



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, August 3, 2021

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wilson called the city council meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Rizzi gave the invocation and then councilmember Biggs led 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

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Rizzi moved, seconded by Councilmember Nesser to accept the consent agenda

1. [21-373](#) Consideration of acceptance of agenda.
2. [21-374](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of the regular meeting of July 20th, 2021.
3. [21-365](#) Consideration of the procurement of replacement fleet vehicles and accessories budgeted for the current fiscal year utilizing the cooperative contract with the State of Arizona Contract No. ADSP017-16617, the cooperative contract with Sourcewell Contract No. 012418-CMW, the Sourcewell Contract #032119-JDC, and the cooperative contract with Houston Galveston Area Council Contract No. HT06-20 for a total purchase price of \$1,120,450.

E. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

4. [21-348](#) Presentation of proclamation designating August as Child Support Awareness Month.

Mayor Wilson proclaimed the month of August as Child Support Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Chief Kelly.

F. REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL UPDATES

5. [21-375](#) Brief summary of intergovernmental updates from mayor and councilmembers.

Councilmember Schroeder stated he attended the Central Arizona of Governments (CAG) commission meeting on July 28th and highlighted the following items which were approved.

- Approval of the Audit Firm Selection
- Approval of the Financial Report
- Approval of the FY22 - FY23 ADOT Two-Year Work Program
- Approval of the FY2021 - FY2031 Transportation Improvement Program
- Approval of the CAG FY 2022 Budget
- Approval and adoption of Resolution No. 2021-02 establishing the City of Globe's Designated Management Agency Boundary
- Approval and adoption of Resolution No. 2021-03 establishing the Town of Miami's Designated Management Agency Boundary
- Approval and adoption of Resolution No. 2021-04 establishing Tri-City Sanitary District's Designated Management Agency Boundary

He stated part of CAG is the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (PRTA). He provided an update on their recent activities.

- The PRTA has an escrow account with \$64 million.
- They are working on a financial process on how to distribute the funds.
- The Governor signed off on allocating \$4 million for the North/South Corridor. This corridor is a 55 miles stretch between U.S. 60 just east of Apache Junction going south to I-10.

Councilmember Evans shared that the AJ CDC secured funding for the Make A Difference Day T-Shirts. She announced some of the projects they were working on and volunteers are always welcome.

Councilmember Biggs announced the Pinal Partnership meeting will be August 20th where they will be discussing water.

Vice Mayor Rizzi attended a MAG meeting which ended up being a very short meeting.

Mayor Wilson stated the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport is completing the build of the new tower and was able to set the middle section onto the tower and has one section left to add to the top.

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

6. [21-376](#) City Manager's Report.

City Manager Powell added some clarification and the distinction between CAG and PRTA.

He stated CAG represents both Pinal and Gila county with an elected official from each municipality on the board; while PRTA only represents Pinal County. That is due to the tax that was approved approximately five years ago for Pinal transportation issues.

He announced applications to serve on the city's boards and commissions were being accepted through the city website. The deadline to apply is September 15. To apply, visit the city website at www.apachejunctionaz.gov/boards and under the vacancies tab you will find an APPLY button.

Republic Services continues to hire and adjust their routes to facilitate garbage pick up. He asked for the residents to have patience.

He invited Chief Kelly to share about the new program the Police department would be rolling out.

Chief Kelly announced the new program of using drones for safety and reducing road closures due to traffic accidents. A brief video was provided to demonstrate the value of using drones in search and rescue operations, traffic accident reconstruction and other valuable uses of the drone.

Officer Joel Eagleton provided in depth details about the drone and the program. In response to questions from Council he stated the communications department will be conducting community outreach regarding the program through community and civic events.

7. [21-377](#) Announcement of current events.

Public Information Officer Al Bravo presented the following current events:

Youth Advisory Council

The Apache Junction Youth Advisory Council is looking for candidates. The Youth Council provides the city's teens with a voice in community issues and develops leadership skills. Members must be going into high school and either reside in or attend school in Apache Junction. Next meeting is on Monday, August 9th, at 5:30 p.m. Contact JJ Underwood at Parks or go to the city website, apachejunctionaz.gov/YAC.

EARTH HEART PARK & COMMUNITY GARDEN

The community garden effort at Earth Heart Park is underway. You can volunteer on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings at the park, on Superstition Boulevard, outside Horizon Health and Wellness. For more information contact Lavier Kurtz at Info@lavgar.com [<mailto:Info@lavgar.com>](mailto:Info@lavgar.com).

Country Idol

Did you hear about the crowd at Taradiddles on Sunday night? They have kicked off Country Junction Idol. Competition continues through August with the finale in September. You must be 18 and there are cash prizes. Information at (480) 877-8527.

First Friday

- The next First Friday is this week at 5:30 p.m. in the East Valley Shopping Center at Phelps and Apache Trail. There will be music, a car show and more.

AJHS Reunion

- Apache Junction High School will be holding an all-class reunion on the third weekend of October with events on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 15 and 16. Watch for more information.

Horizon Health and Wellness

- Horizon Health and Wellness is conducting another Mental Health First Aid training class in August. Contact Cheri DeBree at Horizon for more information or to register. The class is on August 10.

Centennial Celebration

- The Centennial Celebration committee meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the library. The committee is still seeking help.

Eagle Scout

- Acknowledged Eagle Scout Lloyd Stenglein, Jr. for his project with the Apache Junction Public Library. One of his projects included developing a seed library at the library. It launches in September. Watch for more information.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**I. OLD BUSINESS****J. NEW BUSINESS****K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF****L. SELECTION OF MEETING DATES, TIMES, LOCATIONS, AND PURPOSES**

8. [21-378](#) Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. for Monday, August 16th and Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. for Tuesday, August 17th in the city council conference room located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard in Apache Junction, Arizona and other meetings scheduled if necessary.

Councilmember Evans moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Rizzi that an Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. for Monday, August 16th and Tuesday, August 17th , 2021 be held in the city council conference room located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard in Apache Junction, AZ, and other meetings be scheduled if necessary.

M. CALL TO PUBLIC

Jim Palmer 240 E. 13th Ave. Apache Junction expressed dissatisfaction with Republic Services. He felt the company was not equipped, staff or equipment to provide services to the city.

Quentin Heiner, 2002 S. Apache Dr. Apache Junction requested council look into the residential setbacks because he would like to add some sort of shade structure or carport to put his car under. Without some sort of shade available, and the advanced technology in cars, the inside of a car is extremely hot.

Vice Mayor Rizzi stated the entire country has a shortage of employees and so many help wanted signs are posted. She asked the residents to be patient as the nation recovers from the COVID-19 closures.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Wilson adjourned the meeting at 7:44 P.M.

ACCEPTED THIS 17th DAY OF AUGUST, 2021, BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS _____ DAY OF AUGUST, 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.