

MINUTES
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
473 S MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017 at 6:30 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 6:30p.m.
2. **Roll Call**
Mayor Charles German, Vice Mayor Jessie Murdock, Councilor Robin Whatley, Councilor Brad Gordon, Councilor Jackie Baker, Councilor Dee Jenkins and Councilor Buck Buchanan were present.

Also Present
Town Manager Russ Martin, Finance Director Mike Showers, Town Clerk Judy Morgan and Recording Secretary Jennifer Shilling.
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 – June 21, 2017
 - 2) Council Hears Planning & Zoning- Wednesday, June 28, 2017
 - b) **Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**
 - 1) Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning
 - 2) Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
 - 3) Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. - Work Session
 - 4) Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
 - 5) Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning Cancelled

Council Members decided to change the Work Session on August 9th to August 11th at 9:00 am. **Motion** was made by Councilor Gordon to accept the Consent Agenda with changing Item 4b.3 to August 11, 2017 at 9:00 am. Second was made by Councilor Baker. Council unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.
5. **Special Announcements and presentations:**
Jennifer Hernandez with Expect More Arizona was introduced by Mayor German. Ms. Hernandez explained that in February 2016 Expect More Arizona and the Center for the Future of Arizona (nonprofit organizations) launched the Arizona Education Progress Meter. The Education Progress Meter represents key milestones on the path to improving the educational opportunities and outcomes for all Arizonians. Progress in all areas represents more prosperous economy, this will ensure that all the students have the knowledge and credentials necessary for good jobs and will improve the community's health. Ms. Hernandez thanked the Council for stepping up and leading the way to make educational progress in the community.

Mayor German hereby proclaimed World Class Education Partner Status moving towards a first-class education in the State of Arizona.
6. **Call to the Public for items not on the Agenda. (Please complete Request to Speak Card and turn in to the Clerk.)**
Residents are encouraged to comment about any matter NOT included on the agenda. State law prevents the Council from taking any action on items not on the agenda. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the public body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the public body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action. (Pursuant to ARS §38-431.01(H))

There were no comments from the Public.

7. **Presentation, discussion and possible action to name the 110-acre community park off State Route 260 and the 30-acre Riverfront park at Interstate 17.** Staff Resource: Mike Marshall and Steve Ayers

Steve Ayers gave an overview of the 30-acre riverfront park off Interstate 17. Mr. Ayers is proposing naming this park after John Parsons. Mr. Parsons, also known as Mr. Verde River, was a river rafter. He promoted the Verde River, not as a neglected feature but as an economic driver and a point of pride. He was a member on the State Board and got tax dollars set aside for river use. He also started Verde River Days. Mr. Ayers stated there has been a lot of public support for this proposed name. Mr. Ayers is proposing the name of Parson's Preserve. This will be limited to day use area and parking lots will be the only thing added to the area. Councilor Murdock feels it is important to add "at the Verde River" or something designating the location of the park for those searching for a public river access. Mr. Ayers stated the objective is to preserve the property and eliminate bad behavior and quiet the place down. This park will not have intense recreation and will have limited capacity. Members discussed how to control the amount of people that would be able to enjoy this park at one given time.

Public Comment from Liz Rocha is a neighbor that is passionate with the area and believes it deserves protection. She feels schools could use this park for educational purposes. If this is done on a Town level it will set a precedence for other towns to follow this lead. The area is a riparian area. The neighborhood would benefit from the "policing" of the area.

Mr. Ayers stated some of the roads will be closed off for motorized vehicles and only an emergency exit for emergency vehicles. Arizona Game and Fish have stated they will stock fish in this part of the river. Mayor German appreciates the neighbor's passion for this area.

Motion made by Councilor Murdock to name the 30-acre Riverfront Park at Interstate 17, Parson's Riverfront Preserve with options of a sub-name to be brought back later. Second was made by Councilor Baker. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Mike Marshall gave a presentation for naming the 110-acre Community Park off State Route 260. He stated the name Community Park is just a place marker for now and doesn't have a lot of pizzazz. He went out and polled the community for name options and he has submitted these names for Council Members to consider. This park will be a major feature for the community, be centered around sports field activities and very visible from I-17. The name should set itself aside from other parks in the area.

Councilor Whatley suggested Camp Verde Community Park. Councilor Murdock suggested different names of families could then designate different fields. Council Members discussed different names that could be used that wouldn't be too generic or confuse people which park it is.

Motion made by Councilor Whatley to name the 110-acre community park property Camp Verde Sports Complex. Second was made by Councilor Murdock. **Motion** carried 4 yeas (CMs Jenkins and Whatley; VM Murdock and Mayor German), and 3 nays (CMs Baker, Buchanan, and Gordon).

8. **Discussion, consideration and possible approval of Resolution 2017-981, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, a municipal corporation of Arizona, authorizing submission of one or more applications for State Housing Funds (including any federal funding through the Home Investment Partnership Program and State Housing Funds); certifying that said applications will meet the community's housing and Community Development needs and the requirements of the applicable Housing Programs; authorizing all actions necessary to implement and complete the activities outlined in said applications; and providing that this Resolution shall be effective after its passage and approval according to law.** Staff Resource: Carmen Howard

Community Development Director Carmen Howard stated that she is asking for permission to apply for housing funds through the Department of Housing. This is something the Town has applied for in the past. The Department of Housing has recently released a Notice of Funds Availability providing money to towns to rehabilitate the underserved population with housing repair needs. Ms. Howard stated this is a worthwhile program and a benefit to the Community Development Department. This authorization is only the first part of the process, there will be other parts she will be coming to the Council for at a later date. Ms. Howard also has to prequalify people for it to show there is a need for funds. She has advertised a little bit and is still working on a marketing push to prequalify people. The application is based on a points basis and will need all the information she can get to qualify for the funds.

Mayor German suggested contacting Habitat for Humanity. They might have some people that are pre-vetted that they haven't

been able to help because of lack of funds. Ms. Howard stated this is a wonderful idea and will reach out to them asap. Ms. Howard is also considering having NACOG administer the program which will help with staffing issues and not burden the department.

Motion was made by Councilor Baker to authorize the Mayor or in his absences the Vice Mayor to sign Resolution 2017-981 authorizing submission of an application(s) for State Housing Funds. Second was made by Councilor Murdock. **Motion** carried unanimously.

9. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda. (Please complete Request to Speak Card and turn in to the Clerk.)**

There were no comments from the Public.

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.

Councilor Baker- worked at Cornfest for a couple of days.

Councilor Gordon- attended the Arizona Association for Economic Development Luncheon. Sebra Choe was one of the speakers. He attended a lecture in the library by the Director of the Lowell Observatory about how sun spots are affecting climate change. He also helped out at the Cornfest and wanted to thank Camp Verde Promotions and Camp Verde Alliance for doing such a good job. He also attended the State Park Master Plan Meeting.

Mayor German- attended Oscar Berrelez' retirement, and wanted to acknowledge Oscar Berrelez' 21 years of committed and honorable service to the Town of Camp Verde and the citizens therein. He also attended the Cornfest.

Councilor Jenkins- attended Sergeant Berrelez' retirement celebration. She also helped out at the Cornfest collecting money and attended Abides Open House which was well attended.

Councilor Whatley- volunteered at Cornfest and enjoyed giving back to the community. She felt like it was well attended.

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.

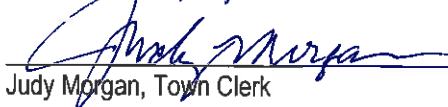
12. Town Manager Russ Martin stated that he will be attending Sebra Choe's graduation from Verde Valley Leadership Class on Friday evening. Mr. Martin also appreciated the time off and stated it was refreshing.

13. **Adjournment**

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.



Charles German, Mayor




Judy Morgan, Town Clerk

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 Mayor and Common Council of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on July 19, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 4th day of August, 2017.


Jennifer Shilling, Recording Secretary