

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS · 473 S. Main Street, Room #106
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.**

Minutes are a summary of the discussion. They are not verbatim.
Public input is placed after Council discussion to facilitate future research.

1. **Call to Order**
Vice Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**
Vice Mayor Jackie Baker, and Council Members Bruce George, Carol German, Brad Gordon, Jessie Jones, and Robin Whatley were present. Mayor German was absent.

Also Present
Finance Director Mike Showers, Community Development Director Mike Jenkins, Public Works Director Ron Long, Town Manager Russ Martin, Town Clerk Deborah Barber, and Recording Secretary Lynn Riordan.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Vice Mayor Baker led the pledge.

4. **Discussion and consideration of a proposal by the Verde Valley Archaeological Center to lease the Town-owned property located at Oasis Road and SR 260.** Staff Resource: Russ Martin
Russ Martin introduced Ken Zoll. Martin gave a general update on status of a proposal from Verde Valley Archaeological Center. Ken Zoll provided a proposed conceptual drawing to Council members for modification of the property to accommodate the Center needs, parking, buildings, and landscaping. Mr. Zoll advised that an assessment of the current grounds and buildings is needed because the Center is applying for grants from the National Preservation Association. Additionally, the Center is experiencing an increase in membership. Fund raising campaigns will start next week to raise capital for this project in addition to applying for grants. Mr. Zoll is hopeful to break ground on this project in 2016 using a lease-purchase option or agreement with the Town of Camp Verde, and possible with the Prescott National Forest for use of adjacent land. Council members discussed the proposal. Council supported the proposal and believed that this project would be economically beneficial to the Town.

Martin advised that staff would continue to work the Mr. Zoll and the Verde Valley Archaeological Center on this project as proposed.

Public Input

Tony Gioia and Rob Whitt spoke in support of the proposal.

5. **Discussion of and possible direction to staff relative to the Town's current financial status. Discussion may include, but not be limited to revenues, expenses, CIP projects, the Chamber of Commerce request for funding, Rio Verde Plaza, Council tablets, Council voting system, the upcoming budget outlook and process, etc.** Staff Resource: Mike Showers

CIP, Special Revenue and Contingency Fund:

Russ Martin addressed the council regarding proposed budget matters, reduction of spending and prioritizing projects in the upcoming year, primarily the General Fund, Special Revenue and Capital Improvements, requesting direction from the Council on which projects should be cut or postponed to balance this year's budget. Martin reviewed the budget projection report with Council.

Mike Showers advised that the budget shortfall for fiscal year 2013-2014 is anticipated to be approximately \$350K (notwithstanding the contingency fund of \$200K).

After discussion, the following special revenue and capital improvements will be modified to meet budget needs:

- Continue with road/easement abatement only for Community Park Development, with placing the remaining portion of the Community Park Development on hold until next fiscal year (approximate saving \$45,000);
- Continue with Gym Doors;
- Continue with Bashas Drainage;
- Continue with Verde Lake Culverts;
- Continue with Rezzonico Park Improvements;
- Put Finney Flat Sidewalk on hold – unless grant funds are available (approximate cut \$90,000);
- Put Downtown Parking Lot on hold (approximate cut \$47,000) until next fiscal year;
- Delete the Public Works Remodel and revisit during budget sessions.

The Council commended staff on the continued savings in operations and directed staff to continue to try to save money from general fund/operations as recommended by Showers who advised that approximately \$65,000 could be cut from the General Fund. Council agreed to discuss these matters in two months, at which time they would like to know what the actual revenues and expenditures are.

As for the remaining items that were listed in the agenda title, Council agreed to the following:

- Chamber of Commerce request for funding – denied with agreement from Baker, German, Jones, Gordon and Whatley. George supported the \$12,000 request.
- Rio Verde Plaza improvements – denied with no opposition. This matter will be revisited following an assessment and inspection report of the structural soundness of the building.
- Council tablets and voting system – denied with no opposition.

6. **Discussion and possible direction to staff to research the material provided and proceed with the zoning process to enact laws that ensure that marijuana dispensaries, infusion facilities, and growing facilities are located in appropriate areas away from schools, parks, or other areas that might be easily accessed by children.**

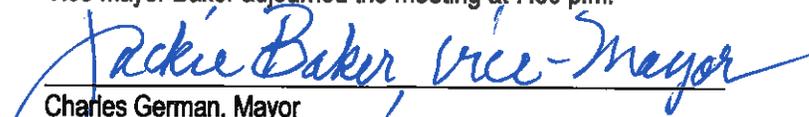
Council Member Gordon proposed a modification to the Town Ordinance with respect to Marijuana dispensaries, infusion facilities and growing facilities within the Town Limits, specifically distances from schools, daycare facilities and churches and additional restrictions.

Council Member George addressed the proposed modifications, noting that State Statutes already provide strict guidelines for licensing of marijuana dispensaries and facilities. He also noted that changes in the current Town Ordinance must be approved through the Planning and Zoning Commission process. There were questions as to statutory time frames.

Council recommended that the Town Attorney review the proposed modifications and increased restrictions. After review, staff was directed to move forward with the P&Z Commission/Council approval process to modify the P&Z Ordinance relative to medical marijuana.

7. **Adjournment**

Vice Mayor Baker adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.



Jackie Baker, Vice-Mayor

Charles German, Mayor



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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the discussion of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde during the Work Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on February 12, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 21 day of February, 2014.



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