



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes City Council Meeting

Meeting location:

City Council Chambers
at City Hall
300 E. Superstition Blvd
Apache Junction, AZ
85119

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Tuesday, July 18, 2023

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wilson called the city council meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Heck gave the invocation and Vice Mayor Schroeder led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Wilson
Vice Mayor Schroeder
Councilmember Nesser
Councilmember Heck
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Cross
Councilmember Soller

Staff in Attendance:

Bryant Powell, City Manager
Joel Stern, City Attorney
Jennifer Pena, City Clerk
Evie McKinney, Deputy City Clerk
Al Bravo, Public Information Officer
Liz Langenbach, Parks & Recreation Director
Patrick Ainsworth, Economic Development Director
Ted Wolf, Public Works Director

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Schroeder moved, seconded by Councilmember Nesser to approve the Consent Agenda.

Yes: 7 - Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Schroeder, Councilmember Nesser, Councilmember Heck, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Cross and Councilmember Soller

No: 0

1. [23-378](#) Consideration of acceptance of agenda.

2. [23-392](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of the special meeting of June 19, 2023.
3. [23-379](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of the regular meeting of June 20, 2023.
4. [23-361](#) Consideration of approval, retroactive to July 1, 2023, of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Health and Human Services funding contracts between the City of Apache Junction and the Apache Junction Community Development Corporation in the amount of \$5,010.00, the Boys and Girls Club in the amount of \$5,674.00, Genesis Project in the amount of \$20,000.00, Horizon Health & Wellness in the amount of \$7,060.00, Otherside Ministries in the amount \$7,256.00, and Superstition Community Food Bank in the amount of \$35,000.00. This item was presented for discussion at the May 15 Council Work Session.
5. [23-370](#) Consideration of approval of Superstition Vistas, Phase 1A - Parcel 19.2 - Lots 38 through 44 (SV-22-2).
6. [23-371](#) Consideration of approval of Map of Dedication for Warner Avenue Phase 5 (SV-22-54-BI).
7. [23-372](#) Consideration of approval of Map of Dedication for Davis Drive (SV-23-4-BI).
8. [23-377](#) Consideration of approval of Resolution No. 23-17, authorizing the City of Apache Junction to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Gila County, Arizona, for Community Development Block Grants Regional Account allocation. This item was presented for discussion at the July 17 Council Work Session.
9. [23-391](#) Consideration of approval of Resolution Nos. 23-20 and 23-21 approving the submittal of applications from the City of Apache Junction and Superstition Fire & Medical District to the Gila River Indian Community State Shared Revenue Program for Proposition 202 Funds for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. This item was presented for discussion at the July 17 Council Work Session.
10. [23-360](#) Consideration of approval, retroactive to July 1, 2023, of the Economic Development Agreement with the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) for economic development services for the term of one year (FY23/24) and in the amount of \$24,486.00, and appointment of Councilmember Peter Heck as the City of Apache Junction representative to the GPEC Board of Directors. This item was presented for discussion at the June 5 Council Work Session.

E. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

11. [23-385](#) Presentation of proclamation declaring the month of July, "Parks and Recreation Month."

Mayor Wilson read and presented the proclamation to Parks and Recreation staff.

F. REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL UPDATES

12. [23-380](#) Brief summary of intergovernmental updates from mayor and councilmembers.

- * Attendance at an active shooter training held at Cactus Canyon Junior High School
- * Mesa Parks and Recreation brought a great number of kids to the Superstition Mountain Museum for Western Day
- * Attendance at the rededication of the Apache Junction Animal Control
- * August 16, 2023, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Apache Junction Multigenerational Center, ADOT will be hosting a meeting to seek public input on the reopening of State Route 88

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

13. [23-381](#) City Manager's Report.

City Manager Bryant Powell reported:

- * Recognition to Apache Junction Parks and Recreation for the professionalism and outstanding leadership over the past several years
- * A very successful Job Fair hosted by the City of Apache Junction staff and community organizations
- * Mayor Wilson has been selected as the Chair for the Phoenix Mesa Gateway Airport Authority
- * City Clerk Jennifer Pena has attained the position of President for Arizona Municipal Clerk's Association

14. [23-373](#) Presentation and discussion on the Public Works' Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Capital Improvement and Street Maintenance Plan. City staff will present information regarding the status of the city's streets and upcoming capital improvement and street maintenance projects for the new fiscal year.

Public Works Director Ted Wolff and Public Works Manager Shane Kiesow presented the various street maintenance projects slated for the upcoming year. Photos of previous completed projects were shared, as well as a map that includes the projects for FY 23-24. Mr. Kiesow explained the process involved in rating the streets to determine which are most important to address for maintenance and/or complete reconstruction.

15. [23-382](#) Announcement of Current Events.

Public Information Officer Al Bravo shared the following updates:

- * Apache Junction Animal Control had a ribbon cutting ceremony for the renovated facility. A reminder was shared that there is always a great selection of pets for adoption at the facility.
- * Recognized all who were involved in putting on a great 4th of July celebration at

Superstition Shadows Park. It was a huge successful event, once again.

* Books and Brews is held on the third Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Handlebar located on Apache Trail

* Encouragement was given to visit the City's homepage to see all details of upcoming events and programs at www.apachejunctionaz.gov

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

I. OLD BUSINESS

J. NEW BUSINESS

16. [23-374](#) Presentation and discussion on the procurement of new and replacement fleet vehicles outfitted with lighting and equipment in the amount of \$2,819,084.00, budgeted for the current fiscal year utilizing the cooperative contracts with the State of Arizona Contract Numbers CTR041810 and CTR059323 and the City of Tempe cooperative contract number T21-003-02.

Public Works Director Ted Wolff summarized his council memo which covered the following:

The public works department budgeted \$2,230,084 for three replacement detective vehicles, 4 additional detective vehicles, two replacement vehicles in the evidence division, three replacements in the patrol division, two additional police motorcycles, seven additional patrol vehicles, one replacement prisoner transport van and seven replacement parks and recreation vehicles. The purchase of these vehicles includes lighting and all equipment using general funds in the city's Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget approved by the city council in June.

Police Department Detectives

- 1- 2023 Ford Explorer to replace unit 20-366 with 102,992 miles in fair condition.
- 1- 2022 Ford F-150 Super Crew Cab to replace unit 20-377 with 111,858 miles in fair condition.
- 1- 2023 Ford Explorer to replace unit 20-378 with 119,320 miles in fair condition.

New Additions:

- 2- 2023 Ford Explorers
- 1- 2023 Ford Edge
- 1- 2023 Ford F-150 Super Crew Cab

Police Department Evidence

- 1- 2023 Ford Explorer to replace unit 20-259 with 122,380 miles in fair condition.
- 1- 2023 Ford F-150 Super Crew Cab to replace unit 20-339 with 117,537 miles in poor condition.

Prisoner Transport Van

- 1- 2023 Ford Transit 350 DRW to replace unit 20-353 with 238,571 miles in poor condition. This vehicle is rolled over from FY 2022/2023 budget year.
- 2- Camera Systems for two prisoner transport vehicles.

Patrol

- 1- 2023 Ford Explorer Police Utility Interceptor to replace unit 20-376 with 101,353 miles in poor condition.
- 1- 2023 Ford Explorer Police Utility Interceptor to replace unit 20-381 with 111,986 miles in poor condition.
- 1- 2023 Ford Explorer Policy Utility Interceptor to replace until 20-399 with 97,255 miles in poor condition.

Patrol Additions

- 2- 2023 BMW Motorcycles
- 5- 2023 Ford Expedition XL STX
- 2- 2023 Ford F-150 Responders

Parks and Recreation Department

- 1- 2023 Ford F-150 Regular Cab to replace unit 50-209 with 77,387 miles in poor condition.
 - 1- 2023 Ford F-150 Regular Cab to replace unit 50-219 with 89,790 miles in poor condition.
 - 1- 2023 Ford F-150 Regular Cab to replace unit 50-220 with 86,781 miles in poor condition.
 - 1- 2023 Ford F-350 with dump bed to replace 50-182 with 73,210 miles in poor condition.
 - 1- 2022 Ford F-350 with dump bed to replace 50-186 with 79,634 miles in poor condition.
 - 1- 2023 Ford F-350 with dump bed to replace 50-165 with 78,825 miles in poor condition.
 - 1- 2023 Ford F-350 with dump bed to replace 50-149 with 74,631 miles in poor condition.
- This vehicle was rolled over from FY 2022-2023 budget year.

The purchase of these vehicles would be through the State of Arizona Cooperative Contract # CTR059323 with San Tan Ford. The lighting and equipment would be through the City of Tempe Cooperative Contract # T21-003-02.

Proposed Purchase of HURF Fund Equipment and Vehicle for Public Works

The public works department budgeted \$589,000 for one replacement bucket truck, two replacement vehicles, two additional vehicles and one new certified street sweeper. Equipment and vehicle purchases include lighting and equipment using highway user revenue funds (HURF) in the city's Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget approved by city council in June.

- 1- 2023 Ford F-450 DRW Sign Truck to replace unit 30-271 with 120,620 miles and in poor condition. This vehicle is a rollover from FY 2022-2023 budget year.
- 1- Ford F-550 XL Bucket Truck to replace unit 30-210 with 128,467 miles in poor condition.
- 2- 2023 Ford-250 XL to replace unit 30-278 with 164,310 miles in poor condition.
- 3- 2023 Ford F-350 with dump beds - new additions
- 1- 2023 Freightliner M2-6- chasis with a Regen X Sweeper PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper. -new addition. This will be a 5.7% grant match with the Maricopa Association of Government.

The purchase of the Freightliner would be through the State of Arizona Cooperative Contract # CTR041810. The vehicles would be through the State of Arizona Cooperative Contract # CTR059323 with San Tan Ford. The lighting and equipment would be through the City of Tempe Cooperative Contract #T21-003-02.

Items of discussion from Council included the possibility of purchasing other makes of vehicles in the future and clarification on the mileage and condition of the vehicles for replacements. Mr. Wolff addressed these concerns.

17. [23-388](#) Presentation, discussion, and consideration of approval of entering into a construction agreement with Veregy through the 1Government Procurement Alliance Cooperative Contract 22-11PV-08 to replace and upgrade lighting at Prospector Park softball complex to energy efficient and dark sky friendly lighting in an amount not to exceed \$841,470.00. This expenditure was approved in the FY2023/24 Budget.

Vice Mayor Schroeder moved, seconded by Councilmember Nesser that the construction agreement with Veregy through the 1Government Procurement Alliance Cooperative Contract No. 22-11PV-08 to replace and upgrade lighting at the Prospector Park softball complex to energy efficient and dark sky-friendly lighting in an amount not to exceed \$841,470.00 be approved.

Yes: 7 - Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Schroeder, Councilmember Nesser, Councilmember Heck, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Cross and Councilmember Soller

No: 0

Liz Langenbach presented information regarding the lighting upgrade at Prospector Park.

The Prospector Park sports field and rodeo arena lighting within City of AJ Parks and Rec facilities are among some of the oldest infrastructure in the parks. The lighting is old and has significant required maintenance issues. The high use energy lights have been due for upgrade for many years. The Little League complex lighting was updated to shielded/LED structures several years ago through a Diamondbacks grant, and the city has scheduled changing all other lighting to be shielded/LED lights over the course of the 2023-2024 budget years. Prospector Park softball fields #1 and #2 are the first, and most expensive, due to additional pole replacements and will dually serve the purpose of first row lighting for the adjacent fields #3 and #4.

City staff selected Musco lighting to perform the work. They are one of the premier manufacturers for sports field lighting, with a focus on energy-efficient, shielded LED lighting. There are several reasons why this is the best choice for the city's facilities:

1. This is the same system that is at the Little League fields; and the automated system is already integrated into the facility reservation software and additionally allows light activation by city staff from a mobile device or a computer.
2. Musco lighting has experience designing sports field lighting that is compliant with Dark Sky Friendly Sports Field Lighting and their design will assist in gaining that designation at each field.
3. Over time, the city will have substantial savings through lower electrical costs and lower maintenance/ replacement costs.

The City will utilize Musco's vendor, Veregy, for this replacement project under the 1Government Procurement Alliance (1GPA) Cooperative Contract 22-11PV-08 thus fulfilling procurement and open market procedures.

Staff is recommending a construction contract be awarded to Veregy, in an amount not to exceed: \$841,470.00 (which includes a 5% owner-controlled contingency for unforeseen circumstances). Time is of the essence for this project.

The best time frame for construction to take place is during the annual shutdown of fields for over seeding which occurs during October.

Items addressed from Council discussion were clarification on the remote ability to control

lighting from off-site, solar power is not an option for sport field lighting due to the energy needed to operate and the cost of the project does include removal and disposal of all materials.

K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF

L. SELECTION OF MEETING DATES, TIMES, LOCATIONS, AND PURPOSES

M. CALL TO PUBLIC

Denise Austin, Apache Junction, addressed the council with the challenges that exist for the homeless in Apache Junction.

Jane Brown, Val Vista Road, Apache Junction, expressed her thoughts on the hours at the Dutchman Dog Park and the pavement surrounding the grounds.

Donna Carr, Apache Junction, voiced her concerns of the reflectors on city streets and the city code regarding setbacks.

George Martinez, 1075 S. Cortez Road, Apache Junction, commented on a recent citation he received regarding the number of RV's allowed in current city code, and would like to see this number increased.

Andre Meek, 1327 S. Belair Road, Apache Junction, shared his concerns regarding the design at the intersection of Lost Dutchman and Highway 88, the current city code allowing one RV per parcel and the homeless situation in Apache Junction.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

ACCEPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023, BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

WALTER "CHIP" WILSON
Mayor

ATTEST:

JENNIFER PEÑA
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, held on the _____ day of _____, 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2023.

JENNIFER PEÑA
City Clerk