

RESOLUTION NO. 16-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, ACCEPTING FOR CONSIDERATION FOR FUTURE PLANNING PURPOSES THE "APACHE JUNCTION TRAIL CONNECTIVITY, DOWNTOWN VISIONING AND STATE LAND VISIONING: CONNECTING PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE" CONCEPTUAL PLAN, PREPARED BY THE ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, MASTERS IN URBAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ("MUEP"), CAPSTONE PROJECT GROUP.

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the City of Apache Junction has conducted several visioning and other types of studies, including studies for the downtown core area, the Apache Trail corridor, commercial design guidelines, equestrian, biking and hiking trails, Lost Dutchman Heights area, redevelopment districts and other studies; and

WHEREAS, the concepts presented in some of the studies were eventually codified and incorporated into such documents as the city's General Plan, Zoning Ordinance, Engineering Guidelines and Parks and Recreation master plans, among others; and

WHEREAS, the city constantly seeks input from the community towards developing a consensus on good ideas on a wide variety of topics to guide the development of the city into the future; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the ASU MUEP Capstone Group partnered with Apache Junction and helped the city to synthesize and consolidate many of the ideas presented in said studies, along with new input and new ideas from the community through a series of community workshops, public meetings and surveys; and

WHEREAS, the ASU Capstone Group focused on three important study areas affecting the city, including trails and connectivity, the downtown area and the areas south of US60, including the State Lands areas; and

WHEREAS, the ASU Capstone Group has prepared a conceptual planning document with their findings and suggestions for the city called "Apache Junction Trail Connectivity, Downtown Visioning and State Land Visioning; Connecting Past, Present and Future"; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the document, receiving input from the community, as well as the city's Planning and Zoning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission, the City Council welcomes and accepts the ASU MUEP Capstone Group "Apache Junction Trail Connectivity, Downtown Visioning and State Land Visioning; Connecting Past, Present and Future" conceptual planning document as a document for staff and community leaders to further study and from which ideas and concepts may be derived, further refined and implemented and/or codified in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council also wish to thank the ASU MUEP Capstone Project Group and Professor Joochul Kim for their hard work, time, efforts and contribution to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, hereby accepts for consideration for future planning purposes, the "Apache Junction Trail Connectivity, Downtown Visioning and State Land Visioning; Connecting Past, Present and Future" conceptual plan, as attached in Exhibit "A".

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

JOHN S. INSALACO
Mayor

ATTEST:

KATHLEEN CONNELLY
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RICHARD JOEL STERN
City Attorney