



# City of Apache Junction, Arizona

## Meeting Minutes City Council Meeting

Meeting location:

City Council Chambers  
at City Hall  
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Tuesday, March 1, 2016

7:00 PM

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 March 1, 2016, 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 Wilson gave the Invocation.

Councilmember Rizzi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### C. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Insalaco  
Vice Mayor Barker  
Councilmember Evans  
Councilmember Rizzi  
Councilmember Serdy  
Councilmember Waldron  
Councilmember Wilson

(Vice Mayor Barker appeared telephonically as of 7:05 p.m.)

**Staff Present:** City Manager Bryant Powell  
Assistant City Manager Matt Busby  
City Clerk Kathleen Connelly  
City Attorney Joel Stern  
Public Safety Director Tom Kelly  
Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Bell  
Development Services Director Larry Kirch

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Others Present: Park Ranger Supervisor Kelly Martin  
Tax Processing Clerk Dana Martin  
Recreation Superintendent Liz Langenbach  
Human Resources Director Liz Riley  
Public Information Officer Al Bravo  
Economic Development Administrator Janine Solley

#### **D. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Yes:** 6 - Mayor Insalaco, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Rizzi, Councilmember Serdy, Councilmember Waldron and Councilmember Wilson

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Mayor Barker

Councilmember Waldron MOVED THAT THE CONSENT AGENDA BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.

Councilmember Rizzi SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

1. [16-84](#) Consideration of acceptance of agenda.
2. [16-85](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting of February 16, 2016.

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

None.

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

Councilmember Wilson commented they had over 8,000 people come through the gates at Lost Dutchman Days on Saturday. They had beautiful weather the entire time.

Councilmember Evans commented they had the first meeting last night at Central Arizona College concerning the Arizona State University students who are preparing a document for the city on the vision for the city. It was very well attended by residents and almost the entire council made it. It was a good evening with a lot of good ideas.

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

3. [16-79](#) City manager's report.

City Manager Bryant Powell stated they just got word that the vice mayor is calling in to listen.

He commented on staff's participation during the Veterans Day Parade, the Festival of the Superstitions, the Holiday Light Parade, the Lost Dutchman Marathon and Lost Dutchman Days, working on bringing new events to the city and work on the downtown park.

Mayor Insalaco commented he and Councilmember Waldron had a meeting with Senator John McCain and all the tribal leaders over the Indian gaming. They talked to the president and governor of Gila River and Salt River and both want to be in the Veterans Day Parade next year. That will make it colorful.

City Manager Bryant Powell stated that is wonderful.

## **H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## **I. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **J. NEW BUSINESS**

4. [16-87](#) Presentation and discussion on amendments to the International City Manager Association (ICMA) 401(A) retirement plan.

Human Resources Director Liz Riley briefed the council on the item.

Councilmember Waldron asked if there are any major changes from last time.

Human Resources Director Liz Riley stated there are not. It is just a formal thing the Internal Revenue Service wants to have on file.

City Attorney Joel Stern stated originally they could have loans; they could take that out of the retirement funds. The Internal Revenue Service states they cannot do that anymore for this particular plan. That was the only big one. They added some new language under the Economic Recovery Act. There were not a lot of changes.

Human Resources Director Liz Riley stated they did not change the spirit.

This was a discussion item only. Mayor Insalaco closed the discussion with no further comments and moved on to the next item.

5. [16-90](#)

Discussion on and consideration of approval of the Pinal County intergovernmental agreement for election services for the August primary election and, if necessary, the November general election. This proposed intergovernmental agreement with Pinal County is necessary in order to conduct the August 2016 city primary and November general elections. Through the intergovernmental agreement, we will obtain critical election and voter-related services to include sample and final ballots, ballot tabulation, precinct registers and signature rosters, early voting, and preparation and distribution of publicity pamphlets.

**Yes:** 7 - Mayor Insalaco, Vice Mayor Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Rizzi, Councilmember Serdy, Councilmember Waldron and Councilmember Wilson

**No:** 0

City Clerk Kathleen Connelly briefed the council on the item.

Mayor Insalaco asked if the board workers would be chosen by the board of supervisors.

City Clerk Kathleen Connelly stated the political parties get to designate representatives on the election boards. She continued with her briefing.

Mayor Insalaco asked how many polling places they could have.

City Clerk Kathleen Connelly stated she did not know. Last time the county had nine but that included those that are clearly outside of the city. We will have some that have partial city voters in them. We will not have polling places with 100% city voters. They will include different areas. It will be more costly.

Mayor Insalaco commented it will be a mess.

Councilmember Waldron asked how they will handle the portion of Apache Junction that is in Maricopa County.

City Clerk Kathleen Connelly stated similar to the way we did before. They will be assigned a polling place and the two jurisdictions, Pinal County and Maricopa County,

will work together to gather that voter data such as the precinct registers, rosters and all that and get it to the board workers.

Mayor Insalaco closed the discussion and called for a motion.

Councilmember Evans MOVED THAT THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN PINAL COUNTY AND THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION FOR ELECTION SERVICES FOR THE AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION AND, IF NECESSARY, THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION BE APPROVED.

Councilmember Rizzi SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

6. [16-93](#) Presentation, discussion and possible ratification as required by Apache Junction City Code, Volume I, Chapter 3, Administration, Article 3-13, Department of Parks and Recreation, § 3-13-1, Department Established, as the city manager is seeking ratification of Liz Langenbach for appointment to the position of director of parks and recreation.

**Yes:** 7 - Mayor Insalaco, Vice Mayor Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Rizzi, Councilmember Serdy, Councilmember Waldron and Councilmember Wilson

**No:** 0

City Manager Bryant Powell briefed the council on the item.

Recreation Superintendent Liz Langenbach stated she and her family are involved in the community and they love it here. She grew up within the recreation department and later watched it grow as a staff member. Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Bell partnered wherever he could to give the community the programs needed. She thanked the council and community for supporting the department and listed the accomplishments of the department under his leadership. She will work as hard as she can to live up to his high standards.

City Manager Bryant Powell stated he is looking forward to her appointment. She has some wonderful ideas and passion. They have a wonderful culture in the organization and they will continue with that.

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

Councilmember Waldron MOVED THAT THE

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APPOINTMENT OF LIZ LANGENBACH TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION BE RATIFIED.

Councilmember Evans SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

Councilmember Waldron thanked Jeff Bell for surviving 35 years.

There was general discussion about a 35 year recognition for Jeff Bell the first Tuesday in April.

## K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF

7. [16-77](#) Council direction to staff regarding amendments to Apache Junction City Code, Volume II, Chapter 2, Subdivision Regulations necessitated by amendments to Volume II, Chapter 10, Engineering Design Guidelines and Policies by the City Engineer. Staff is proposing merging the provisions of Article 10-8 Subdivision Plats, with Chapter 2, Subdivision Regulations, Articles 2-1 through 2-7 and drafting amendments for further consideration by the city council.

**Yes:** 7 - Mayor Insalaco, Vice Mayor Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Rizzi, Councilmember Serdy, Councilmember Waldron and Councilmember Wilson

**No:** 0

Development Services Director Larry Kirch briefed the council on the item.

Councilmember Evans and Mayor Insalaco commented it is a wonderful idea.

Mayor Insalaco closed the discussion and called for a motion.

Councilmember Waldron MOVED THAT THE FOLLOWING DIRECTION BE GIVEN TO STAFF REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO APACHE JUNCTION CITY CODE, VOLUME II, CHAPTER 2 SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS NECESSITATED BY AMENDMENTS TO VOLUME II, CHAPTER 10 ENGINEERING DESIGN GUIDELINES AND POLICIES BY THE CITY ENGINEER: THAT THEY MERGE THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 10-8 SUBDIVISION PLATS WITH CHAPTER 2 SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 2-1 THROUGH 2-7 AND DRAFT THE AMENDMENTS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

Councilmember Rizzi SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

8. [16-78](#) Council direction to staff regarding amendments to Apache Junction City Code, Volume II, Chapter 8, Communications, Article 8-1 Wireless Communication Facilities necessitated by rule changes by the Federal Communications Commission and possible conflicting language in Volume II, Chapter 1, Zoning Code. Staff is investigating merging the provisions of Article 8-1 with Chapter 1, Zoning Code and drafting amendments for further consideration by the planning and zoning commission and city council.

**Yes:** 7 - Mayor Insalaco, Vice Mayor Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Rizzi, Councilmember Serdy, Councilmember Waldron and Councilmember Wilson

**No:** 0

Development Services Director Larry Kirch briefed the council on the item.

City Manager Bryant Powell asked if this is just for private property.

Development Services Director Larry Kirch stated that is correct. It does not apply to city-owned towers on city-owned property, like on ballfield lights at a ballfield, or a city-owned facility in the right-of-way.

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

Councilmember Waldron MOVED THAT THE FOLLOWING DIRECTION BE GIVEN TO STAFF REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO APACHE JUNCTION CITY CODE, VOLUME II, CHAPTER 8 COMMUNICATIONS, ARTICLE 8-1 WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES NECESSITATED BY RULE CHANGES BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AND POSSIBLE CONFLICTING LANGUAGE IN VOLUME II, CHAPTER 1 ZONING CODE: THAT STAFF INVESTIGATE MERGING THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 8-1 WITH CHAPTER 1 ZONING CODE AND DRAFTING AMENDMENTS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL.

Councilmember Evans SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Mayor Insalaco, Vice Mayor Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Rizzi, Councilmember Serdy, Councilmember Waldron and Councilmember Wilson

**No:** 0

Councilmember Evans MOVED THAT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:45 P.M. AND A WORK SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016, 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, MARCH 15, 2016, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM.

Councilmember Rizzi SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

9. [16-80](#) Executive Session at 5:45 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Monday, March 14, 2016.

10. [16-81](#) Executive Session at 5:45 P.M. for Tuesday, March 15, 2016. Other meetings if necessary.

**M. CALL TO PUBLIC**

None.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Insalaco adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.