



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, March 2, 2021

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wilson called the city council meeting to order.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Rizzi gave the invocation and then council said the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Wilson
Vice Mayor Rizzi
Councilmember Evans
Councilmember Schroeder
Councilmember Biggs
Councilmember Nesser
Councilmember Gremmel

City Staff in Attendance:

Bryant Powell, City Manager
Matt Busby, Assistant City Manager
Joel Stern, City Attorney
Jennifer Pena, City Clerk
Al Bravo, Public Information Officer
Thomas Kelly, Chief of Police
Liz Langenbach, Parks & Recreation Director
Kelly Martin, Park Ranger Supervisor
Raquel Schatz, Public Works Project Engineer
Jill Bright, Deputy City Clerk (remotely)

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Rizzi moved, seconded by Councilmember Evans to accept the consent agenda as presented.

Yes: 7 - Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Rizzi, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Schroeder, Councilmember Biggs, Councilmember Nesser and Councilmember Gremmel

No: 0

1. [21-073](#) Consideration of acceptance of agenda.
2. [21-074](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of the regular meeting of February 16,

2021.

3. [21-079](#) Consideration of approval of an Award of Contract to Sunland Asphalt for the reconstruction of Lost Dutchman Boulevard from Tomahawk Road to State Route 88. The work is planned for May/June, 2021 and will be through the 1 Government Procurement Alliance Cooperative Contract No.17-16P-05 in the amount of \$347,458.20, plus a 10% contingency for unforeseen change orders in the amount of \$34,745.82, for a total project cost not to exceed \$382,204.02. As presented and discussed at the June 16, 2020 city council work session for the FY 20/21 CIP & Street Maintenance Plan, the work will result in a new paved surface, which includes street striping and bike lanes for this portion of Lost Dutchman Boulevard.

E. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

4. [21-046](#) Presentation of proclamation designating 2021 as "Get Outdoors Arizona".

Mayor Wilson proclaimed 2021 as "Get Outdoors Arizona" and presented the proclamation to Parks & Recreation Director Liz Langenbach and Park Ranger Supervisor Kelly Martin.

Ms. Langenbach thanked the outdoor recreation groups for all of the activities they offer within the community.

Mayor Wilson asked the outdoor recreation groups in attendance to stand and acknowledged them.

F. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CURRENT EVENTS

5. [21-075](#) Announcement of current events from mayor and councilmembers.

Councilmember Nesser shared that this weekend is the First Friday event. The Chamber is still offering the Spring Into Savings program. The Chamber is hosting a Women in Business speaker series which starts this Thursday. The March Mixer hosted by the Chamber is March 18th.

Councilmember Evans shared that this Saturday is the annual Household Hazardous Waste Event. The Community Development Corporation completed another property clean up this week.

Councilmember Biggs shared that he attended an economic development course. The Founder Centennial Committee is meeting this Thursday. March 13th is the Star Family Honor Event.

Vice Mayor Rizzi attended a budget session and it was very informative.

Mayor Wilson shared that the Lost Dutchman Days Brat Fest is March 20th at VFW Post 7968. The Pinal County Junior Livestock Auction is March 20th as well.

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

6. [21-076](#) City Manager's Report.

City Manager Bryant Powell introduced Brian O'Neill, executive director of the Phoenix-Mesa

Gateway Airport.

7. [21-085](#) Presentation and discussion with the Executive Director of Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, Brian O'Neill, regarding current events and new developments at the airport.

Executive Director of Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Brian O'Neill shared that the City of Apache Junction has become one of the most involved owners of the airport over the last few years and he looks forward to continuing the strong relationship with the city.

Mr. O'Neill presented the growing nonstop route map and he believes that Gateway Airport will be one of the first airports to recover from the pandemic. Mr. O'Neill shared a photo that promotes Apache Junction that is now hanging at the airport. The airport has 3,000 acres of developable land and he shared projects that are coming to the airport and played a video about Gateway East Development. Mr. O'Neill provided an update on the Air Traffic Control Tower and the 2020 Airport Master Plan Update.

Councilmember Schroeder stated that the council is very proud to be apart of the airport.

Vice Mayor Rizzi commented that the airport is growing quickly.

8. [21-086](#) Discussion and update on membership renewal for participation in the Arizona Metropolitan Trust Program (employee insurance).

Mr. Powell shared that the city is a part of Arizona Metropolitan Trust Program (AzMT) which offers health benefits to city staff and he wanted to give council a heads up that to be apart of this trust council must approve it every three years and that will be coming to council soon.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

I. OLD BUSINESS

J. NEW BUSINESS

9. [21-078](#) Presentation and discussion for an extinguishment request submitted by Gail Torchio and Rich Winters, of a Federal Patent Easement ("FPE"), located at 1762 North Goldfield.

Public Works Project Engineer Raquel Schatz presented that the applicants requested this extinguishment in order to keep a shaded structure in place that has been on the property prior to their purchase.

Vice Mayor Rizzi asked what the \$350 non refundable fee is for. Ms. Schatz replied that it covers staff time and Pinal County recording fees.

City Attorney Joel Stern asked for clarification on the steps included in extinguishments and Ms. Schatz explained specific steps.

This item will be back on the next agenda for consideration.

K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF

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

10. [21-077](#) The next regularly scheduled Work Session is Monday, March 15th and the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting is Tuesday, March 16th, 2021.

M. CALL TO PUBLIC

Rich Winters, of Apache Junction, shared that his property was just discussed in regards to the extinguishment request and that the shade structure can be torn down if and when needed in the future. He finds it strange that this structure has been there for 30 years and it is just now a problem. He hopes that the council will consider it.

George Schroeder, 2444 W. Virginia Street in Apache Junction, hopes that he doesn't get more air traffic over his house. He is concerned that he calls the police and they do not care what he says. His rights as a homeowner are being taken away.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Wilson adjourned the city council meeting.

ACCEPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021, BY THE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

CHIP WILSON
Mayor

ATTEST:

JENNIFER PENA
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 _____, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2021.

JENNIFER PENA
City Clerk