



*Support your local merchants*

**AGENDA  
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE  
REGULAR SESSION  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
473 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE 106  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.**

**If you want to speak ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE complete the Request to Speak Form**

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

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call.** Council Members: Jackie Baker, Buck Buchanan, Dee Jenkins, Brad Gordon, Robin Whatley; Vice Mayor Jessie Murdock; and Mayor Charles German.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**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.

Page  
5  
7  
9

**a) Approval of the Minutes:**

- 1) Special and Executive Session – July 19, 2017
- 2) Special Budget Session – July 19, 2017
- 3) Regular Session – July 19, 2017

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

- 1) Friday, August 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. – Work Session
- 2) Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 3) Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning – Cancelled (League conference)
- 4) Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 5) Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. – Work Session

**5. Special Announcements and presentations.**

**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))

**7. Business.** Legal action can be taken.

**7.1. 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 League Resolution Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. located at the Hilton El Conquistador, 10000 North Oracle Road, Oro Valley, AZ 85704.**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>RESOLUTION</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
GAHRE 1	Allow city/town elected officials to transfer campaign contributions to a statewide or legislative office.	Maricopa	
GAHRE 2	Allow cities and towns to appoint, by resolution, a designee of the council to sign special event liquor licenses.	Wickenburg	
GAHRE 3	Require a candidate or entity that intends to receive contributions or make expenditures of \$1000 or less to file a signed exemption statement that states that intention before receiving contributions, making any expenditure, distributing any campaign literature or circulating petitions.	Peoria	
NSQL 1	Pursue modifications to state and federal law to provide more options for local governments to regulate unstructured sober living homes in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of sober home residents and the communities in which they are located.	Phoenix	
TIPW 1	Draft legislation to allow for Street Light Improvement Districts (SLID) and Parkway Maintenance Improvement Districts (MID) that have continuous border to be combined.	Yuma	
TIPW 2	Explore, draft and support legislation for alternative transportation funding for cities and towns to operate and maintain their roads.	Buckeye	
League Staff 1	Perform extensive research and develop legislation for introduction in the 2018 Legislative Session that addresses the challenges with and discrepancies between local boards of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) and reconvene the Pension Task Force in an effort to make the administrative processes more efficient and ensure determinations for disability are uniform among the more than 230 PSPRS plans.	League	
League Staff 2	Continue the analysis of the impact of various proposed legislative changes to	League	

	the construction sales tax system to assure that any modifications will create a long-term, sustainable policy that maintains state and municipal revenues, ensures local revenues are received at the location in which the construction activity occurs, provides simplicity for the industry and improves compliance.		
League Staff 3	Urge the Governor and Legislature to complete the stabilization and balancing of the State budget by eliminating current reliance on local governments to fund the State's responsibility for day-today operations of the Department of Revenue.	League	

- **GAHRE-General Administration, Human Resources and Elections**
- **NSQL-Neighborhoods, Sustainability and Quality of Life**
- **TIPW-Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Works Committee**

Page  
14

**7.2. Review, discussion and direction to the Town Manager on Trustee elections for the Arizona Risk and Retention Pool Board.** [Staff Resource: Russ Martin]

15

**7.3. Discussion, consideration and possible direction to staff to accept settlement funds in the amount of \$425,000.00 and authorization for Mayor Charlie German and if needed Vice Mayor Jessie Murdock to sign the settlement agreement between the Town of Camp Verde and Coe and Van Loo (CVL).** Staff Resource: Russ Martin and Carol Brown

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

**9. 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.

**10. 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.

**11. Adjournment**

Posted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Note: Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.2 and A.3, the Council may vote to go into Executive Session for purposes of consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney on any matter listed on the Agenda, or discussion of records exempt by law from public inspection associated with an agenda item.*

The Town of Camp Verde Council Chambers is accessible to the handicapped. Those with special accessibility or accommodation needs, such as large typeface print, may request these at the Office of the Town Clerk at 928-554-0023

38-431.01 Meetings shall be open to the public

A. All meetings of any public body shall be public meetings and all persons so desiring shall be permitted to attend and listen to the deliberations and proceedings. All Legal Action of public bodies shall occur during a public meeting.

- Bashas's Community Board
- Town Hall
- Website

**DRAFT MINUTES  
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE  
SPECIAL SESSION  
EXECUTIVE SESSION  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
473 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE 106  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017 at 4:30 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 4:30 p.m.

- 2. Roll Call.** Council Members: Jackie Baker, Buck Buchanan, Dee Jenkins, Brad Gordon, Robin Whatley; Vice Mayor Jessie Murdock; and Mayor Charles German were present.

**Also Present:** Town Manager Russ Martin, Risk Manager Carol Brown, Town Clerk Judy Morgan.

**Attending Telephonically:** Town Attorney Jeff Murray

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor German led the Pledge of Allegiance

- 4. Discussion and consultation with the Town Attorney, Jeff Murray, and update by Risk Manager regarding current and pending litigation, followed by possible direction from Town Council, instructing Mr. Murray on a Settlement Offer relative to Town of Camp Verde v. Coe & Van Loo.** Staff Resources: Carol Brown and Russ Martin. Note: Council may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body; A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(4) Discussion or consultation with the attorneys of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation.

On a motion by Councilor Brad Gordon, seconded by Councilor Jackie Baker, Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session.

Special Session adjourned to Executive Session at 4:34 p.m.

Special Session reconvened at 5:08 P.M.

**5. Adjournment**

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 5:09 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 Special 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judy Morgan, Town Clerk

**DRAFT MINUTES  
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE  
SPECIAL SESSION  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
473 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE 106  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017 at 6:00 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 6:00 p.m.

- 2. Roll Call.** Council Members Jackie Baker, Buck Buchanan, Dee Jenkins, Brad Gordon, Robin Whatley; Vice Mayor Jessie Murdock; and Mayor Charles German were present.

**Others Present:** Town Manager Russ Martin, Finance Director Michael Showers, and Town Clerk Judy Morgan were present.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor German led the Pledge of Allegiance

**4. Public Hearing for comments on the proposed Fiscal Year 2017/18 Budget.**

- Staff report

Finance Director Michael Showers presented the 2017-18 Budget to Council advising them that he would like to request Council approve the budget as presented with an amendment to move \$15,000 from the CIP Fund: Gym Roof line to the Library Fund: Land Improvements line, funded with an increase to the Operating Transfers Out line from the General Fund from reserves as approved previously in the FY 17 Budget. Mr. Showers stated the funds were previously approved by Council but the projects had not been completed.

- Public hearing open for comments

Mayor German declared the public hearing open at 6:08 p.m. No Public Comments were received.

- Public hearing closed

Mayor German declared the public hearing closed at 6:08 p.m.

**5. Discussion, consideration and possible approval of the Town of Camp Verde FY18 Final Budget.** Staff Resource: Mike Showers

On a motion by Councilor Jackie Baker, seconded by Councilor Brad Gordon, Council unanimously approved the Camp Verde FY18 Final Budget with amendment to move \$15,000 from the CIP Fund: Gym Roof line to the Library Fund: Land Improvements line, funded with an increase to the Operating Transfers Out line from the General Fund from reserves as approved previously in FY 17.

**6. Adjournment**

Without objection, the Mayor adjourned the Special Session meeting at 6:10 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Charles German, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Virginia Jones, Deputy 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 Special Session Public Hearing of Budget by the 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judy Morgan, Town Clerk

**DRAFT 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 9<sup>th</sup> to August 11<sup>th</sup> 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 110-acre community park off State Route 260. 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Shilling, Recording Secretary

DRAFT

July 5, 2017

Dear Mayor:

It is my privilege to appoint you to the 2017 Resolutions Committee of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns. Christian Price, Mayor of Maricopa and a member of the League's Executive Committee, has agreed to serve as Chairman.

The Committee is responsible for recommending items for inclusion in the League's legislative program based upon a review of the Resolutions submitted by Arizona's cities and towns or by League staff. The adopted Resolutions are outlined in the annual Municipal Policy Statement which serves as the principal guide for the League's legislative program for the upcoming session.

The Chairs of the five League Policy Committees will present the Resolutions discussed in their respective committees to the Resolutions Committee at the Annual Conference. League staff will present Staff Resolutions.

Included in this packet you will find the:

- Resolutions Committee Calendar
- Resolutions Committee Procedures
- Policy Committee Reports and Resolutions
- Proposed League Staff Resolutions

The Resolutions Committee will meet on **Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.** as the first item of business at the League Annual Conference at the El Conquistador Resort in Oro Valley. Lunch will be provided before the meeting. The actions of the full Resolutions Committee will be formally adopted at the League's Annual Business Meeting on **Thursday August 24, 2017** at 4:00 p.m.

**Please officially accept your appointment or designate a council representative to serve your city/town on the 2017 Resolutions Committee, by clicking here [www.surveymonkey.com/r/ResCom\\_RSVP](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ResCom_RSVP).**

We look forward to having all 91 cities and towns participate on the Resolutions Committee. If you have any questions or comments regarding the Resolutions Committee, your appointment or the resolution submittal process, please do not hesitate to contact the League office.

Sincerely,



Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler  
League President

Enclosures

cc (via email): Managers, Clerks without Managers, Intergovs,

## **2017 Resolutions Committee Calendar**

- April:** Mayor Price appointed as 2017 Resolutions Chairman.
- April-June:** Policy Committees meet.
- July 5:** League to send out resolutions packets to membership.
- August 22:** Resolutions Committee meeting at the Annual Conference in Oro Valley.
- August 24:** Resolutions ratified at the Annual Business Meeting.

## **League of Arizona Cities and Towns Resolutions Committee Procedures**

1. Resolutions Committee Appointment  
The President shall appoint the Chairman and members of the Resolutions Committee. Only one elected official from each city or town shall be appointed to the Committee.
2. Duties  
The Resolutions Committee shall adopt statements of policy amending the annual Municipal Policy Statement, special resolutions and such other resolutions of courtesy, commendation or appreciation as the Committee deems appropriate.
3. Submission of Resolutions
  - A. All resolutions submitted by a city or town, including resolutions of courtesy, commendation or appreciation, may be considered by the Committee provided such resolutions are submitted to the Chairman of the Committee or to the League office for consideration by the Policy Committees. The resolutions process allows cities and towns to submit policy ideas to the League at any time during the year without the requirement of a co-sponsoring city or town. If approved by a policy committee, League staff will draft the resolution for presentation to the full Resolutions Committee. Sponsoring cities and towns, or other interested stakeholders may be consulted to provide more information on the idea and also may be invited to speak to the issue at one of the policy committee meetings. Submissions received after June 1 may not be processed in time for the Annual Conference.
  - B. Except in the case of emergency as determined by the chair of the committee, no resolutions submitted by a city or town after the deadline specified in subsection A of this section or that have not been vetted by the Policy Committees may be considered.
  - C. League staff may submit resolutions for consideration by the full Resolutions Committee if there are issues that have not been addressed through the policy committee process.
4. Resolutions Committee Process
  - A. The President shall assign submissions to the relevant Policy Committee. The Policy Committees will review submissions and develop pertinent resolutions for consideration by the Resolutions Committee. Except for the provisions of subsections 3 A and B, only resolutions advanced by the Policy Committees shall be discussed at the Annual Conference Resolutions Committee.
  - B. Resolutions shall be amended according to the process established by the Chairman of the Committee.
  - C. The completed resolutions will go to the full Resolutions Committee at the Annual Conference for consideration. The chairs of each policy committee will be responsible for presenting the resolutions and their committee activities to the full Resolutions Committee. Notice shall be given to each member at least four weeks in advance of the meeting.
5. Final Report  
After the Resolutions Committee meeting, the Chairman of the Committee or a designee shall report to the entire league membership at the Annual Business Meeting those resolutions adopted by the Committee. Resolutions adopted by the Committee shall be formally adopted by the membership at the Annual Business Meeting and become the basis for the annual Municipal Policy Statement.

## **Policy Committee Reports**

The following policy committee reports and resolutions are arranged in alphabetical order. The recommended resolutions are categorized by their respective committee initials and numbered according to the order in which they were approved. These are the only items that will be voted on. The other submissions that did not move forward as resolutions will be explained at the Resolutions Committee.

Budget, Finance and Economic Development – BFED

General Administration, Human Resources and Elections – GAHRE

Neighborhoods, Sustainability and Quality of Life – NSQL

Public Safety, Military Affairs and the Courts – PSMAC

Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Works – TIPW

**League of Arizona Cities and Towns Resolutions Summary Chart  
2017 Resolutions**

Number	Resolution	Sponsor	Action	Notes
GAHRE 1	Allow city/town elected officials to transfer campaign contributions to a statewide or legislative office.	Maricopa		
GAHRE 2	Allow cities and towns to appoint, by resolution, a designee of the council to sign special event liquor licenses.	Wickenburg		
GAHRE 3	Require a candidate or entity that intends to receive contributions or make expenditures of \$1000 or less to file a signed exemption statement that states that intention before receiving contributions, making any expenditure, distributing any campaign literature or circulating petitions.	Peoria		
NSQL 1	Pursue modifications to state and federal law to provide more options for local governments to regulate unstructured sober living homes in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of sober home residents and the communities in which they are located.	Phoenix		
TIPW 1	Draft legislation to allow for Street Light Improvement Districts (SLID) and Parkway Maintenance Improvement Districts (MID) that have continuous border to be combined.	Yuma		
TIPW 2	Explore, draft and support legislation for alternative transportation funding for cities and towns to operate and maintain their roads.	Buckeye		

**League of Arizona Cities and Towns Resolutions Summary Chart  
2017 Resolutions**

League Staff 1	Perform extensive research and develop legislation for introduction in the 2018 Legislative Session that addresses the challenges with and discrepancies between local boards of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) and reconvene the Pension Task Force in an effort to make the administrative processes more efficient and ensure determinations for disability are uniform among the more than 230 PSPRS plans.	League		
League Staff 2	Continue the analysis of the impact of various proposed legislative changes to the construction sales tax system to assure that any modifications will create a long-term, sustainable policy that maintains state and municipal revenues, ensures local revenues are received at the location in which the construction activity occurs, provides simplicity for the industry and improves compliance.	League		
League Staff 3	Urge the Governor and Legislature to complete the stabilization and balancing of the State budget by eliminating current reliance on local governments to fund the State's responsibility for day-to-day operations of the Department of Revenue.	League		

## Chair’s Report of the Budget, Finance and Economic Development Policy Committee

Mayor Daryl Seymore, Chair

Resolutions Committee Meeting, League Annual Conference  
Tuesday, August 22, 2017

On **June 8, 2017**, the Budget, Finance and Economic Development Policy Committee (BFED) convened to discuss two policy issues submitted by cities and towns for consideration by the committee. Below is a summary of each of the policy issues considered by BFED:

1. Advocate for state enabling legislation for Property Assessed Clean Energy. – **Flagstaff (Policy Issue 1)**
2. Support efforts to increase tourism in our state. – **Queen Creek (Policy Issue 2)**

Below is a summary of the committee discussion and the recommendations:

The town of Queen Creek submitted **Policy Issue 1**. Councilman Dawn Oliphant, on behalf of Queen Creek, explained the purpose is to support efforts to increase tourism in our state, as it diversifies our economic base, creates jobs and general economic development opportunities, and reduces the tax burden on our residents. In addition, the goal is to bring more visibility to tourism opportunities in areas that have not traditionally been tourist hot spots and look into the state’s efforts on increasing tourism.

The Committee voted to assign the resolution for further study.

The city of Flagstaff presented **Policy Issue 2**. Caleb Blaschke, Assistant to the City Manager, explained the proposal is requesting the League to assist in advocating for enabling legislation that would allow the creation of renewable energy and conservation financing districts.

This legislation has been attempted in the past and has been unsuccessful because of the legislature’s reluctance to create additional special districts. Last year, a coalition consisting of the city of Flagstaff and other groups worked to develop this concept and draft legislation; however, legislation was not offered as the coalition needed more time to develop the concept.

The committee voted to assign this resolution for further study.

The table below summarizes the BFED Committee’s actions:

<b>Policy Issue</b>	<b>Disposition by Committee</b>
1	Assigned for further study
2	Assigned for further study

Daryl Seymore  
Mayor of Show Low  
Chair, Budget, Finance and Economic Development Policy Committee

## Chair's Report of the General Administration, Human Resources and Elections Committee

Mayor Lana Mook, El Mirage

Resolutions Committee Meeting, League Annual Conference

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

On **April 13, 2017 and June 8, 2017**, General Administration, Human Resources and Elections Committee (GAHRE) convened to discuss four policy issues submitted by the cities of Buckeye, Maricopa, and Peoria as well as the town of Wickenburg. Below is a summary of the issue considered by GAHRE:

1. Allow city/town elected officials to transfer campaign contributions to a statewide or legislative office. **Maricopa (Policy Issue 1)**
2. Allow cities and towns to appoint, by resolution, a designee of the council to sign special event liquor licenses. **Wickenburg (Policy Issue 2)**
3. Amend A.R.S. §48-702(C)(8) by 1) making the “two additional members” non-voting members of the CFD governing body; 2) requiring that the “two additional members” be residents of the city where the CFD is located; 3) allowing the governing body of the CFD to remove the additional members by a simple majority vote; and 4) requiring the two additional members to be qualified voters. **Buckeye (Policy Issue 3)**
4. Require a candidate or entity that intends to receive contributions or make expenditures of \$1,000 or less to file a signed exemption statement that states that intention before receiving contributions, making any expenditure, distributing any campaign literature or circulating petitions. **Peoria (Policy Issue 4)**

Below is a summary of the committee discussion and recommendations:

The city of Maricopa submitted **Policy Issue 1**. Mayor Christian Price explained that current state statute, recently amended by the state legislature, allows surplus campaign contributions to be transferred to a campaign for statewide office by any elected official; with the lone exception of city and town elected officials. Excluding mayors and councilmembers from using campaign contributions to seek statewide office is a clear equity issue that really has no justification.

The committee agreed that this is an issue that needs to be rectified by a change to state law and recommended that this policy issue be designated as a proposed resolution to be considered by the Resolutions Committee at the League Annual Conference.

The town of Wickenburg proposed **Policy Issue 2** that would allow cities and towns to appoint, by resolution, a designee of the council to sign special event liquor licenses. It was explained that the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control issued an “Industry Notice” stating that it has been an acceptable practice for the cities and towns to have a designee sign special event Liquor Licenses without having to go directly to the council. This was accomplished by having the council appoint a designee by resolution, and usually that designee is the clerk. After some research by city and town attorneys, they indicated that state law has no provision for a designee to be appointed. The intent of this policy issue is to amend state statute to reflect current practice; an industry standard that is accepted by all parties in the transaction.

The committee discussed the issue, considered it to be very straightforward law and recommended that this policy issue be designated as a proposed resolution to be considered by the Resolutions Committee.

The city of Buckeye proposed **Policy Issue 3**. It proposes a change to the statutes related to the governing body of CFDs. In the 2017 legislative session, two additional seats were added to the governing board of CFDs. These seats are to be filled by nominations from the largest landholder in the CFD and appointed by the governing board. George Diaz, Government Relations Manager for the city of Buckeye, expressed concerns about the appointment of these private sector individuals. These concerns included issues related to their presence in an executive session of the governing board and the ability of the city to insure these members.

Mr. Diaz said that the intention of the policy proposal was to do the following: 1) make the “two additional members” non-voting members of the CFD governing body; 2) require that the “two additional members” be residents of the city where the CFD is located; 3) allow the governing body of the CFD to remove the additional members by a simple majority vote; and 4) require the two additional members to be qualified voters.

Patrice Kraus, Legislative Director for the League, then explained to the group how all the components of the CFD legislation were negotiated. All the issues were measured against the fact that a much more egregious bill made its way to the governor’s office the year before. On the issue of adding the additional private members to the board, she explained that the League felt that the governing board still had a significant majority made up by the council. Also, she felt that some of the issues raised by the city of Buckeye could be handled by adopting an ordinance related to board governance. The ordinance contemplated could include provisions about term limits, removal for cause and the additional members providing their own insurance.

The committee then discussed the issue and arrived at the conclusion that this issue should not move forward as a resolution at this time because it had been negotiated by the League very recently. However, they also directed League staff to assist with the drafting of a board governance ordinance if requested by a city or town and to revisit the issue in a year to see what the experience of cities and towns has been with the addition of the new private members to the governing boards of CFDs.

The city of Peoria proposed **Policy Issue 4**. Rhonda Germinisky, City Clerk for Peoria, explained that a change to the statutes related to campaign finance reporting created a need for discussion of this policy issue. Until very recently, statute required individuals or committees to file a Threshold Exemption Statement if they were not intending to spend more than the statutory cap. Because a large percentage of our candidates in local elections do not spend over the statutory cap, without a threshold exemption statement, city and town clerks have no way to contact candidates or political committees for complaints related to their campaign, such as with political signs. Also, with the statutory cap of \$1000 being increased each year by \$100, fewer and fewer candidates and committees will be doing any campaign finance reporting. The policy proposal is to reinstate the requirement for individuals/committees to file a Threshold Exemption Statement for local elections as well as to keep the threshold to qualify as a committee capped at \$1,000.

The committee discussed the issue and recommended that this policy issue be designated as a proposed resolution to be considered by the Resolutions Committee.

The table below summarizes the TIPW Committee's actions:

<b>Policy Issue</b>	<b>Disposition by Committee</b>
1	Resolution GAHRE 1
2	Resolution GAHRE 2
3	Revisit in 2018
4	Resolution GAHRE 3

Lana Mook  
Mayor of El Mirage  
Chair, General Administration, Human Resources and Elections

**GAHRE#1**

**League of Arizona Cities & Towns Resolution**

*Allow city/town elected officials to transfer campaign contributions to a statewide or legislative office.*

**A. Purpose and Effect of Resolution**

The inability for local officials to transfer contributions to a statewide or legislative office is simply not equal treatment. This change would encourage more local elected officials to run for statewide office.

**B. Relevance to Municipal Policy**

City and town elected officials, because of their experience, should be encouraged to run for statewide or legislative office. It is not reasonable to exclude them from using contributions in this way.

**C. Fiscal Impact to Cities and Towns**

No fiscal impact to cities and towns.

**D. Fiscal Impact to the State**

No fiscal impact to the state.

**E. Contact Information**

**Sponsoring City or Town:** City of Maricopa

**Name:** Dale Wiebusch, Intergovernmental Affairs Director

**Phone:** 602-549-3696 Email: [dale.wiebusch@maricopa-az.gov](mailto:dale.wiebusch@maricopa-az.gov)

**League Staff:** Tom Belshe

**League of Arizona Cities & Towns Resolution**

*Allow cities and towns to appoint, by resolution, a designee of the council to sign special event liquor licenses.*

**A. Purpose and Effect of Resolution**

The Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control issued an “Industry Notice” stating that it has been an acceptable practice for cities and towns to have a designee sign special event liquor licenses without having to go directly to the council. This will allow for timely issuance of the licenses. Because statute does not reflect the actual practice, it is necessary to amend state statute.

**B. Relevance to Municipal Policy**

City and town elected officials and clerks want to be business friendly and working with the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to codify sound practice makes sense.

**C. Fiscal Impact to Cities and Towns**

No fiscal impact to cities and towns.

**D. Fiscal Impact to the State**

No fiscal impact to the state.

**E. Contact Information**

**Sponsoring City or Town:** Town of Wickenburg

**Name:** Amy Brown, Interim Town Clerk

**Phone:** (928) 684-5451 x1517 Email: [abrown@wickenburgaz.org](mailto:abrown@wickenburgaz.org)

**League Staff:** Tom Belshe

League of Arizona Cities & Towns Resolution

*Require a candidate or entity that intends to receive contributions or make expenditures of \$1,000 or less to file a signed exemption statement that states that intention before receiving contributions, making any expenditure, distributing any campaign literature or circulating petitions.*

**A. Purpose and Effect of Resolution**

By reinstating the requirement for individuals and committees to file a Threshold Exemption Statement for local elections as well as keeping the threshold to qualify as a committee capped at \$1,000, cities and towns will be able to comply with state law related to elections.

**B. Relevance to Municipal Policy**

City and town clerks need to have information on candidates and committees in town to be able to deal with complaints and issues with political signs.

**C. Fiscal Impact to Cities and Towns**

No fiscal impact to cities and towns.

**D. Fiscal Impact to the State**

No fiscal impact to the state.

**E. Contact Information**

**Sponsoring City or Town:** City of Peoria

**Name:** Rhonda Geriminsky, City Clerk

**Phone:** (623) 773-7340 Email: [rhonda.geriminsky@peoriaaz.gov](mailto:rhonda.geriminsky@peoriaaz.gov)

**League Staff:** Tom Belshe

## Chair's Report of the Neighborhoods, Sustainability, and Quality of Life Policy Committee

Mayor Linda Kavanagh, Chair

Resolutions Committee Meeting, League Annual Conference  
Tuesday, August 22, 2017

On **June 20, 2017**, the Neighborhoods, Sustainability, and Quality of Life Policy Committee (NSQL) convened to discuss one policy issue submitted by a member community for consideration. Below is a summary of the policy issue considered by NSQL:

1. Pursue modifications to state and federal law to provide more options for local governments to regulate sober living homes in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of sober home residents and the communities in which they are located. **Phoenix (Policy Issue 1)**

Below is a summary of the committee discussion and the recommendations:

The city of Phoenix submitted **Policy Issue 1**. Alex Vidal (League Staff) gave a brief overview of the licensing of group homes and how sober living homes differ from other group homes. The committee then discussed various examples of the negative consequences that unregulated, poorly-run sober living homes, in AZ and other states, have had on the health, safety and welfare of the sober living home and neighborhood residents.

John Wayne Gonzales (Intergovernmental Affairs Liaison), on behalf of the city of Phoenix, described the city's current efforts to update relevant zoning ordinances to address some of the issues related to sober living homes while complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Fair Housing Act (ADA/FHA).

The committee then discussed various approaches that different communities have tried to address this issue. The committee agreed that existing state and local laws should be examined to explore what policy options local governments currently have and that best practices based on that information should be shared. The discussion moved to the Arizona Department of Health Services' (ADHS) lack of authority in this area and what actions have been or could be taken by the state. Staff was instructed to seek further information from ADHS, and other appropriate local and national organizations, about sober living homes and incorporate any relevant findings into the policy proposal.

The committee then turned to the ADA/FHA which requires local zoning laws to treat sober living homes identically to other similarly situated residences. The committee agreed that the ADA/FHA as currently written has become an impediment to local government's ability to address bad actors in the sober living home industry to protect public health, safety, and welfare and that reasonable reform in this area should be pursued.

Staff described the various actions the committee could take with respect to the policy issue. The committee voted unanimously to move the policy issue forward as a resolution for consideration at the League Annual Conference.

The table below summarizes the NSQL Committee's actions:

<b>Policy Issue</b>	<b>Disposition by Committee</b>
1	Resolution NSQL 1

Linda Kavanagh  
Mayor of Fountain Hills  
Chair, Neighborhoods, Sustainability, and Quality of Life Policy Committee

**League of Arizona Cities & Towns Resolution**

*Pursue modifications to state and federal law to provide more options for local governments to regulate unstructured sober living homes in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of sober home residents and the communities in which they are located.*

**A. Purpose and Effect of Resolution**

Sober living homes are meant to provide an alcohol and drug-free living environment for those recovering from alcohol and/or drug addiction. Subsets of these homes, which are “unstructured”, have proliferated in Arizona and other states in recent years with no on-sight supervision and no government regulation or oversight of any kind. Examples of unregulated/unsupervised sober living homes that are poorly administered devolving into dangerous and unhealthy living environments abound. Bad actors in the industry jeopardize the recovery of house residents and have increasingly negative impacts on the surrounding community. Some attempts by local governments to protect the public through local ordinances have been successful but others have been ineffective or resulted in adverse legal action based on federal grounds. This resolution therefore calls for potential modifications to state and federal law to provide more options for local governments to regulate unstructured sober living homes in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of sober home residents and the communities in which they are located.

**B. Relevance to Municipal Policy**

Many sober living homes provide no actual in-house services other than housing, and are therefore not regulated or overseen by any state or federal agency. Communities have turned to local governments and law enforcement for relief from the negative impacts of poorly-run sober living homes. However, under the ADA/FHA, residents of sober living homes are considered disabled and sober living home operators can bring federal discrimination claims on their behalf. This has severely constrained what actions local governments can take to regulate bad actors in the industry that have established themselves in a community.

**C. Fiscal Impact to Cities and Towns**

No fiscal impact to municipalities.

**D. Fiscal Impact to the State**

No fiscal impact to the state.

**E. Contact Information**

**Sponsoring City or Town:** City of Phoenix

**Name:** John Wayne Gonzales, Intergovernmental Affairs Liaison

**Phone:** (602) 256-4257

**Email:** [john.wayne.gonzales@phoenix.gov](mailto:john.wayne.gonzales@phoenix.gov)

**League Staff:** Alex Vidal

**Chair's Report of the Public Safety, Military Affairs and the Courts Policy Committee**

Mayor Jim Weiers, Glendale

Resolutions Committee Meeting, League Annual Conference  
Tuesday, August 22, 2017

The PSMAC Policy Committee did not receive any policy issues to review. Therefore, they did not meet and have no recommended resolutions for the Resolutions Committee to consider.

## Chair's Report of the Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Works Policy Committee

Mayor Bob Rivera, Thatcher

Resolutions Committee Meeting, League Annual Conference  
Tuesday, August 22, 2017

On **April 28, 2017**, the Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Works Committee (TIPW) convened to discuss two policy issues submitted by the cities of Yuma and Sedona. Below is a summary of the issue considered by TIPW:

1. Discuss transportation funding recommendations. **Yuma (Policy Issue 1)**
2. Amend statute to permit cities/towns to restrict operation of off-highway vehicles on streets under their exclusive authority. **Sedona (Policy Issue 2)**

Below is a summary of the committee discussion and recommendations:

The city of Yuma submitted **Policy Issue 1**. Dan White, Assistant City Attorney, explained the intent is to review alternative methods to increase transportation funding for street and road maintenance that do not include increasing the gas tax. Among the ideas proposed include 1) increasing the vehicle registration fee from \$8 to \$16; 2) require driver license renewals every three years and dedicate the fees to highway infrastructure; and 3) require annual registration renewal, rather than permanent registration, for boat and utility trailers. Mr. White stated that increasing transportation funding should not be limited to these proposed ideas and other methods could be explored and supported as well.

The committee discussed and requested the policy issue be continued to the next scheduled TIPW meeting in order to revise the wording of the resolution to allow League staff flexibility to draft or support legislation that is consistent with the goal of the committee.

Robert Pickels, City Attorney, and Councilor Scott Jablow on behalf of the city of Sedona proposed **Policy Issue 2**. It would allow cities and towns to restrict operation of off-highway vehicles (OHV) on streets that are under their exclusive authority.

Mr. Pickels and Councilor Jablow explained OHVs travel on city streets to access popular U.S. Forest Service trail heads, which are located within residential neighborhoods. OHVs in these areas are frequently operated at high rates of speed, generate high decibel level noise and cause significant disturbance to residents who live near the trail heads.

The committee discussed the issue and offered suggestions in-lieu of a change to state statute. After discussion, the committee voted to assign the resolution for further study to allow Sedona to work with ADOT on a possible administrative action.

On **June 16, 2017**, the TIPW committee convened to discuss one policy issue submitted by the city of Buckeye and to review and vote on a revised policy issue submitted by the city of Yuma. Below is a summary of the issue considered by TIPW:

1. Explore, draft or support legislation for alternative transportation funding, such as increasing registration fees and the frequency of driver's license and trailer registration renewals, for cities and

towns to operate and maintain their roads. **Yuma (Policy Issue 1)**

2. Draft legislation to allow for Street Light Improvement Districts (SLID) and Parkway Maintenance Improvement Districts (MID) that have continuous borders to be combined. **Buckeye (Policy Issue 3)**

Below is a summary of the committee discussion and recommendations:

The city of Yuma revised and resubmitted **Policy Issue 1** on request of the TIPW committee. At the meeting, League staff explained the intent and the goal is to allow for more flexibility to support legislation that will increase transportation funding. After discussion, the committee voted to assign this proposal as a resolution to be considered by the Resolutions Committee.

The city of Buckeye submitted **Policy Issue 3** regarding proposed legislation that would allow cities and towns to consolidate SLIDs and MIDs that have continuous borders.

George Diaz, Government Relations Manager for the city of Buckeye, explained there can be several SLID/MIDs in a particular area that have continuous borders, which creates inefficiencies for cities and towns as these are managed by individual improvement districts. Mr. Diaz went on to explain the concept would allow for the even distribution of property tax payments for property owners in the consolidated SLIDs/MIDs and allow for the addition of new territory to the consolidated district, which will provide developers flexibility when developing projects in phases and remove the requirement to form a new SLID/MID for each phase constructed.

The table below summarizes the TIPW Committee's actions:

<b>Policy Issue</b>	<b>Disposition by Committee</b>
1	Resolution TIPW 2
2	Assigned for further study
3	Resolution TIPW 1

Bob Rivera  
Mayor of Thatcher  
Chair, Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Works Policy Committee

**League of Arizona Cities & Towns Resolution**

*Draft legislation to allow for Street Light Improvement Districts (SLID) and Parkway Maintenance Improvement Districts (MID) that have continuous borders to be combined.*

**A. Purpose and Effect of Resolution**

Many cities and towns have ordinances that allow for SLIDs to help defray the cost of power for streetlights within neighborhoods and for MIDs that protect the city or town from the unlikely event that a homeowners' association (HOA) may fail. MIDs provide a revenue source in the form of property taxes to defray the costs of maintaining the landscaping in the rights of way of an HOA that has failed.

It is very common for several SLID/MIDs with contiguous borders to have been formed in a particular area. Very often, one SLID will have a property tax assessment higher than another area. There are a variety of reasons for this, including:

- a) The number of and type of lights in one district is different than another; or
- b) The number of collector streets is higher in one district than another.

This creates a perceived disparity in property tax burden. Also, managing multiple districts in one area or HOA is insufficient for the municipality and the county assessor.

**B. Relevance to Municipal Policy**

The benefits of consolidating SLIDs and MIDs are a much more evenly distributed ad valorem tax for the payment of SLIDs (and MIDs if enacted due to HOA failure) and increased efficiency for the municipality and county assessor in the administration of these districts.

**C. Fiscal Impact to Cities and Towns**

Cities and towns may realize cost savings associated with managing consolidated SLIDs and MIDs rather than managing multiple in a particular area.

**D. Fiscal Impact to the State**

No fiscal impact to the state.

**E. Contact Information**

**Sponsoring City or Town:** City of Buckeye  
**Name:** George Diaz, Government Relations Manager  
**Phone:** (623) 349-6996 Email: [gdiaz@buckeyeaz.gov](mailto:gdiaz@buckeyeaz.gov)  
**League Staff:** Tom Savage

**League of Arizona Cities & Towns Resolution**

*Explore, draft and support legislation for alternative transportation funding for cities and towns to operate and maintain their roads.*

**A. Purpose and Effect of Resolution**

State HURF money is intended to fund the repair of streets and highways throughout the counties and municipalities as well as maintenance and construction, with the revenue coming from a gasoline tax and other transportation-related fees. A gasoline tax puts the burden of funding highway infrastructure only on those vehicles using gasoline or diesel fuels while hybrid, electric and towed vehicles pay little or nothing.

If Arizona is going to compete for new businesses and manufacturers, it is imperative that we improve our highway infrastructure. New revenue streams for funding highways, including but not limited to increasing registration fees and the frequency of driver's license and trailer registration renewals, would distribute the expense more fairly over all of the highway users.

**B. Relevance to Municipal Policy**

Cities and towns rely on HURF monies to construct, repair and maintain street and highway infrastructure. With projected declines in HURF revenues associated with increased fuel-efficiency of passenger vehicles and the uncertain future of continued legislative sweeps of HURF monies to fund the Department of Public Safety, cities and towns should explore and support alternative funding options for road construction and maintenance and the DPS that is distributed equally among all highway users.

**C. Fiscal Impact to Cities and Towns**

Cities and towns will receive increased revenue for road construction and maintenance.

**D. Fiscal Impact to the State**

The state will receive increased revenue for road construction and maintenance.

**E. Contact Information**

**Sponsoring City or Town:** City of Yuma

**Name:** Dan White, Assistant City Attorney

**Phone:** (928) 373-5050 Email: [Daniel.White@yumaaz.gov](mailto:Daniel.White@yumaaz.gov)

**League Staff:** Tom Savage

## Report from the League Executive Director on Staff-Developed Resolutions

Ken Strobeck, Executive Director

Resolutions Committee Meeting, League Annual Conference  
Tuesday, August 22, 2017

After the completion of the Policy Committee meetings, League staff met to determine whether there were policy issues that had not been proposed through the Policy Committee process. The following are proposed resolutions staff believes should be considered by the Resolutions Committee at the Annual Conference.

1. Perform extensive research and develop legislation for introduction in the 2018 Legislative Session that addresses the challenges with and discrepancies between local boards of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) and reconvene the Pension Task Force in an effort to make the administrative processes more efficient and ensure determinations for disability are uniform among the more than 230 PSPRS plans. – **League Staff (Policy Issue 1)**
2. Continue the analysis of the impact of various proposed legislative changes to the construction sales tax system to assure that any modifications will create a long-term, sustainable policy that maintains state and municipal revenues, ensures local revenues are received at the location in which the construction activity occurs, provides simplicity for the industry and improves compliance. – **League Staff (Policy Issue 2)**
3. Urge the Governor and Legislature to complete the stabilization and balancing of the State budget by eliminating current reliance on local governments to fund the State's responsibility for day-today operations of the Department of Revenue. – **League Staff (Policy Issue 3)**

## League Staff #1

### League of Arizona Cities & Towns Resolution

*Perform extensive research and develop legislation for introduction in the 2018 Legislative Session that addresses the challenges with and discrepancies between local boards of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) and reconvene the Pension Task Force in an effort to make the administrative processes more efficient and ensure determinations for disability are uniform among the more than 230 PSPRS plans.*

#### A. Purpose and Effect of Resolution

Laws 2016, Chapter 2 (SB1428) and the voter-approved Proposition 124 enacted changes to PSPRS by removing Permanent Benefit Increases in exchange for a more predictable Cost of Living Adjustment, established a new Tier 3 where members hired after July 1, 2017 would be subject to a 50/50 split of required contributions, and created a defined contribution plan for employees not eligible for Social Security. Additionally, Section 18 required the PSPRS Board to receive recommendations from the Advisory Committee on the concepts of risk pooling and local board consolidation and present their findings to the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, and Governor.

Laws 2017, Chapter 235 (SB1063) addressed the concept of risk pooling outlined in the Cortex study by establishing a risk pool arrangement for employer participants with 250 or fewer active members and single employer plans for employer participants with 251 or more active members. It also created a statewide pool for death and disability benefits. However, the legislature failed to address any recommendations regarding the local board structure and consolidation of local disability boards during the 2017 Legislative Session.

The League believes it to be prudent for the legislature to address the idea of consolidating PSPRS local boards from the current total of 233 to something significantly more efficient and uniform with all recommendations substantiated by utilizing data and comparing best practices of similar systems.

#### B. Relevance to Municipal Policy

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-847, the local boards are responsible for:

- Deciding questions of eligibility for membership, service credits, and benefits,
- Determining the amount, manner, and time of payment of any benefits under PSPRS,
- Responding to member appeals, and
- Appointing a medical board

#### C. Fiscal Impact to Cities and Towns

Impact TBD pending accumulation and analysis of data.

#### D. Fiscal Impact to the State

Impact TBD pending accumulation and analysis of data.

#### E. Contact Information

**Sponsoring City or Town:** League of Arizona Cities and Towns

**League Staff:** Nick Ponder

**Phone:** 602-258-5786

**Email:** nponder@azleague.org

League of Arizona Cities & Towns Resolution

*Continue the analysis of the impact of various proposed legislative changes to the construction sales tax system to assure that any modifications will create a long-term, sustainable policy that maintains state and municipal revenues, ensures local revenues are received at the location in which the construction activity occurs, provides simplicity for the industry and improves compliance.*

**A. Purpose and Effect of Resolution**

For years there has been an effort by the construction industry to move from our current construction sales tax system to one that taxes materials only at the point of sale.

The League's Executive Committee directed League staff to form a task force to take a more in depth look at this issue and to develop the data necessary to make informed decisions about any changes to the construction sales tax process. The task force was appointed and met regularly during the interim. The information the task force assembled played a critical role in explaining to members the impact of the legislation that was introduced during the last session.

According to task force's analysis and information developed by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC), if the state taxed only the materials used in construction, it would see significant revenues losses. To offset this loss, last year's legislation proposed imposing a new excise tax on construction activity and a general redistribution of some local TPT revenue. This proposal came late in the process and legislators were reluctant to support it until they had more detailed information.

The task force will be reconvened to continue to analyze the various concepts that were discussed last session to determine their fiscal impact on state and local governments and feasibility of implementation. Additionally, it will explore other options for modifying construction sales tax.

**B. Relevance to Municipal Policy**

Both municipalities and the state would lose significant revenues if we moved to taxing only construction materials. Since we were able to demonstrate this fiscal impact through our analyses, new proposals were made in an attempt to mitigate the negative financial impact on the state and on local governments. We need to continue to review these proposals so we can be prepared to provide the data necessary to guide any policy decisions regarding changing our construction sales tax system.

**C. Fiscal Impact to Cities and Towns**

The current tax system is imposed on 65% of the contract value or the selling price of new construction at the city level. A shift to taxing materials only will reduce that percentage to an estimated 30% to 40%, resulting in significant reduction in revenues. Some of this reduction may be offset by the higher revenue sharing rate assigned to the Retail class associated with the purchase of construction materials. However, the amount offset for each community will depend on many factors.

New legislative proposals surfaced last session that attempted to mitigate these losses. The task force will review these proposals and develop information that can be used to evaluate their impact and feasibility.

**D. Fiscal Impact to the State**

State revenues would also be reduced by taxing material only. While a new excise tax was proposed to offset these losses, the concept was not fully vetted and the bill did not advance last year. Further analysis is necessary to determine the effect of this proposal.

**E. Contact Information**

**Sponsoring City or Town:** League of Arizona Cities and Towns

**League Staff:** Patrice Kraus

**Phone:** 602-258-5786

**Email:** pkraus@azleague.org

## League Staff #3

### League of Arizona Cities & Towns Resolution

*Urge the Governor and Legislature to complete the stabilization and balancing of the state budget by eliminating current reliance on local governments to fund the state's responsibility for day-to-day operations of the Department of Revenue.*

#### A. Purpose and Effect of Resolution

As part of the Governor's objective to create a structurally balanced budget in 2015, local governments were called upon to provide funding that covered almost half of the Department of Revenue's ongoing operations. This contribution was intended to be a temporary measure to assist in closing the projected structural deficit in the shortest possible time. In exchange, cities and towns requested additional reports on specific performance measures as a means for cities to provide assistance in the revitalization and improvement of Department functionality.

Since then, the Governor and legislature have successfully put Arizona's finances back on stable footing with balanced budgets and the opportunity for tax cuts in each of the past three fiscal years. It is now time for Arizona to take the next step toward permanent financial solvency and independence by removing this reliance on local governments to fund a critical state agency.

Cities and towns should call on the legislature to repeal A.R.S. 42-5041, Partial assessment of costs to local governments, councils and authorities, eliminating the annual capture of \$20,755,835 from local governments to fund the ordinary operations of a state agency.

#### B. Relevance to Municipal Policy

Municipalities are required to operate with balanced budgets that fully provide for all of the services and functions provided by the city or town. A policy of diverting locally imposed tax revenues to pay for the ordinary operations of a State agency results in less money available locally to provide the services citizens expect. Ultimately, this policy leads to either a reduction in services or an increase in local taxes to maintain service levels.

#### C. Fiscal Impact to Cities and Towns

Each year, cities and towns, counties, the Maricopa Association of Governments, and the Pima Association of Governments contribute \$20,755,835 to the ongoing operations of the Arizona Department of Revenue. Proportionate shares are allocated to each level of government. For FY 2017-2018, the 91 cities and towns will shoulder \$11,126,518 of the total burden imposed on local governments. Repeal of this statute will immediately return these critical funds to the localities that imposed these taxes to fund local services.

#### D. Fiscal Impact to the State

Elimination of this statute will require a reallocation of \$20,755,835 in state revenues to restore full responsibility for funding the operations of this state agency.

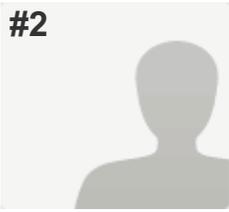
#### E. Contact Information

**Sponsoring City or Town:** League of Arizona Cities and Towns

**League Staff:** Patrice Kraus

**Phone:** 602-258-5786 **Email:** [pkraus@azleague.org](mailto:pkraus@azleague.org)

#2



**COMPLETE**

**Collector:** Web Link 3 (Web Link)  
**Started:** Saturday, May 20, 2017 10:45:43 AM  
**Last Modified:** Saturday, May 20, 2017 10:46:22 AM  
**Time Spent:** 00:00:39  
**IP Address:** 67.132.117.228

PAGE 1

**Q1: Candidate Information**

Name	Brian Carmichael
Title	Risk Manager
Member/Municipality	City of Surprise

**Q2: Please provide a one paragraph biographical sketch of the candidate that you are submitting for nomination.**

Brian Carmichael offers a unique and beneficial professional background, as an incumbent candidate for the AMRRP Board of Trustees. Brian began his career in law enforcement and quickly advanced to the rank of Police Sergeant, where he managed numerous specialty assignments. After serving over a decade in law enforcement, he entered the risk management profession in the private sector with Southwest Gas Corporation. Brian was responsible for all Southern Arizona Division claims involving: general liability, worker's compensation, environmental, as well as managing workplace security and safety programs. Brian gained valuable experience by managing and resolving a variety of diverse claims with demands up to \$65 million, while serving in this role.

Brian returned to the public sector as the Risk Manager, with the City of Surprise in May 2015 and has quickly effected change resulting monetary savings, as well as improving both safety culture and increasing employee awareness and proactivity related to potential exposures. Brian also played an integral role in the implementation of nurse triage services for all members of the pool, by working closely with AMRRP senior leadership.

Brian holds a Master of Business Administration degree and has served on numerous internal and external boards. Most recently, Brian served as a board member with the Arizona International Association of Arson Investigators and the Western Energy Institute Safety Board. Brian offers over 10 years of combined public/private sector professional risk management experience to the board.

#3



**COMPLETE**

**Collector:** Web Link 3 (Web Link)  
**Started:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 11:48:51 AM  
**Last Modified:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 11:49:44 AM  
**Time Spent:** 00:00:53  
**IP Address:** 24.121.67.130

PAGE 1

**Q1: Candidate Information**

Name	Robert Pickels
Title	City Attorney
Member/Municipality	City of Sedona

**Q2: Please provide a one paragraph biographical sketch of the candidate that you are submitting for nomination.**

Robert Pickels was admitted to practice by the California State Bar in 1995. In 2002, he left private practice to join the Civil Division of Yuma County Attorney's Office where he served as Chief Civil Deputy until 2007. Robert was appointed as County Administrator by the Yuma County Board of Supervisors in May of 2007 and served in that capacity until July, 2015. As County Administrator, he was a de facto member of the Arizona Counties Insurance Pool Board of Trustees. He is a former Chairman of the Yuma County Intergovernmental Transportation Authority, Secretary/Treasurer of the Greater Yuma Port Authority and Board member of the Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation. A 2015 recipient of the Gabe Zimmerman Leadership Award, he currently serves as City Attorney for the City of Sedona, Arizona.

#1



**COMPLETE**

**Collector:** Web Link 3 (Web Link)  
**Started:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 7:01:48 PM  
**Last Modified:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 7:10:30 PM  
**Time Spent:** 00:08:42  
**IP Address:** 71.223.238.235

---

PAGE 1

---

**Q1: Candidate Information**

Name	Gilbert Lopez
Title	Director of Development Services
Member/Municipality	City of Coolidge

---

**Q2: Please provide a one paragraph biographical sketch of the candidate that you are submitting for nomination.**

Gilbert served on the Coolidge City Council from 1998 - 2016 (18 years) and resigned to take the Directors position, He also served on the League of Cities.

Mr. Lopez has lived in Coolidge all but 6 years of his life.

Gilbert retired from the City of Glendale and now is serving as the Director of Development Services for the City of Coolidge.

---

#4



**COMPLETE**

**Collector:** Web Link 3 (Web Link)

**Started:** Monday, June 05, 2017 11:47:49 AM

**Last Modified:** Monday, June 05, 2017 2:30:07 PM

**Time Spent:** 02:42:18

**IP Address:** 206.128.64.226

PAGE 1

**Q1: Candidate Information**

Name	Terry Hinton
Title	Town Manager
Member/Municipality	Town of Thatcher

**Q2: Please provide a one paragraph biographical sketch of the candidate that you are submitting for nomination.**

I have been in local government for over 36 years. I have been an elected official as well as a Manager. I have a extensive knowledge of the budget process and my towns have always been financially sound. I have served on the finance committee for several years and am well aware of the challenges facing the pool. I would like the opportunity to serve this in this additional capacity. I feel I can bring a wealth of knowledge to the committee.

#5



**COMPLETE**

*Answers Entered Manually*

**Collector:** Web Link - Manual Entry 1 (Web Link)

**Started:** Monday, June 19, 2017 2:58:42 PM

**Last Modified:** Monday, June 19, 2017 2:59:09 PM

**Time Spent:** 00:00:26

**IP Address:** 12.233.176.9

PAGE 1

**Q1: Candidate Information**

Name	Bruce Gardner
Title	Assistant Town Manager
Member/Municipality	Town of Queen Creek

**Q2: Please provide a one paragraph biographical sketch of the candidate that you are submitting for nomination.**

Bruce Gardner has worked for the Town of Queen Creek, AZ since 2007, originally hired as the Town's Human Resources Director. In June 2015, Bruce was promoted to Assistant Town Manager where he still manages the Human Resources, Information Technology, and Risk Management Divisions and is assigned a leadership role over the Economic Development, Development Services, and Fire Departments. Bruce is a Senior Certified Professional by the International Public Management Association for Human Resources (IPMA-HR) and has served IPMA-HR in several capacities, including most recently as Western Region President in 2015. Bruce also currently serves on the Town's Employee Benefit Trust Board through Valley Schools. Bruce received his Bachelors in Business Management and a Masters in Public Administration from Arizona State University.



Paul Dembow

[pdembow@paradisevalleyaz.gov](mailto:pdembow@paradisevalleyaz.gov)

**Short Version (280 words)**

Paul has lived in Paradise Valley since 1991. His personal and professional experience in the cosmetics manufacturing industry spans three decades. As CEO and president of his family-owned business, he oversaw many aspects of the day-to-day operations of the company. After graduating from Arizona State University, Paul started working for the company when it employed eight people. Four years later, under Paul's stewardship, Arizona Natural Resources grew to four hundred employees.

For the past six years, Paul has served as a member of the Town Council, one year as Vice Mayor. He is dedicated to preserving the strong and unique character of Paradise Valley. Some of the major projects that Paul worked on during his tenure include:

- 1) The redevelopment of Mountain Shadows Resort and Cottonwoods, now the Andaz Resort, were completed this spring, and construction has started on the Ritz-Carlton resort which is expected to open in late 2018 or early 2019.
- 2) Construction of a new Municipal Court building was completed in 2014.
- 3) Revisions to the Town's General Plan that was approved by 80% of voters in 2012.
- 4) Numerous infrastructure improvements for added safety and beautification.
- 5) Numerous public safety improvements including state of the art technology such as license plate readers, adding more patrol officers, and construction of a facility to house the new police radio system.
- 6) Implementing new streaming technology of all meetings to add transparency to our Town government.
- 7) Implementing a fire protection fee offset the cost to the Town.

Paul is an avid hiker, watch collector and world traveler. He is actively involved in the lives of his five adult children, has high energy, and is a leader in his community.

7.3  
Agenda Item 7.3.



Town of Camp Verde

**Meeting Date: August 2, 2017**

- Consent Agenda     Decision Agenda     Executive Session Requested  
 Presentation Only     Action/Presentation

**Requesting Department:** Administration

**Staff Resource/Contact Person:** Russ Martin/Carol Brown

**Agenda Title (be exact):** Discussion, consideration and possible direction to staff to accept settlement funds in the amount of \$425,000 and authorization for Mayor Charlie German and if needed Vice Mayor Jessie Murdock to sign the settlement agreement between the Town and Coe and Van Loo (CVL).

**Background:**

This acceptance of payment and executing the settlement agreement is bringing closure to the challenges with the design of the Town's Waste Water Treatment plant expansion.

Please note: CVL's attorney is likely out of the office until Aug. 12.

**List Attached Documents:** none at press time. The attorneys will be consulting with each other on the final document.

**Reviews Completed by:**

**Department Head:**  **Town Attorney Comments:** Town Attorneys have reviewed and approved the staff report.

**Finance Department:** Per Finance Director Mike Showers the funds will be placed in the WWTP budget.

**Fiscal Impact:** This settlement is an unbudgeted amount.

**Recommended Action (Motion):**

1. Move to accept the \$425,000 payment; and
2. Authorize Mayor Charlie German and if needed Vice Mayor Jessie Murdock to sign the settlement agreement between the Town and Coe and Van Loo.

**Instructions to the Clerk:** The check will be mailed to Town of Camp Verde, 395 S. Main Street, Camp Verde, AZ 86322.