



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, June 18, 2019

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Serdy called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

C. ROLL CALL

Councilmember Barker arrived at 7:30 p.m.

Staff in Attendance:

Bryant Powell, City Manager

Matt Busby, Assistant City Manager

Joel Stern, City Attorney

Arnold Freeman, Acting Police Chief

Jennifer Pena, Acting City Clerk

Al Bravo, Public Information Officer

Larry Kirch, Development Services Director

Dave Zellner, Building Official

Liz Langenbach, Parks & Recreation Director

Janine Solley, Economic Development Director

Connie Chow, Controller

Rita Vinyard, WUCFD Administrative Assistant

Michael Loggins, WUCFD Engineer

Jeffrey Kirkham, Police Lieutenant

Present: 6 - Mayor Serdy
 Vice Mayor Wilson
 Councilmember Evans
 Councilmember Rizzi
 Councilmember Struble
 Councilmember Schroeder

Excused: 1 - Councilmember Barker

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Wilson moved, seconded by Councilmember Evans that the consent agenda be accepted as presented.

1. [19-265](#) Consideration of acceptance of agenda.
The agenda was accepted.
2. [19-266](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting of June 4, 2019.
The minutes were approved.
3. [19-264](#) Consideration of approval of a model uniform cable tv and video service license agreement and corresponding application.
The model uniform cable tv and video service license agreement was approved.
4. [19-271](#) Consideration of approval of the City of Apache Junction's Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Pension Funding Policy.
The Apache Junction's Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Pension Funding Policy for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 was approved.
5. [19-280](#) Consideration of approval of Resolution 19-19 for an intergovernmental agreement with Maricopa County for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data sharing.
The intergovernmental agreement with Maricopa County for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Data Sharing was approved.

E. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

6. [19-238](#) Recognition by the mayor and city council of individuals and/or organizations who have made donations to support city activities, programs and projects.
Recipients may wish to make comments on their donation.

Mayor Serdy and the city council recognized individuals and organizations who have made donations and contributions to support city activities, programs and projects.

Development Services Program Coordinator Fox Young introduced Dana Cannizzaro, incoming president of the Friends of Apache Junction Board and announced that in 2019, donors gave more than \$40,000 to support the community.

He then announced several of the organizations and community members that included:

- The Apache Junction Mounted Rangers
- Golden Vista RV Resort,
- American Legion Post 27,
- Mr. and Mrs. Stosel,
- Marianne Kelly and Charles Iverson
- Philip Hinds
- The Lost Dutchman Kennel Club
- The Paws and Claws Care Center which received donations from Dennis and Dawn Douglass, Henry and Mary Jo Duilus, Rhietta Enterprises, Elizabeth Magee and Curt Fonger in memory of Marta St. James.

F. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CURRENT EVENTS

7. [19-267](#) Announcement of current events from mayor and councilmembers.

Councilmember Rizzi reported on a social media request sent out a few months back from Diane Sherman. Diane asked people to send birthday cards to her father who served in World War II and would be turning 96. The Apache Junction community sent 150 cards. Diane sent a post card that had a picture of all the cards sent to him, he was surrounded by boxes and boxes from the post office filled with cards.

She announced in partnership with a special needs teacher from Peralta Trail Elementary School, tables will be set up around the community for people to make thank you cards for the fire crews and hot shot volunteers. Announcements as to the date and location where you can find one of these "Pop-Up" events will be sent out on Facebook. Locations so far will be at Shoppers Supply, the AJ Walmart, Gold Canyon Bashas and the AJ Frys grocery store.

A card drop-off location will be at Arizona Tireman Services.

Councilmember Struble reminded the community that local resident Logan Reichwald will be traveling with fellow teammates to Huron, South Dakota, June 23-29 to compete at the 15th annual National Junior High Finals Rodeo in bull riding. This is his second trip to South Dakota and he asked the community if they could, to support Logan and his family with defraying some of the costs.

He also reminded everyone to be careful with their fireworks this 4th of July. The Woodbury fire is quite extensive and extreme caution should be used this holiday. The firework festivities will still be held this year. There will be the Kiwanis booth where you can throw wet sponges at local dignitaries, it is a great fundraising event.

Mayor Serdy announced 2022 is the Founder's Day 100th anniversary. There will be a call for local artists to design a logo to memorialize this anniversary.

He announced Mediacom has put up special satellite locations to help the fire fighters communicate with each other. These will be stand alone stations in a parking lot.

The city will hold its 4th of July festival, but reminded people to use extreme caution, what goes up comes down and is usually on fire. The minimum fine for using illegal fireworks is \$1,000 and will be enforced.

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

8. [19-268](#) City manager's report.

City Manager Bryant Powell thanked the Friends of Apache Junction. All the work done by the Board and members is volunteer. They have done an outstanding job at raising funds.

He announced today was Mayor Serdy's last day serving as Chairman on the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Board. The Mayor passed the gavel to Gila River Indian Community leader Lieutenant Gov. Robert Stone.

He thanked all the firefighters and Hot Shot volunteers for their hard work and efforts in battling the Woodbury fire; and MediaCom for their support in providing extra cell service at the incident command center.

The Apache Trail beautification project has kicked off. There will be flyers and outreach to the community for volunteers and donations of various materials needed to complete the project.

He then announced the new Executive Director of United Way of Pinal County, Allen Villalobos.

9. [19-246](#) Introduction of and discussion with the new Executive Director, Allen Villalobos, of United Way of Pinal County.

Mr. Allen Villalobos briefly addressed Council and had Braden Biggs provide a presentation on the programs United Way has participated in here in Apache Junction.

He introduced his wife and then introduced Taylor Serdy, one of the Boardmembers for United Way of Pinal County.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. [19-281](#) Presentation, discussion, public hearing and consideration of approval of proposed Ordinance No. 1476, amending Apache Junction City Code, Volume I, Chapter 3: Administration, Article 3-9: Department of Development Services, by repealing and replacing in its entirety Section 3-9-4, Division of Building Safety and Inspection, repealing any conflicting provisions; and providing for severability.

Mayor Serdy read items 10, 11, and 12 since they were all related.

City Manager Powell stated staff had prepared some alternative language for Council depending on how they wanted to address various items in Ordinance 1475.

Mayor Serdy opened the public hearings.

George Schroeder, 2444 W. Virginia St. Apache Junction, inquired about the block wall that is over 6-feet tall along Colorado that was just resurfaced and asked if the resident acquired a permit for the wall.

He closed the public hearings.

Councilmember Barker moved, seconded by Councilmember Rizzi that Ordinance No. 1476 be read by title only and the reading of the entire ordinance be waived.

Acting City Clerk Jennifer Pena read the Ordinance by title only.

Councilmember Barker moved, seconded by Councilmember Evans that Ordinance No. 1476 as read by the City Clerk be adopted.

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

No: 0

11. [19-284](#) Presentation, discussion and possible consideration of approval of Resolution No. 19-14, declaring as a public record that certain document filed with the city clerk entitled "2019 Amendments to the Apache Junction City Code, Volume I, Chapter 7: Buildings", repealing any conflicting provisions; and providing for severability.

Mayor Serdy asked if there was any further comments on Resolution No. 19-14. There were no further comments and Mayor Serdy called for a motion.

Councilmember Barker moved, seconded by Councilmember Schroeder that Resolution No. 19-14 be approved.

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

No: 0

12. [19-278](#) Presentation, discussion, public hearing and consideration of approval of Ordinance No. 1475 amending Apache Junction City Code, Volume I, Chapter 7: Buildings, by repealing and replacing in its entirety all articles under Chapter 7 and adopting by reference that certain document entitled "2019 Amendments to Apache Junction City Code, Volume I, Chapter 7: Buildings"; repealing any conflicting provisions; providing for severability; and providing for penalties.

Vice Mayor Wilson moved, seconded by Councilmember Barker that Ordinance No. 1475 be adopted and be read by title only and the reading of the entire ordinance be waived.

Acting City Clerk Jennifer Pena read Ordinance No. 1475 by title only.

Vice Mayor Wilson moved, seconded by Councilmember Rizzi that Ordinance No. 1475 as read by the city Clerk be approved and adopted with the following amendments to incorporate the redline version dated June 10, 2019 in a clean format to be produced by the building official with the following modifications using alternate 2, accept the alternative language for exemptions as presented by staff regarding building permits for fences or block walls not over six feet in height measured at three feet from the exterior side. Fences constructed in Federally Patented easements adjacent to public right-of-way, or across natural drainage ways require zoning review.

Motion passed 5 in favor, 2 opposed.

Yes: 5 - Mayor Serdy, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Rizzi, Councilmember Struble and Councilmember Schroeder

No: 2 - Councilmember Barker and Councilmember Evans

I. OLD BUSINESS

J. NEW BUSINESS

K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF

13. [19-285](#) Council direction to staff on selection of the Pinal County Complex Retention Basin for an off-leash dog park and direct staff to 1) begin the design process, 2) seek grants and other sources to assist in the funding of the project, and 3) begin coordination efforts with Pinal County leadership to update our current intergovernmental agreement for that property.

Parks and Recreation Director Liz Langenbach stated at the June 2nd Council meeting the Commission provided a recommendation of using the Pinal County Complex Retention Basin for an off-leash dog park and tonight they are looking for Council's direction to move forward with the chosen site, to seek design options and process, to research grants and other funding options for the park and work with Pinal County in drafting an Intergovernmental agreement for the use of that site.

Councilmember Barker moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Wilson that direction to staff be given regarding the selection of the Pinal County Complex Retention Basin for an off-leash dog park to:

- 1) begin the design process,
- 2) seek grants and other sources to assist in the funding of the project, and
- 3) begin coordination efforts with Pinal County leadership to update our current intergovernmental agreement for that property.

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

No: 0

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

- 14.** [19-269](#) Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Monday, July 1, 2019 and Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Tuesday, July 2, 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, seconded by Councilmember Barker that an Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Monday, July 1, 2019 and Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Tuesday, July 2, 2019 in the city council conference room and city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction, Arizona, respectively and other meetings if necessary.

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

No: 0

M. CALL TO PUBLIC

Tess Nesser, representing the Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce announced the Chamber will be hosting the annual awards banquet at Roadhaven 1000 S. Idaho Rd. on Thursday, July 27th.

The annual award event reflects on the prior year's accomplishments and celebrates the people and businesses in our community that make us an exceptional community. Those honored include small, medium and large businesses, non profits, volunteers, teachers, fire fighters, police officers and professors.

These award winners demonstrate community involvement and leadership, commitment to customer service, business success and growth, dedication to employees and membership in the chamber.

George Schroeder, 2444 W. Virginia St. Apache Junction, stated the improvement to Delaware Drive is great.

He expressed concern the street will flood. In response to questions posed to staff in regards to aerial photography Mr. Schroeder stated it has been around for several years and using GIS there are 4 levels various parties can use depending on their access rights.

He stated under the pervue of health and safety, when asked, code enforcement officers can enter a property.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Serdy adjourned the meeting at 7:56 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.

JEFF SERDY
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 _____ 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.

KATHLEEN CONNELLY
City Clerk