

CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2016

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, was held on February 16, 2016, at the Apache Junction City Council Chambers pursuant to the notice required by law.

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilmember Wilson gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Insalaco
Vice Mayor Barker
Councilmember Evans
Councilmember Serdy
Councilmember Waldron
Councilmember Wilson

(Councilmember Rizzi was absent.)

Staff Present: City Manager Bryant Powell
Assistant City Manager Matt Busby
City Clerk Kathleen Connelly
City Attorney Joel Stern
Public Works Director Giao Pham
City Engineer Emile Schmid
Development Services Director Larry Kirch

Others Present: Project Engineer Raquel Schatz

Parks Superintendent Nick Blake
Senior Planner Rudy Esquivias
Management Analyst Heather Hodgman

ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA)
) Vice Mayor Barker MOVED
THAT THE CONSENT AGENDA BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.

Councilmember Evans SECONDED
THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CURRENT EVENTS

Vice Mayor Barker announced she helped register runners for the Lost Dutchman Marathon events on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. She met a dozen runners from Germany who were wearing jackets made especially for the marathon. The marathon went off well.

Councilmember Serdy commented he watched Matt use the drone for the marathon and the pictures were awesome.

Mayor Insalaco commented he was the starter again for the marathon on Sunday. He talked to many of the runners. There were two girls from Ohio, two from Connecticut and one from Springfield, Missouri who commented on how warm the weather was and they would be going back to the cold, it being just 4° in Connecticut.

Mayor Insalaco commented he attended a Gateway Airport Authority event on Saturday where they had a dinner for the volunteers and retired workers at the airport, including 20 from Apache Junction.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Bryant Powell commented on the new Fry's center, the construction on Ironwood Road, the Lost Dutchman Marathon, Officer John Pinson and Raquel Schatz receiving the ADOT Partnering Spirit Award.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

RESOLUTION NO. 16-03, DECLARING
PORTIONS OF VAQUERO FROM FIRST
AVENUE TO SECOND AVENUE NO LONGER
NECESSARY AND THE FEDERALLY
PATENTED EASEMENTS ARE EXTINGUISHED)

) Councilmember Wilson
declared a perceived conflict of interest and removed himself
from the meeting until after the item was completed.

Project Engineer Raquel
Schatz briefed the council on the item.

Vice Mayor Barker asked what
the extinguishment plan is for the city. This is so haphazard.
In some places we have north/south streets open. Other places
they are closed here and there. She asked if there is a plan or
is the city just doing this.

Project Engineer Raquel
Schatz stated the department is working off of a 2006 street
circulation study. Currently it is 50/50 correct. Some people
have followed it and some have not. Compared to the circulation
study that was just done in 2012, there are some areas where
they are right on while others are in disagreement. They are
working off of a ten year study.

Vice Mayor Barker asked if
they are going to continue to work off of the ten year study or
will it be updated before we close off an entire area.

Project Engineer Raquel
Schatz stated they are looking into the budget to see if they
have the funds to update the study. They are looking from a
standpoint of circulation of how we can get people to and from
without being landlocked.

Vice Mayor Barker commented they have cut off circulation east and west in some areas and, on this particular one, no north and south is cut off but on others they have been. People are going around in circles at some point.

Project Engineer Raquel Schatz stated the t-shaped one was done in 1986 per Resolution No. 86-18. Another lower down was done in 2011. Another was in 1983. Half of them were proposed per the circulation study and the other half have not been. It is one of those things where previous staff may have used it.

Vice Mayor Barker commented it appears to her that since they are using an eight-, nine- or ten-year-old, however many years old study that they might want to come to a grinding halt here until we get the funding to make this a little more up to date.

Public Works Director Giao Pham stated he agreed with her. These studies were done years ago and a lot of our needs have changed as a city. They will be working with development services and the city manager's office as far as what our needs are for circulation. These recommendations from years ago are still valid for now and for the future. They get pressure from residents where for years they have wanted to extinguish it. They have finally come in with their fees. This is something they will look into as they get more applications. They will give them a time frame where they can re-study the area and see if it makes sense in the bigger picture and if it still meets the needs for future roadway access in the area. The budget is tight but they will see if they can put looking at future additional studies in the budget. They will remodify that study.

Vice Mayor Barker stated that would be very helpful for the future.

Project Engineer Raquel Schatz stated staff respectfully requests they approve the resolution.

Mayor Insalaco opened the public hearing on the item.

A gentleman from the audience who did not give his name or address stated they might as well close it as the people who bought the property have already filled it in with dirt.

Mayor Insalaco closed the public hearing and reopened the item to council discussion. There being no further discussion, he called for a motion.

Councilmember Evans MOVED THAT RESOLUTION NO. 16-03, A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, DECLARING THAT PORTIONS OF PUBLIC ROADWAY EASEMENTS LOCATED ON VAQUERO ROAD FROM FIRST AVENUE TO SECOND AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN EXTINGUISHMENT CASE EX-16-03, ARE NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC USE AS PUBLIC ROADWAY EASEMENTS AND ARE HEREBY EXTINGUISHED AS PRESENT AND FUTURE RIGHT-OF-WAY, BE APPROVED.

Councilmember Waldron
SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

Mayor Insalaco called Councilmember Wilson back into the chamber.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY CAPSTONE
PROJECT _____)

) Senior Planner Rudy
Esquivias introduced Dr. Joochul Kim from Arizona State University.

Dr. Joochul Kim briefed the council on the Capstone Project, a visioning and planning project. They are working with city staff on a community visioning process and a multi-modal connectivity plan including bike lanes, sidewalks and multi-use paths and trails. He had eight students with him that will be involved in the project. He introduced Bryan to give the report.

Mr. Bryan Smith gave a slide presentation on the project.

Vice Mayor Barker asked what time the community meetings will be held.

Mr. Bryan Smith stated he did not have that information on hand. He asked if anyone had scheduled that already.

Senior Planner Rudy Esquivias stated the meeting on the 29th is scheduled from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Central Arizona College, Room F115.

Vice Mayor Barker commented that is a council meeting night.

Senior Planner Rudy Esquivias stated that is on a Monday night.

Vice Mayor Barker commented there is a council meeting so none of the council can attend it.

Councilmember Waldron commented it is a great idea but asked what is bringing them together.

Mr. Bryan Smith stated he understands that Giao and Joochul were speaking extensively about the possibility of working together for quite a while.

City Manager Bryant Powell asked Giao or Larry to come up and share how this came about.

Development Services Director Larry Kirch stated he believes this goes on around the country. These institutions do urban planning and they are great assets to the region. He understands that Dr. Kim has offered this. He has worked in many communities around the valley. Giao heard about it first. He knows there was another community in the far west valley that was not quite ready. They did one for Wickenburg a couple of years ago. Stephanie from our staff worked on that project. They go around the valley and do real, live, planning exercises. They end up with something of value to the community. They all got together, talked to Bryant and Matt and they said to go forward. He believes they are getting great value for the experience they are getting as a community as well as real world experience for the students.

Vice Mayor Barker commented
it is a win-win.

City Manager Bryant Powell
asked how much this would cost.

Development Services Director Larry Kirch stated this would probably cost several hundred thousand dollars. They know how much the DRIS cost and how the city staff updated the 2010 general plan. It has components of parks and recreation and transportation. They asked what a street traffic circulation plan would cost earlier tonight. He believes the last one cost \$100,000. They cannot do much nowadays in a planning project. The bike ped component that he did in the last one was \$100,000. They are easily getting several hundred thousand dollars value from the students.

Councilmember Waldron
commented it is nice it just started out as a conversation and developed into this.

Mayor Insalaco commented it would be nice if they could have provided a time to attend the one meeting but it is the same time as the council meeting so they cannot do it. He would sure like to attend the other ones.

Senior Planner Rudy Esquivias
stated they will make sure they can attend the next meeting.

They will look at that Monday meeting with the parks and recreation staff and planning and zoning staff.

Dr. Joochul Kim stated this evening's meeting is really to introduce themselves to them and bring them onboard so that there will be continuous open communication between them. He thinks it will be of great value to each party.

This was a discussion item only. Mayor Insalaco closed the discussion with no further comments and moved on to the next item.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-06, ALLOWING
THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH
PINAL COUNTY FOR HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS WASTE)

) Management Analyst Heather
Hodgman briefed the council on the item.

Vice Mayor Barker asked if
this is a one-time only deal.

Management Analyst Heather
Hodgman stated it is a one-time only event for Saturday.

Councilmember Evans asked if
they can post that it is a one-time only event.

City Manager Bryant Powell
stated they will come back with the date.

Vice Mayor Barker commented
in order to determine whether it is going to be economically
wise for us to continue this.

Management Analyst Heather
Hodgman stated she does have things ready for the event on
Saturday, including notepads and test pads, computerized and
ready to go to help with the statistics they are looking for.
She met with the main vendor last week to advise him of the

commercial property areas and to keep her informed and up to date with what is going on with the event.

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

Councilmember Evans MOVED THAT RESOLUTION NO. 16-06, 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 FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PICKUP PROGRAM PARTICIPATION WITH PINAL COUNTY, BE APPROVED.

Councilmember Wilson SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

DIRECTION TO STAFF

None.

SELECTION OF MEETING DATES, TIMES, LOCATIONS, AND PURPOSES

Vice Mayor Barker MOVED THAT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:45 P.M. AND A WORK SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2016, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM AND CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS RESPECTIVELY; AND

THAT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:45 P.M. BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM.

Councilmember Evans SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Terry Dunn, 234 S. Starr, Apache Junction, addressed the council regarding the council not requiring the surveying of properties upon the purchase of the property and how setbacks could be determined for building plans.

Councilmember Waldron requested the city manager have the development services director or someone look into this.

City Manager Bryant Powell stated he would and have someone respond back to him.

ADJOURNMENT)
) Mayor Insalaco adjourned
the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Consent Agenda Items are as follows:

1. Consideration of acceptance of agenda.
2. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting of February 2, 2016.

ACCEPTED THIS 1st DAY OF March, 2016, BY THE
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 1st DAY OF March, 2016.



JOHN S. INSALACO
Mayor

ATTEST:



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 16th day of February, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 17th day of February, 2016.



KATHLEEN CONNELLY
City Clerk