



# 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  
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Tuesday, January 21, 2020

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

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### A. CALL TO ORDER

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

### B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Wilson gave the invocation and Councilmember Evans led 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  
Jennifer Pena, City Clerk  
Thomas Kelly, Police Chief  
Donna Meirnerts, Finance Director  
Al Bravo, Public Information Officer  
Larry Kirch, Development Services Director  
Rudy Esquivias, Planning Manager/Zoning Administrator  
Liz Langenbach, Parks & Recreation Director  
Maureen Fredrickson, Office Support Specialist

### D. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Evans moved, seconded by Councilmember Rizzi to approve the consent agenda.

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

1. [20-009](#) Consideration of acceptance of agenda.
2. [20-010](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of the regular meeting of January 7, 2020.

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

**No:** 0

3. [20-016](#) Consideration of approval of proposed Resolution No. 20-01, a final plat approval for case SD-2-18, a request by Lennar Homes (owner), represented by Todd Skoro, for a 179 lot residential subdivision tentatively to be named Goldview, located approximately at the Southwest corner of Old West Highway and Goldfield Road.

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

**No:** 0

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

4. [20-022](#) Presentation of award by Ray Villa, Executive Director of Community Alliance Against Family Abuse (CAFA), to Councilmember Rizzi for her help at CAFA's Holiday House.

Ray Villa, Executive Director of Community Alliance Against Family Abuse (CAFA) presented Councilmember Rizzi with an award recognizing her generous contributions to CAFA.

Councilmember Rizzi stated how fortunate the city was to have such an organization in the community to help domestic violence victims. She stated it is one more spotlight on the residents' generosity.

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

5. [20-011](#) Announcement of current events from mayor and councilmembers.

Councilmember Struble Reported on the 2nd Annual Prayer Walk and the gathering afterwards at Flatiron Park. In a conversation with an attendee, Mr. Struble stated the gentleman and his wife wished to thank the Apache Junction Police Officer they had been in contact with recently for all their compassion and assistance they provided while the couple was down on their luck.

He announced the Community Appreciation Day event will be held on Saturday, January 25th at Flatiron Park. It will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with an open mic from 2-4 p.m.

He announced the AJ Kid Idol event on Sunday, January 26th. It will be held at Mountain View Lutheran Church and 18 students will be competing.

Councilmember Evans reported she and Councilmember Barker attended a neighborhood meeting at Meridian Manor where the residents expressed their appreciation to have trash collection with a reduced price.

Vice Mayor Wilson stated he attended Heritage Days at the museum a while back. He stated there was an actual signing cowboy on a real horse. He announced he and his wife took their service pony out to the Elks Club for the antique car show. Many people found it interesting that

a miniature horse was 1 of only 2 animals considered to be an ADA service animal. Some of the attendees expressed surprise to here there was an actual business in the city for not only animal training, but for training ADA animals.

Councilmember Schroeder congratulated Councilmember Rizzi on her award and thanked her for all her contributions to the community. He stated his family was visiting from out of town and several of them have now decided to move to Apache Junction. He also visited the Heritage Days event and was enamored by the skill and talent in the artwork and crafts he saw and flavors of the homemade food.

Councilmember Rizzi stated there is always something to do in Apache Junction. She attended the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo event. Many councilmembers attended the State of the State address by the Governor. She also attended the John Denver tribute at Flatiron Park.

Mayor Serdy announced he attended Heritage Days, and the John Denver Tribute event. The John Denver event exceeded the estimated attendance by several hundred. He attended the kick-off event for Lost Dutchman Days where they honored the city with a heritage award for being a long time community partner.

He announced the Arizona courts upheld the ½ cent sales tax the Pinal County voters approved in 2017 for transportation projects such as the new freeway to connect Apache Junction with Interstate 10 and the widening of State Route 347.

He announced the State of the City will be held at the Performing Arts Center at the high school on February 12th at 7:00 p.m.

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

### **6. [20-012](#) City Manager's Report.**

City Manager Bryant Powell expressed excitement for the upcoming State of the City. The reception begins at 6:30 and program starts at 7:00 p.m. He reminded everyone the 2020 census is underway. There are positions available to assist with the count. He announced the formal notice of retirement of Spencer Paden which will be effective April 1.

### **7. [19-603](#) Introduction of and discussion with Pinal County Treasurer Michael McCord.**

Mr. Powell then introduced Pinal County Treasurer Michael McCord.

Mr. McCord stated he is in his 3rd year of his first term in government. He spoke on three areas the County Treasurer is responsible for, these were:

1. Tax collection
2. Tax Lien sale process
3. Invest excess county funds

### **8. [19-618](#) Presentation by Kevin Camberg of Fester & Chapman on the city's annual financial audit.**

Mr. Powell then introduced Kevin Camberg of Fester & Chapman, conducting the city's annual financial audit.

Mr. Camberg provided the Council with a brief overview and summary of the City's financial well being. He presented a Powerpoint of the 190 page audit. They usually look at the number of corrections or errors they find, they had no audit findings this year and the only adjustments were proposed by staff. It was a very impressive and clean audit.

He then provided an overview of what they do during an audit. He also addressed the Federal compliance audit they do when reviewing the books.

It is always called an unmodified opinion which means the numbers and presentation of the numbers are in compliance with the accounting principles.

## H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. [20-019](#) Reconsideration of application for a special event liquor license from applicant Ed Shockley for Superstition Mountain Promotional Corporation, application formally submitted under the Superstition Mountain Rotary Club #1246. This is for the Lost Dutchman Days event, to be held at the Apache Junction Rodeo Grounds located at 1590 E. Lost Dutchman Blvd., Apache Junction, AZ. This event will be held for three consecutive days, starting on Friday, February 28, 2020 through Sunday, March 1, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Council recommended approval of the initial application on December 3, 2019.

**Councilmember Barker moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Wilson to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control of the special event liquor license application, sponsoring entity Superstition Mountain Promotional Corporation for the Lost Dutchman Days event .**

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

**No:** 0

City Clerk Jennifer Pena stated the City Council had approved the special event liquor license at the December 3rd council meeting. It was discovered the Rotary Club is not one of the entities allowed to be a sponsor for a special event liquor license.

Applicant Mr. Ed Shockley was present to answer questions, but spoke on the sponsoring party change.

Mayor Serdy opened the public hearing, receiving no comments, he closed the public hearing.

## I. OLD BUSINESS

## J. NEW BUSINESS

10. [19-632](#) Presentation, discussion, and consideration of approval of an agreement with the Arizona Department of Homeland Security for Fiscal Year 2018 reallocation funds in the amount of \$7,773.00 to purchase handheld radios for the Apache Junction Police Department.

**Councilmember Evans moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Wilson that the agreement with the Arizona Department of Homeland Security, for fiscal year 2018 reallocation funds, in the amount of \$7,773.00 to purchase handheld radios for the Apache Junction Police Department be approved.**

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

**No:** 0

Chief Tom Kelly presented the agreement in Ms. Patel's absence. He stated these are reallocated funds from 2018. In October of 2019 the city entered into an agreement with Homeland Security and was granted approximately \$30,000. The city went back and asked about the 2018 remaining funds and if they would consider granting the city additional funds for handheld radios.

#### **K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF**

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

11. [20-013](#) Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Monday, February 3, 2020 and Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Tuesday, February 4, 2020 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.

**Councilmember Barker moved, seconded by Councilmember Rizzi that an executive session at 6:00 p.m. and work session at 7:00 p.m. for Monday, February 3, 2020 and an executive session at 6:00 p.m. and work session at 7:00 p.m. for Tuesday, February 4, 2020 be held 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 Schroeder and Councilmember Struble

**No:** 0

#### **M. CALL TO PUBLIC**

George Schroeder, 244 West Virginia St., inquired as to where all the funding is coming from that allows County Supervisor Todd House to re-orientation of Mountain View Road. He expressed concern over who is living within the City of Apache Junction. There are thousands of RV's in the city with people living in them, some parked in backyards, and we do not know who they are. He reference The Terrorist Act and thought it allows us to know who is living in our neighborhoods.

He implied the residents will find a solution to the garbage issue.

#### **N. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Serdy adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.