



# 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, February 19, 2019

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

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### A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Serdy called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

### B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Wilson gave the invocation and Councilmember Struble let the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### C. ROLL CALL

Staff in Attendance:

Bryant Powell, City Manager

Matt Busby, Assistant City Manager

Joel Stern, City Attorney

Kathy Connelly, City Clerk

Arnold Freeman, Acting Police Chief

Jeffrey Kirkham, Police Lieutenant

Jennifer Pena, Deputy City Clerk

Councilmember Barker attended by phone.

Present:           7 -     Mayor Serdy  
                                  Vice Mayor Wilson  
                                  Councilmember Barker  
                                  Councilmember Evans  
                                  Councilmember Rizzi  
                                  Councilmember Struble  
                                  Councilmember Schroeder

### D. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Rizzi moved and Councilmember Evans seconded that the consent agenda be accepted as presented.

#### 1. [19-031](#)           Consideration of acceptance of agenda.

The agenda was accepted.

Yes:               7 -     Mayor Serdy, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Rizzi, Councilmember Struble and Councilmember Schroeder

No:                0

2. [19-032](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting of February 5, 2019.

The meeting minutes were approved.

Yes: 7 - Mayor Serdy, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Rizzi, Councilmember Struble and Councilmember Schroeder

No: 0

## **E. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

## **F. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Announcement of current events from Mayor and councilmembers.

3. [19-033](#) Announcement of current events from mayor and councilmembers.

Councilmember Evans announced she is working with several organizations in regards to the city's homeless population and what the community can do to best serve these residents. The city recently completed the Point in Time count and the homeless number was estimated to be at 88: this is up 28% from last year's count.

Councilmember Struble recognized his three sons who participated in the Lost Dutchman Days marathon. He expressed his gratitude to all the volunteers who help out with the various events held throughout the year. He announced Peralta Trail Elementary has a Building America Club and as part of a community service project the students put together and held a talent show to raise funds for those less fortunate here in the city.

Vice Mayor Wilson mentioned the 5th grade students at Peralta Trail Elementary school, who challenged other local schools to a food drive. The winning students received a pizza party and the Mayor generously volunteered to have a pie in the face.

Councilmember Rizzi announced the Christmas light and decorating contest survey link was up and running. she reminded everyone to vote on their favorite lighting and decorations. Voting will be available until the end of February. She also announced the Lost Dutchmen day parade and rodeo being held Saturday, February 23rd. She thanked all the volunteers and the parks and recreation staff for all their hard work in putting on these events.

Councilmember Barker thanked the volunteer committee, which she also serves on, and stated it is a lot of work, but they enjoy it.

Mayor Serdy thanked everyone that helped in the making and production of the State of the City. It was well attended and the video is up on the website and city's YouTube channel if those unable to attend wanted to watch it.

## **G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

4. [19-034](#) City manager's report.

City Manager Bryant Powell thanked the following departments for all their assistance in the Lost Dutchman parade and rodeo: public works, parks and recreation, and the police department. They coordinate with several businesses and organizations in the community which requires great skill.

He also thanked the many volunteers for their time and dedication to making such great events successful. He announce participation was up 20% from last year. There were over 3,000 runners and over 800 volunteers. He stated every bit of profit goes directly to local charities.

## H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. [19-043](#) Consideration of application for a special event liquor license for Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce, 4949 E Shiprock Street, for a single day event on Saturday, March 16, 2019. This event will be held at Flatiron Community Park, 100 N. Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ, 85120. The next step in this process is for the council to hold a public hearing on the application and make a recommendation for approval or denial to be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.

City Clerk Kathleen Connelly provided information on the event and reported no department or the Fire District expressed any concerns with the request. The applicant, Heidi Geldis, stated this is the annual Blues and Brews festival held at Flatiron Community Park. She announced there will be additional restroom facilities this year and more food trucks. Tickets are available on Groupon and suggested people buy their tickets early.

Mayor Serdy called for public comments. Mr. John Chavez from Am Events and Entertainments, the production company working with the Chamber of Commerce, stated he is looking forward to the event, they are happy to be here in Apache Junction.

Mr. James Boerigter, 1054 E. Roosevelt, inquired as to the dispersement of the profits that will be raised from the event.

Ms. Geldis stated the funds will help fund scholarship applications that Apache Junction students apply for. They are splitting funds with the Handlebar Pub and Grill, Apache Grayhound, and Cowboys Up. The Chamber is not licensed to sell or handle liquor at such special events.

Councilmember Schroeder inquired if the Superstition Region Chamber of Commerce was also hosting the event, Ms. Geldis replied that currently only the Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce was hosting the event.

There were no further comments.

Mayor Serdy closed the public hearing

Councilmember Rizzi moved and Vice Mayor Wilson seconded the application for a special event liquor license for the Blews and Brews festival on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at Flatiron Community Park.

Yes: 7 - Mayor Serdy, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Rizzi, Councilmember Struble and Councilmember Schroeder

No: 0

6. [19-044](#) Consideration of application for an interim permit and a new series 12 liquor license for Los Gringos Locos located at 280 S. Phelps Drive, Apache Junction, AZ 85220. The next step in the process is for the council to hold a public hearing on the application and make a recommendation for approval or denial to be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.

City Clerk Kathleen Connelly provided information on the event and reported no department or the Fire District had an issue with the license application. The applicant was not present for comment.

Mayor Serdy called for public comment, seeing none, he closed the public hearing and called for a motion.

Councilmember Evans moved and Vice Mayor Wilson seconded the application for the interim permit and a series 12 liquor license for Los Gringos Locos restaurant.

Yes: 7 - Mayor Serdy, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Rizzi, Councilmember Struble and Councilmember Schroeder

No: 0

7. [19-045](#) Consideration of application for a special event liquor license for Boys and Girls Club of the East Valley - Superstition Mountain Branch for a fundraising event on April 6, 2019 to be held at Dolce Vita, 3301 S. Goldfield Road, Apache Junction. The next step in the process is for the council to hold a public hearing on the application and make a recommendation of approval or denial to be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.

City Clerk Kathleen Connelly provided an overview of the proposed event and stated no city department or the Fire District had concerns or issues with the annual event. The applicant, Russel St. John stated this is their 21st annual event. The event raises funds for the boys and girls in Apache Junction to attend various functions of the Club.

Also present was Connie Lane-Van Dreil president of the Board of Directors for the Apache Junction Boys and Girls Club. She stated tickets are available on line and the theme this year is Western.

Councilmember Rizzi moved and Vice Mayor Wilson seconded the application for a special event liquor license for the Boys and Girls Club Dolce Vita event on Saturday, April 6, 2019.

Yes: 7 - Mayor Serdy, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Rizzi, Councilmember Struble and Councilmember Schroeder

No: 0

8. [19-046](#) Consideration of application for a permanent extension of premises for HandleBar Pub and Grill located at 650 W. Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ, 85120. The next step in the process is for the council to hold a public hearing on the application and make a recommendation of approval or denial to be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.

City Clerk Kathy Connelly provided an overview of the proposed event and stated no city departments or the Fire District had concerns or issues with the annual event. Applicant Patricia Plzak stated they have purchased both adjoining lots and have been working with development services on the building requirements. The area is more for hosting special events and expand their game room activities.

No further discussion was held and the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Evans moved and Vice Mayor Wilson seconded that the application for the permanent extension of premisis.

Yes: 7 - Mayor Serdy, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Rizzi, Councilmember Struble and Councilmember Schroeder

No: 0

9. [19-047](#) Consideration of application for a bingo license for Rancho Mirage, 2400 E. Baseline, Apache Junction, AZ. The next step in the procedure is for the city council to hold a public hearing on the application and make a recommendation for approval or denial to be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Revenue.

City Clerk Kathy Connelly provided an overview of the proposed request and stated no city department or the Fire District had concerns or issues with the request. The applicants, Ms. Carol Little and Ms. Carolyn Wilcox stated there bingo events have grown and need to change the type of license they have. Currently their class A license allows gross receipts up to \$15,600. They raise funds to support social activities for their residents. They are asking for an extension of their license to the end of the "snowbird" season.

There were no comments from the public, Mayor Serdy closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Wilson moved and Councilmember Evans seconded that the application for a Bingo license for Rancho Mirage.

Yes: 7 - Mayor Serdy, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Rizzi, Councilmember Struble and Councilmember Schroeder

No: 0

10. [19-050](#) Presentation, discussion, public hearing and consideration of Ordinance No. 1463 (case PZ-2-18), by Amerco Real Estate Company and U-Haul International LLC, represented by David Pollock, proposing to rezone 50 acres of a 78-acre property located at the southeast corner of US60 and S. Idaho Road, from B-1/PD (General Commercial by Planned Development) to B-5/PD (Light Industrial/Business Park by Planned Development); and amending the development plan for the remaining 28 acres, also zoned B-1/PD.

Councilmember Rizzi stated that while she does not have a true Conflict of Interest, she recused herself and left the room.

Senior Planner Rudy Esquivias stated the applicant has submitted a request to continue this item. The applicant has paid the continuance fee but is still reviewing issues related to right-of-way acquisition and other conditions requested by the city related to their rezoning case. They request the case be continued to the April 16, 2019 regular council meeting. The public hearing will be continued as well.

Vice Mayor Wilson moved and seconded by Councilmember Evans to continue the rezoning case #PZ-2-18 to the regular city council meeting of April 16, 2019.

Yes: 6 - Mayor Serdy, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Struble and Councilmember Schroeder

No: 0

Recused: 1 - Councilmember Rizzi

## I. OLD BUSINESS

## J. NEW BUSINESS

11. [19-027](#) Presentation, discussion and consideration of proposed Resolution No. 19-02, approving the addition of parcel #s 104-07-001B, 104-07-001C and 104-07-001D, currently located within the city boundaries, into the Superstition Fire and Medical District.

City Manager Bryant Powell provided background on the request by the home builder Kauffman Homes. The property owner is in favor of being included in the fire district, however a resolution by the city is required prior to being added to the fire district.

Mr. Powell stated there are two other areas in and around the city that would eventually need to be added to the fire district.

Councilmember Evans moved and Councilmember Barker seconded to adopt Resolution No. 19-02 approving the addition of parcel #'s 104-07-001B, 104-07-001C and 104-07-001D, currently located within the city be included in the Superstition Fire and Medical District.

Yes: 7 - Mayor Serdy, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Rizzi, Councilmember Struble and Councilmember Schroeder

No: 0

12. [19-008](#) Presentation and discussion on Fiscal Year 18-19 Council Work Plan - 2nd Quarter Update.

Assistant City Manager Matt Busby provided an overall review of the City Council work plan. There are 40 projects listed on the plan with 14 of them identified for interaction with council in the second quarter. Mr. Busby then reviewed the list with the city council.

Councilmember Struble commented on the financial software staff is working diligently to launch in November.

13. [19-048](#) Presentation, discussion and consideration of a code of conduct applicable to the council, board and commission members.

City Manager Bryant Powell recapped the direction council provided regarding the Code of Conduct and the progress made regarding their modification requests. The current version was presented for comments and any changes.

City Attorney Joel Stern stated the redline version was presented to reflect council's requests.

The city council had lengthy conversations regarding the items in the Code of Conduct and after several comments related to only a few items, requested the changes be addressed and brought back to council at the next meeting.

Vice Mayor Wilson moved and seconded by Councilmember Rizzi to continue the item to the March 4, 2019 work session and March 5, 2019 regular council meeting.

Yes: 7 - Mayor Serdy, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Rizzi, Councilmember Struble and Councilmember Schroeder

No: 0

Continued to March 4 and 5 council meetings.

## K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF

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

14. [19-035](#) Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Monday, March 4, 2019 and Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Tuesday, March 5, 2019 in the city council conference room and city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction, Arizona, respectively. Other meetings if necessary.

Councilmember Evans moved and seconded by Councilmember Rizzi that an executive session at 6:00 P.M. and work session at 7:00 P.M. for Monday, March 4, 2019 is cancelled in honor of President's Day. And an executive Session at 6:00 P.M. and work session at 7:00 P.M. for Tuesday, March 5, 2019 be held in the city council conference room and city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction, Arizona, respectively.

Yes: 7 - Mayor Serdy, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Rizzi, Councilmember Struble and Councilmember Schroeder

No: 0

**M. CALL TO PUBLIC**

Frank Shanebeck, 525 E. Shane Avenue, representing Mountain View Luthern Church, announced the church has a new Pastor. Pastor Timothy Anderson came from New York and is looking forward to reaching out to the youth in the community.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

4 pm.

Mayor Serdy adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

ACCEPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, BY THE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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KATHLEEN CONNELLY  
City Clerk