

CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2017

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, was held on March 21, 2017, at the Apache Junction City Council Chambers pursuant to the notice required by law.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Serdy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Vice Mayor Wilson gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Serdy commented the city hosted the East Valley Mayors' Prayer Breakfast this past week. One of the most stirring things from the event was the rendition of the national anthem. The high school participated in a lot of things there and one of the tenth graders, Wesley McJunkin, did the national anthem. Instead of the pledge tonight, Wesley will be doing the national anthem.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Serdy  
Vice Mayor Wilson  
Councilmember Barker  
Councilmember Struble  
Councilmember Waldron

(Councilmembers Evans and Rizzi were absent).

Staff Present: City Manager Bryant Powell  
Assistant City Manager Matt Busby  
City Clerk Kathleen Connelly  
City Attorney Joel Stern

Public Safety Director Tom Kelly  
Parks and Recreation Director Liz  
Langenbach  
Economic Development Director Janine  
Solley

Others Present: Public Information Officer Al Bravo  
Grants Administrator Heather Patel

ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA )  
) Councilmember Barker MOVED  
THAT THE CONSENT AGENDA BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED; AND

THAT RESOLUTION NO. 17-08, A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE  
CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PHOENIX FOR USE OF THE PHOENIX  
BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM, BE APPROVED.

Vice Mayor Wilson SECONDED

THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

(During the vote Councilmember Struble commented he wanted to say something about the agreement they are going to have that they are voting on with the City of Phoenix. It was all brought upon because the state legislature in 2013 passed House Bill 2111 which was supposed to simplify the sales tax collection, but basically what they did was mandate that the city give up its collection services to the state. They would collect it and return the money to us in lieu of charging us a pretty sizeable fee that amounts to about \$77,000-\$78,000 a year. The reason we have to have this agreement with the City of Phoenix is because the state does not have the capability to give us the information back so that we can know who paid city sales tax. That in itself is kind of ridiculous when the state mandates something for us but then they cannot return the service to us. Another thing that really irks him is that it was supposed to take effect on January 1, 2016 and it did not take effect until January 1, 2017 but they charged us for the year that they were not servicing us - \$77,000. Back in 2013 we had two state representatives and a senator and they voted for this, not

looking out for the city itself for something that is going to put a hindrance upon us and taking money away from us so that we can provide services to our citizens. He just thinks that is wrong. The state senator and state representatives need to think about that when they make the vote as to how it is going to affect those constituents they actually serve. With that being said he voted yes.)

The motion carried.

#### AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor Serdy announced they did have the prayer breakfast in Chandler since there was not a large enough facility here. The amount of work going into it was amazing. It highlighted the students and the churches.

Mayor Serdy announced this morning there was a Phoenix Mesa Gateway meeting he did telephonically where they approved the budget for the next year.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Bryant Powell commented on the prayer breakfast and thanked everyone involved.

Mayor Serdy commented it was filmed and asked where the video is available.

Assistant City Manager Matt Busby stated it is on the city's YouTube channel.

City Manager Bryant Powell commented on the Pinal County and Central Arizona Association of Governments open house on the proposed regional transportation plan and an open house on the infill plan.

City Manager Bryant Powell gave an overview of the monthly financial statement.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EVENT  
LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ARIZONA ELK  
SOCIETY FOR MARCH 25, 2017 )

) City Clerk Kathleen  
Connelly briefed the council on the item.

Mayor Serdy requested the applicant address the council. There was no applicant in attendance. He opened the public hearing on the item. There being no one wishing to speak, he closed the public hearing and reopened the item to council discussion. He commented this is not the Elks Club, it is the Arizona Elk Foundation.

City Clerk Kathleen Connelly stated it is a nonprofit organization.

Mayor Serdy closed the discussion with no further comments and called for a motion.

Councilmember Waldron MOVED THAT THE APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ARIZONA ELK SOCIETY FOR MARCH 25, 2017, SUBMITTED BY STEVE CLARK, BE RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL TO THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR LICENSES AND CONTROL.

Councilmember Struble  
SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 17-06, COMMITTING LOCAL FUNDS AS LEVERAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 STATE SPECIAL

PROJECT GRANT APPLICATIONS )

) Grant Administrator

Heather Patel briefed the council on the item.

Mayor Serdy opened the item to discussion. There being no discussion, he called for a motion.

Councilmember Barker MOVED THAT RESOLUTION NO. 17-06, A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, COMMITTING LOCAL FUNDS AS LEVERAGE FOR FY 2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ("CDBG") STATE SPECIAL PROJECT ("SSP") APPLICATIONS, BE APPROVED.

Vice Mayor Wilson SECONDED

THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 17-05  
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF  
APPLICATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR'S  
OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY FEDERAL  
FISCAL YEAR 2018 GRANT PROGRAM )

) Grant Administrator

Heather Patel briefed the council on the item.

Councilmember Waldron commented the applications have already been submitted.

Grant Administrator Heather Patel stated they have. She could go over the five different applications to let them know what the police department wishes to do with those funds. The Governor's Office of Highway Safety has a focus on driving under the influence enforcement, speed, aggressive driving enforcement and different activities that will help the police department combat those issues.

Mayor Serdy asked if this would all be done with our department or is it in cooperation with the highway patrol.

Grant Administrator Heather Patel stated the driving under the influence enforcement activity is in partnership with the Pinal County Task Force and other area agencies. They do work together on things like that. The funds here would be for our officers for overtime and the equipment they would like to purchase such as the software, the message board and the e-ticket machines.

Vice Mayor Wilson asked her to explain the e-ticket machine.

Grant Administrator Heather Patel stated it is basically a little, handheld machine. They can take the driver's license and swipe it and it automatically populates a little ticket. They essentially rip it off and give it to the person. The officer does not have to go back to his vehicle, sit there and fill out a whole form and take forever. It speeds up the process of handing out tickets. It is more accurate and automatically goes to the court system for recordkeeping and processing.

Mayor Serdy asked if they would still have to touch their nose and walk a line.

Grant Administrator Heather Patel stated they would for driving under the influence. The e-tickets would be used for everyday speeding violations and things like that, not just for driving under the influence enforcement.

Mayor Serdy closed the discussion with no further comments and called for a motion.

Councilmember Waldron MOVED THAT RESOLUTION NO. 17-05, A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, PERTAINING TO THE SUBMISSION OF PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION IN ARIZONA'S 2018 HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN, BE APPROVED.

Councilmember Barker SECONDED

THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

DIRECTION TO STAFF

PROPOSED PROCESS TO PROCURE  
SERVICES FOR THE OPERATION OF A  
LOCAL VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER )

) Economic Development

Director Janine Solley briefed the council on the item.

Councilmember Barker asked what the suggested increases are.

Economic Development Director Janine Solley stated she had previously suggested either 1% or 2% or whatever they feel comfortable with. She did not think there had been any increase over the last four or five years. Everybody has been coming in flat with everything. It would be a modest increase but it would be something. It is completely up to the council.

Mayor Serdy closed the discussion and called for a motion.

Councilmember Barker MOVED THAT STAFF BE GIVEN THE FOLLOWING DIRECTION REGARDING THE PROCESS TO PROCURE SERVICES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE LOCAL VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER: THAT THEY REFINE THE RFQ SCOPE OF WORK TO FOCUS ON THE CORE SERVICES AT THE VISITOR CENTER, THAT THEY SHORTEN THE RFQ TO INCLUDE A SIMPLIFIED QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING THE CORE SERVICES, THEY UTILIZE AND STREAMLINE THE SELECTION PROCESS ESTABLISHED BY THE CITY MANAGER, THAT WE LENGTHEN THE TIME OF A CONTRACT TO THREE YEARS, AND THAT WE INCLUDE A ONE PERCENT INCREASE TO BE AWARDED AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH NEW FISCAL YEAR OF THE CONTRACT TERM.

Vice Mayor Wilson SECONDED

THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

PROCEED WITH STARTING THE REQUEST  
FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS FOR MEALS AND  
TRANSPORTATION AND TO START THE  
PROCESS WITH PINAL GILA COUNCIL FOR  
SENIOR CITIZENS TO RECEIVE FUNDING  
FOR THE COORDINATION OF THESE  
SERVICES )

) Parks and Recreation

Director Liz Langenbach briefed the council on the item.

Councilmember Waldron  
commented they have done an excellent job putting this all  
together in a very short period of time with a lot of detail.  
He certainly appreciates it because this came out of nowhere and  
it was like now what do we do. They have taken the bull by the  
horns and done an excellent job.

Parks and Recreation Director  
Liz Lanbenbach stated there are some folks in the back of the  
room that have stayed onboard and helped them through the  
transition with the meals program and the transportation, along  
with J.J. Underwood and his crew, Jamie Sullivan and the  
volunteer staff that has stayed and been instrumental. It has  
been a group project.

Councilmember Barker  
commented she wanted to commend her and her department and all  
those folks for taking this on and doing it rapidly and with  
very little wait. They got their stuff in, did what they needed  
to do and that is wonderful.

Mayor Serdy asked if they  
would be getting a ticket writing machine.

Parks and Recreation Director  
Liz Langenbach stated they could figure out some purpose for  
that.



Vice Mayor Wilson commented he had received a couple of phone calls from people that are on the receiving end of this. They definitely complimented all of them and what they have done. He wanted to personally thank everyone who was involved in this. It was well noted and appreciated by a lot of people in the community.

Councilmember Struble commented when it first happened he was not on the council at the time but he was hearing things from people wondering what was going to happen and if they would be having services. Everybody was worried about it. The response from the constituents that are using it has been very well. Parks and recreation is getting a lot of praise. He wanted to let them know that. Good job.

Mayor Serdy closed the discussion with no further comments and called for a motion.

Councilmember Waldron MOVED THAT STAFF BE GIVEN THE FOLLOWING DIRECTION REGARDING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS FOR MEALS AND TRANSPORTATION AT THE SENIOR CENTER: THAT STAFF PROCEED WITH STARTING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS FOR MEALS AND TRANSPORTATION AND START THE PROCESS WITH PINAL GILA COUNCIL FOR SENIOR CITIZENS TO RECEIVE FUNDING FOR THE COORDINATION OF THESE SERVICES.

Councilmember Barker SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

SELECTION OF MEETING DATES, TIMES, LOCATIONS, AND PURPOSES

Mayor Serdy called for a motion.

Councilmember Barker MOVED THAT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:00 P.M. AND A REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00 P.M. BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM AND CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS RESPECTIVELY; AND

THAT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:00 P.M. BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM.

Councilmember Waldron

SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Chris Coyle, Republic Services, 4050 S. Tomahawk, Apache Junction, addressed the council to give an update on the past and next free dump week at the landfill.

City Manager Bryant Powell commented the city is working on the tonnage and he is excited on the efficiency.

ADJOURNMENT )  
 ) Mayor Serdy called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Councilmember Barker SO

MOVED.

Councilmember Waldron

SECONDED THE MOTION.

Mayor Serdy adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m. with no vote.

Consent Agenda Items are as follows:

1. Consideration of acceptance of agenda.
2. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting of March 7, 2017.
3. Consideration of Resolution No. 17-08, authorizing the City of Apache Junction to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Phoenix for use of the Phoenix Business Intelligence System.

ACCEPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, BY THE  
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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JEFF SERDY  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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KATHLEEN CONNELLY  
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 21st day of March, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2017.

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KATHLEEN CONNELLY  
City Clerk