



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes City Council Meeting

Meeting location:

City Council Chambers
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City Council Chambers

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, was held on May 19, 2015, at the Apache Junction City Council Chambers pursuant to the notice required by law.

Mayor Insalaco called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Waldron gave the Invocation.

Councilmember Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Insalaco
Vice Mayor Barker
Councilmember Evans
Councilmember Serdy
Councilmember Waldron
Councilmember Wilson

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Rizzi

Staff Present: Assistant City Manager Bryant Powell
City Clerk Kathleen Connelly
City Attorney Joel Stern
Public Safety Director Tom Kelly
Public Works Director Giao Pham
Assistant to the City Manager Matt Busby

Others Present: Management Assistant Anna McCray

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Yes: 6 - Mayor Insalaco, Vice Mayor Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Serdy, Councilmember Waldron and Councilmember Wilson

No: 0

Vice Mayor Barker MOVED THAT THE CONSENT AGENDA BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED; AND

THAT ITEM NUMBER 8 BE DELETED FROM THE AGENDA AS IT IS NO LONGER NEEDED (intergovernmental agreement with the school district).

Councilmember Wilson SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

1. [15-138](#) Consideration of acceptance of agenda.
2. [15-139](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of the regular meeting of May 5, 2015.

E. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

3. [15-98](#) Proclamation designating the week of May 17 to May 23, 2015 as "National Public Works Week."

Mayor Insalaco read a proclamation designating May 17 through May 23 as National Public Works Week and presented it to Public Works Director Giao Pham.

4. [15-131](#) Presentation of the Elks Enrique Camarena Award to Officer Marshall Harshman of the Apache Junction Police Department by a representative of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge Number 2349. This award is in recognition of his significant contribution in the field of drug prevention.

Public Safety Director Tom Kelly presented the Elks Enrique Camarena Award for Arizona officer of the year to Officer Marshall Harshman for recognition of his significant contribution in the field of drug prevention.

F. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CURRENT EVENTS

Councilmember Serdy announced his daughter graduated from

Central Arizona College on Friday.

Vice Mayor Barker commented most of the council who were able to attended the D.A.R.E. ceremonies and watched the fifth graders graduate this year.

Mayor Insalaco commented that after the graduation ceremony at Superstition Mountain Elementary School some of the students came up to him and asked why the district is closing their school and requested the city stop them. It is a sad situation when these kids have to leave their school after being there since kindergarten and go to another school for the sixth grade.

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

5. [15-31](#) City manager's report.

Assistant City Manager Bryant Powell congratulated Officer Harshman and commented Chief Kelly will give a presentation on a new badge for the police department.

6. [15-136](#) Presentation of and discussion on proposed new police department badges.

Public Safety Director Tom Kelly gave a presentation on the history of the police department and the badge that is currently in use. He presented a sample of the proposed new badge that represents the city today. The costs associated will be covered by RICO funds and officers wishing to purchase their current badges.

Councilmember Evans commented she thinks the police department does such a fabulous job. She feels bad they have to buy their badges. She asked if there are enough funds in the RICO funds to cover the purchase.

Public Safety Director Tom Kelly stated this was actually brought forth by the officers in order to support it. In the past the city had used citizens' money to buy them so they thought there would be less complaints from anybody about receiving citizens' money. Actually, the officers had requested to purchase them back. Again, it is a decision of the city council.

Mayor Insalaco commented they made the decision; that is fine.

Public Safety Director Tom Kelly stated another reason to change the current badge is they do not have numbers on them. In the old days when they had low numbers, they had numbers on them

that identified the officer. For some reason they did away with that. The new badges will have their badge number on it so that if they retire in good standing the badge can be retired. If they leave for any reason they can send it back in and they can insert a new number. It also helps because, currently, if a badge is lost or stolen they cannot enter it into the National Crime Information Center as it has no number. They can now be entered and if someone comes up with it they can recover the badge and hold people accountable.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. [15-147](#) Consideration of request for approval of an off track wagering facility at Mirage Sports Grill located at 725 W. Apache Trail #2A by Turf Paradise Race Course for racing from June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2018. The next step in the procedure is for the council to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation for approval or denial to be forwarded to the Arizona Racing Commission.

Yes: 6 - Mayor Insalaco, Vice Mayor Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Serdy, Councilmember Waldron and Councilmember Wilson

No: 0

City Clerk Kathleen Connelly briefed the council on the item.

Mayor Insalaco requested the applicant address the council. He asked if they have this now.

Mr. Erik Buckles, 1002 E. Hondo, Apache Junction, addressed the council. He stated they have had the license.

Vice Mayor Barker asked how long the facility has had the racetrack license.

Mr. Eric Buckles stated they picked it up when they were on Idaho. He believes this is their sixth year. It was right after A.J.'s shut down.

Mayor Insalaco opened the public hearing on the item. There being no one wishing to speak, he closed the public hearing and reopened the item to council discussion. There being no further discussion, he called for a motion.

Vice Mayor Barker MOVED THAT THE REQUEST FOR AN OFF TRACK WAGERING FACILITY AT MIRAGE SPORTS GRILL BY TURF PARADISE RACE COURSE, SUBMITTED BY DAVID JOHNSON, FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 1, 2015 THROUGH MAY 31, 2018, BE RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL TO THE ARIZONA RACING COMMISSION.

Councilmember Wilson SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

I. OLD BUSINESS

8. [15-150](#) Discussion on and possible consideration of further revisions to the proposed intergovernmental facilities use agreement between the city of Apache Junction and the Apache Junction Unified School District No. 43. On Saturday, May 9, 2015 the mayor and city council approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Apache Junction Unified School District No. 43 (draft agreement dated May 6, 2015) with minor revisions. As part of their meeting agenda on Tuesday, May 12 at 6 :00 p.m., the Apache Junction School Board will discuss this intergovernmental agreement. This item allows the mayor and council to have further discussions and/or take action on the intergovernmental agreement should the school board make additional changes.

This item was deleted from the agenda during the consent agenda.

J. NEW BUSINESS

None.

K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF

9. [15-132](#) Direction to staff on development of a diversity pledge. At the May 4, 2015 Work Session, city council discussed their desire for the city to adopt a diversity pledge by resolution recognizing the city as a diverse and inclusive community.

Yes: 6 - Mayor Insalaco, Vice Mayor Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Serdy, Councilmember Waldron and Councilmember Wilson

No: 0

Management Assistant Anna McCray briefed the council on the item.

Mayor Insalaco opened the discussion on the item. There being no discussion, he called for a motion.

Councilmember Serdy commented he thinks they should look into getting it. There were some other versions from other cities that were all encompassing. That is not an official motion. He asked if Anna would work one up and bring it back for them to approve.

Management Assistant Anna McCray stated they can discuss it at the next work session.

Vice Mayor Barker commented they like the one from Mesa. It is very wide-ranging and covered all.

Mayor Insalaco called for a motion.

Vice Mayor Barker MOVED THAT THE FOLLOWING DIRECTION BE GIVEN TO STAFF REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DIVERSITY PLEDGE: THAT THE STAFF WORK ON A PLEDGE THAT IS SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO THE MESA PLEDGE IN ITS ABILITY TO COVER ALL BASES AND YET IS UNIQUE TO APACHE JUNCTION.

Councilmember Evans SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

10. [15-133](#) Direction to staff on the formation of a youth council. At the May 4, 2015 Work Session, city council discussed their desire for staff to further develop structure and guidelines for a youth council.

Yes: 6 - Mayor Insalaco, Vice Mayor Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Serdy, Councilmember Waldron and Councilmember Wilson

No: 0

Management Assistant Anna McCray briefed the council on the item.

Vice Mayor Barker commented it is her understanding that parks and recreation has been heavily involved in youth participation. She asked if they would be the logical area to develop a structure for such a program.

Management Assistant Anna McCray stated that is correct. At the May 4 work session it was brought to the council's attention that the parks and recreation director has been working on the idea of a youth council for quite some time now. Council also discussed a collaborative effort between parks and recreation and the library to develop a youth council because both departments deal with the youth in the community on a regular basis and have programs for youth.

Mayor Insalaco closed the discussion with no further comments and called for a motion.

Vice Mayor Barker MOVED THAT THE FOLLOWING DIRECTION BE GIVEN TO STAFF REGARDING THE FORMATION OF A YOUTH COUNCIL: THAT THE STAFF OF BOTH PARKS AND RECREATION AND THE LIBRARY DEVELOP A STRUCTURE AND GUIDELINES FOR THAT TYPE OF BOARD.

Councilmember Wilson SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

11. [15-134](#) Direction to staff on modifications to the city's talent bank application for boards and commissions applicants, modifications to the online application, and applicant process.

Yes: 6 - Mayor Insalaco, Vice Mayor Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Serdy, Councilmember Waldron and Councilmember Wilson

No: 0

Management Assistant Anna McCray briefed the council on the item.

Councilmember Waldron MOVED THAT THE FOLLOWING DIRECTION BE GIVEN TO STAFF REGARDING MODIFICATIONS TO THE CITY'S TALENT BANK APPLICATION FOR BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICANTS, MODIFICATIONS TO THE ONLINE APPLICATION AND APPLICANT PROCESS: THAT WE INCLUDE THE CHANGES THAT THE COUNCIL HAD REQUESTED AND COME BACK WITH A FORM THAT ENHANCES THE USER'S EXPERIENCE ONLINE SO WE CAN HOPEFULLY GET IT SUBMITTED ONLINE.

Councilmember Evans SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

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

Vice Mayor Barker MOVED THAT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:45 P.M. AND A WORK SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM AND CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS RESPECTIVELY;

AND THAT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:45 P.M. BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2015, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM.

Councilmember Waldron SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

12. [15-37](#) Executive Session at 5:45 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Monday,

June 1, 2015.

13. [15-43](#) Executive Session at 5:45 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2015. Other meetings if necessary.

M. CALL TO PUBLIC

Ms. Tess Nesser, 1511 S. Cactus, Apache Junction, addressed the council regarding the boys and girls club car raffle and their upcoming rock concert fundraiser on Saturday.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Insalaco adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.