MINUTES
SPECIAL SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS · 473 S. Main Street, Room #106
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2014
5:30 P.M.

1. **Call to Order**
Mayor German called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

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

Also Present
Town Manager Russ Martin, Marshal Gardner, Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman BJ Davis, Deputy Clerk Virginia Jones, Administrative Assistant Barbie Bridge, and Recording Secretary Saepyol Choe.

3. **Discussion concerning document not yet subject to disclosure.** On August 18, 2014, the Town Council authorized an independent investigation by outside counsel involving matters directed by the Town Council and certain matters that were the subject of an employee complaint. On November 19, 2014, the Council reviewed a draft of the investigation report. Outside counsel has revised the report and has made a copy available for Council review on a confidential basis. The Council may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to ARS §38-431.03(A)(2) for discussion and consideration of documents exempt from public disclosure. The Executive Session will not include any discussion or consideration of personnel matters as described in ARS §38-431.03(A)(1).

On a motion by George, seconded by Jones, Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session pursuant to ARS §38-431.03(A)(2) for discussion and consideration of documents exempt from public disclosure.

Mayor German called the Executive Session to order at 5:32pm. The Executive Session adjourned at 6:37 p.m. The Special Session resumed at 6:49 p.m.

4. **Action - Council may:**
   a) **Consider whether to make the investigative report public and take possible action related thereto;**
   b) **Discuss possible future agenda items regarding the investigative report, including possible sanctions.**

On a motion by George, seconded by Vice Mayor Baker, Council voted unanimously to release the investigative report to the public.

On a motion by Gordon, seconded by George, Council voted unanimously to direct Staff to prepare an Agenda Item for the December 17, 2014 Regular Session, regarding the investigative report, including possible sanctions.

Mayor German stated that he wants to fix the issues, focus on the attorney's recommendations, and later share Council and Staff's recommendations as well. The administrative policies and procedures of each department need to be clear enough to ensure this never happens again. It is important for both the public and business investors' peace of mind, that Camp Verde show political stability. He hopes this study will show Council and Staff how to take proactive measures.

Vice Mayor Baker noted that very little of her comments were included in the report.

Councilor German stated that she drafted a four-page response to the report, and that she will release it for public record when the item is agendized. She supported the investigation, believing it would be conducted in a fair manner, but that she does not believe that turned out to be the case. She stated that many of the accusations were not true, and that she would soon publically respond.

Council discussed whether to immediately release the investigative report to the public or to wait until the following week, and whether to agendize the investigative report, including possible sanctions. Some stated that Council already had time to review all the details, including written rebuttals, and that additional preparation time should not be necessary.

Mayor German explained that there would be no Call to the Public, and stated that the Council has agreed to immediately release the Lieberman report, staff distributed copies to those in attendance. The Mayor assured citizens that when and if there is a discussion of possible sanctions, that conversation would be done in a public forum.

5. **Adjournment**

On a motion by George, seconded by Jones, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Charles German

Charles German, Mayor

Virginia Jones for Sabra Choe

Saepyol Choe, Recording Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the actions of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde during the Special Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on December 10, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 12th day of January, ~~2014~~ 2015.

Virginia Jones

~~Debbie Barber~~, Town Clerk

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