the number of growing facilities, if an ordinance could be created to limit the number and would like the Town attorney to weigh in on the matter.

Mayor German stated that it was his understanding that the State lottery process will limit the number of growing facilities.

Town Manager Russ Martin clarified for Council that the State will limit the number of dispensaries and growth facilities are tied to the number of dispensaries which is regulated by current state law. Mr. Martin stated that in theory you could have all growing facilities located in one area, there are no limits of numbers of locations, but they are limited in other cities and towns by distance and relationship to the distance, which is the desire of the community to protect the welfare of the community.

Councilor Carol German indicated that currently the Town of Camp Verde has no dispensary, but several growing facilities. Councilor German reiterated that she would like to see a regulation put in place regarding the number of growing facilities within the Town.

Mayor German stated he would like to defer the matter until after the November election.

6. **Discussion, consideration and possible setting of a time, date and place to hold a Council Retreat relative to, but not limited to Strategic plan, Capital Improvement Plan, Review Process, Orientation and Goal setting.**

Town Manager Russ Martin suggested a meeting at the new library and asked Council members to submit feedback or items they would like included to staff within the next week. Mr. Martin indicated the Retreat would occur on Friday, November 18th.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

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Charles German, Mayor

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Marie Moore, 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 Special/Work Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on October 12, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2016.

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Virginia Jones, Town Clerk

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Statement by Bruce Geary

Point of Order:

With the General Election coming soon and Initiative 205"Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol" on the ballot; it would be unethical and irresponsible for this council to give a platform to either side to espouse their views. The League of Women Voters are better qualified to host a forum to hear both sides of this measure.

I move that we postpone this discussion until after the General Election in November.