MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2011
6:30 P.M.

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1. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**
Mayor Burnside, Vice Mayor Kovacovich, Councilors Buchanan, George, Whatley, Baker and German were present.

Also Present: Town Manager Russ Martin, Town Magistrate Harry Cipriano , Town Clerk Debbie Barber, and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
The Pledge was led by George.

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 – July20,2011
      2) Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters – June 22, 2011
   b) **Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**
      1) August 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. – Retreat
      2) August 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. – Open House – CIP
      3) August 17, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
      4) August 24, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters
   c) **Possible appointment of Ronald C. Ramsey, Esq. as an Assistant Magistrate for Camp Verde Municipal Court for a two-year term, effective August 4, 2011, and setting an hourly rate of $38.00 per hour on an as-needed basis with a three-hour minimum. Anna Young, Esq. Assistant Magistrate has been appointed to the Yavapai County Superior Court and she will be unable to continue as an Assistant Magistrate for the Camp Verde Court.** Staff Resource: Honorable Harry Cipriano

On a motion by Kovacovich, seconded by Baker, the Consent Agenda, Items a) and b), was unanimously approved as presented, with the correction to **a)2)** as noted, and Item **4.c)** pulled.

Whatley requested that Item 4a)2) Minutes of June 22, 2011 be pulled, adding that it was her mistake in reporting that she attended the Water Advisory Committee. It was not that Committee; (with input from the audience) it was the Verde River Basin Partnership.

Baker said she had a question regarding the Minutes of July 20, 2011, Item 9 on Page 3, third paragraph reporting that Burnside read aloud a letter which he realized was not on the agenda; although he believed it did pertain to the Hollamon Street project and he had promised to read it. Baker added that the Mayor has always been very particular about adhering to what can and cannot be said regarding an issue, and wondered if that can be done in the future, or was this a one-time thing. Burnside replied that it was a courtesy for Whatley because she could not attend or voice her whole opinion and join in the discussion; he would extend the same courtesy for any other Council member. Whatley interjected that she believed it pertained to the issue because it involved the CDBG that she was discussing.

Whatley requested that Item 4.c) be pulled for discussion.

4c) Possible appointment of Ronald C. Ramsey, Esq. as an Assistant Magistrate for Camp Verde Municipal Court

for a two-year term, effective August 4, 2011, and setting an hourly rate of $38.00 per hour on an as-needed basis with a three-hour minimum. Anna Young, Esq. Assistant Magistrate, has been appointed to the Yavapai County Superior Court and she will be unable to continue as an Assistant Magistrate for the Camp Verde Court.
On a motion by Baker, seconded by German, the Council **voted 4-3** to approve the appointment of Ronald C. Ramsey as an Assistant Magistrate for the Camp Verde Municipal Court for a two-year term, as requested by our Magistrate, effective August 4, 2011, and setting an hourly rate of $38 per hour on an as-needed basis with a three-hour minimum; **with Whatley, George and Burnside opposed.**

Whatley noted that this same item came up on May 4, 2011, and it was pulled for future consideration; in that packet there was a resume; however, in this packet there is no information other than the name of the proposed appointee

The discussion was opened with input from Judge Cipriano who explained in detail the urgent need for an additional assistant brought on by several factors, including the request that he be immediately replaced as the hearing officer in one case, the increasing unavailability of the one other assistant Magistrate who is basically semi-retired, and the dearth of qualified individuals in the Verde Valley available to serve as associate. Cipriano outlined the qualifications of Judge Ramsey, his confidence in Judge Ramsey, and urged the Council to consider appointing him as Assistant Magistrate. Burnside pointed out that without the information in this packet the two new Council members would have no idea who the candidate is. Burnside suggested that Judge Cipriano recommend that the issue be continued to a future agenda ,so that the necessary information will then be available historically.

Baker was not in favor of postponing the appointment, pointing out that Council candidates receive the same packets as the other members, so the resume would have been available; Ron Ramsey has served the Verde Valley for a number of years; he is now the Magistrate for the Town of Clarkdale; and the attorney for the League of Cities and Towns commented that Ron Ramsey was one of the best municipal law attorneys in the State of Arizona. Other cities and towns have relied on his expertise and he has done a good job for everyone. Baker added that she will not challenge our Magistrate's recommendation and his need; that is not the job of Council to challenge what the Magistrate wants to do for his court. German agreed with what Baker had said, adding that the Council needs to respect the recommendation of our current Magistrate; if the candidate is already a Magistrate, what difference does it make to see a resume. If there is another reason to object to his appointment, then that reason should be heard; the issue should be voted upon now and our court system supported. In response to a suggestion from Buchanan, there was a brief discussion on possibly setting the term for one year instead of two.

George said he understood that Ramsey was the Camp Verde Town Attorney at one time and had left under a cloud of something or other, and that bothers him. Cipriano responded that that was in the past, 20 years ago, Ramsey has proven himself and is widely well respected as an attorney in Yavapai County. Cipriano said he would not be recommending Ramsey if he felt he would bring discredit to the Town. In further discussion, Whatley referred to the Minutes of May 30, 2001,that memorialized a Council vote immediately relieving Ramsey of his duties as Town Attorney and placing him on Administrative Leave; Whatley questioned repeating the same mistake. Cipriano responded that although Judge Ramsey was not present to interject any comment, his understanding is that the Council at that time did not want to take Ramsey's legal advice; as a lawyer, what was being asked of him was unethical, and that is why the conflict arose.

5. **Special Announcements & Presentations**
There were no presentations or announcements

6. **Council Informational Reports.**
Whatley said that she recently attended the Sanitary District meeting at which the discussion involved investment options for their employees. Whatley said the Journal had reported that one year ago Burnside had begun working once again on the Copper Canyon Trailhead, and on Page 1 of this same issue there was an article reporting that the project is now underway. She said the theme for this year's Fort Verde Days is "Honoring Our Military;" the Grand Marshal will be a member of the Camp Verde Cavalry.

German added that everyone might consider volunteering to help with the Fort Verde Days event. German attended the Regional Chamber Mixer a week ago which was very well attended at Blazin' M Ranch.

George said he has been trying to look into the Verde Valley Transportation group, and has so far been unsuccessful.

Buchanan also attended the Chamber Regional Mixer; it was awesome. He had a lot of interaction with Council members from other towns; seems like everyone is getting on the same page. Buchanan has had contacts with Council members from other towns and the Wine Consortium through various Yavapai College functions, and everything is going along very well. He enjoyed the Night Out last night, and hopes he will be advised in advance if the next Chamber meeting is canceled.

Kovacovich commented that the new carpet throughout the building looks much better than it did when he went to school here.

Baker commented that she had been visiting her daughter in Cleveland, Ohio, during the recent heat wave of the century; it is nice to be back in Arizona. She also attended the Regional Chamber Mixer; it was a great event. Baker said she volunteered last week at the Fort; there were visitors from Israel and from eastern parts of the States.

Burnside said initial work has started on Copper Canyon; that should be done by next week and the next step will be waiting on the Forest Service to give a notice to proceed; hopefully, it will be done in a month. Channel 18, as of next Tuesday, will be also serving Cottonwood's Town Council. Burnside has received a letter from Andy Tobin, inviting the Mayors from District 1 to attend a meeting in his office onTuesday, August 16 at 10:30 a.m. Also, the Guardians of the River, women in conjunction with Cottonwood, Camp Verde, Cornville and Jerome, the Pink Heals Tour 2011 Kickoff event. Burnside gave an update on the applications for the grant on the Archaeology Society; out of 96 participants, 36 have been selected, and on August 8 they will decide on the few the money will go to; Burnside said he is delighted that two of them are the Verde Food Council, and the Verde Valley Consortium. He suggested that it would be nice if the Mayor could send a letter of support of those two. Burnside noted that Ace Hardware was giving T-shirts away; in addition to 14% discount on any purchase.

7. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.**
(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)
Howard Parrish advised Whatley that the Camp Verde Cavalry has not been contacted to see if they would accept. He added that his choice for Grand Marshal would be Della Boler. The Cavalry has led the parade since 1958 and does not need the recognition.

There was no further public input.

8. **Presentation by Friends of Legislative District 5 Shirley Dye relative to the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) populating Legislative District 5, followed by discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff to 1) contact the IRC with support for leaving Legislative District 5 intact with the minor addition of the Town of Camp Verde to bring it into full compliance with IRC rules, or 2) contact the IRC with a request to remain with the Verde Valley Communities, or 3) take no action.** Staff Resource: Russ Martin
There was no action taken.

Town Manager Martin explained that Ms. Dye had contacted the Town and would like to make a presentation about why they believe that Camp Verde needs to be included in the District; there is no obligation to take any action at this time, the presentation is intended to present more information about the subject Legislative District that is at the State level.

Shirley Dye said that she has been making the rounds of the public meetings in Prescott, Pinetop and Flagstaff over the last five days in order to get a feel of what people are looking for, and they all seem to want Camp Verde. Ms. Dye gave a comprehensive outline of the specifics of the redistricting process currently underway, explaining why the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission seeks to maintain the existing configuration of Legislative District 5, but with the

inclusion of Camp Verde; Ms. Dye had also provided copies of the current Arizona Legislative Districts Map and the Friends written proposal and Map for discussion. Camp Verde joining Legislative District 5 would keep the District a compact, contiguous and competitive one, which is what the Redistricting Committees are always looking for. Ms. Dye advised the Council that there will be a Town Hall meeting in Payson with Dr. Paul Gosar next Thursday night at 6:00 p.m., .on Highway 260, at Tiny's Family Restaurant, and invited all to attend.

Following discussion with Ms. Dye regarding the details and statistics she had outlined, including the question of timing for making a decision, it was confirmed that everything is scheduled to be finished up some time in October, and there will be time to further study the issue of joining District 5 as well as to look into what District 1 has to offer.

9. **Discussion, consideration, and possible extension of the Vice Mayor's term until the first meeting in June 2013.**
Staff Resource: Debbie Barber
On a motion by Baker, seconded by George, the Council **voted 6-1** to extend Bob Kovacovich's Vice Mayor term one additional year in order to comply with our current Town Code; **with Buchanan opposed.**

Town Clerk Barber explained that the vote for Vice Mayor was done at the first meeting in June; at that time the Code provided for a one-year term. The Town Code has since been amended, and the Council could choose to extend the term to June 2013. If no action is taken, the term would end in June of 2012.

At the June 2011 meeting, the Council had discussed setting the term of the Vice Mayor to coincide with the term of the Mayor; however, the changes to the Town Code had not yet taken effect and the vote was restricted to a term of one year. After discussion, including possibly contacting the Town Attorney for further clarification, the Council determined that the better option would be to take action at this meeting to extend the term of the Vice Mayor for one year, to June 2013, after which the two-year term now provided by the Town Code would coincide with the term of Mayor.

Councilor George requested the following item:

10. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to placing signs, such as Bike Path, Share the Road, and Tour Bus Parking to encourage safe bicycling and pedestrian traffic throughout the Town.**
On a motion by George, seconded by Baker, the Council unanimously directed staff to place bike path signs, tour bus parking signs, and "Share-the-Road" signs, and other possible signs that encourages pedestrian/bicycle traffic in areas that Council finds appropriate.

Following the motion made, Martin summarized his understanding that staff needs to perhaps consider additional bike path lanes, or signage on the ones that do exist, to be more clear and the color perhaps changed to a lime green; beyond that no bike path issues will be addressed until other safe and acceptable locations are brought to the attention of staff; the "Share-the-Road" signs, where possible and within cost, begin a process of placing the signs throughout the community where more frequent activity would occur, in conjunction with other signs already in place that refer to sharing the road; the issue of the legality of sharing the road with others will be checked into and brought back to Council. The cost will be relative to what Public Works Director Long and his budget will allow. Martin recommended that the Tour Bus Parking signage placement that was suggested be delayed to the next Council meeting, prior to which time staff will research the issue of possibly restricting parking for others in that location; that will also be brought back to Council.

Councilor George said he had been working on this issue when he served on the Parks & Recreation Commission, that Cottonwood and Sedona are known to be bicycle-friendly, and he would like to see Camp Verde also become bicycle-friendly. He suggested the entrances for the downtown area as areas for placement of three share-the-road signs, and then some bicycle path signs in town, and a possible area for a tour bus parking sign, and projected slides illustrating the proposed signs.

The Council discussed the proposed signage, including suggestions for their placement, possibly creating new bicycle paths, possible areas that would accommodate tour bus parking, and the issue of the cost involved. As for the share-the-road concept, it was suggested that not only motorized vehicles and bicycles use the road, there are also horses, quads and pedestrians to consider, so any sign should indicate those as well. After further discussion, action was taken on the

issue, with the Town Manager summarizing his understanding of the Council's decision.

11. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.**
(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)
Shirley Brinkman, in connection with the discussion on tour buses, wanted to mention that a bus load of young people from Finland, a total of 48 people that came to see the old Jail and the Museum; they were thrilled to get their pictures taken at the Jail.

George Young reported that there is an FM radio station in Northern Arizona; one of their ads features the Cliff Castle Casino and Hotel and it is described as "just south of Sedona." Somewhere along the line, Camp Verde missed out.

There was no further public input.

12. **Manager/Staff Report**
There was no Manager/Staff report.

13. **Adjournment**
On a motion by Baker, seconded by Kovacovich,, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Bob Burnside, Mayor

Margaret Harper, 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 Regular Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on the 3rd day of August 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 22 day of August, 2011.

Debbie Barber, Town Clerk