



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes City Council Meeting

Meeting location:

City Council Chambers
at City Hall
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Apache Junction, AZ
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Tuesday, January 3, 2017

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

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Present: 8 - Mayor Serdy
Mayor Insalaco
Vice Mayor Wilson
Councilmember Barker
Councilmember Evans
Councilmember Rizzi
Councilmember Struble
Councilmember Waldron

A. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, was held on January 3, 2017, 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 Waldron led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Mayor Serdy
Mayor Insalaco
Vice Mayor Wilson
Councilmember Barker
Councilmember Evans
Councilmember Rizzi
Councilmember Struble
Councilmember Waldron

Councilmember-elect Struble

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

Others Present: Presiding Magistrate James Hazel
Public Information Officer Al Bravo

D. CONSENT AGENDA

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

No: 0

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

Councilmember Wilson SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

(Councilmember Struble did not vote on this item as he had not
taken his oath of office.)

1. [16-559](#) Consideration of acceptance of agenda.
2. [16-575](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of special meeting of November 28,
2016.
3. [16-561](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting of December 6,
2016.

E. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

4. [16-576](#) Presentation of plaque to Mayor Insalaco acknowledging his years of
service to the City of Apache Junction.

Vice Mayor Barker presented Mayor Insalaco with a plaque
acknowledging his years of service to the city.

5. [16-573](#) Oath of office and seating of newly elected mayor and councilmembers.
As required by law, the city clerk will administer the oaths of office to
Mayor-elect Serdy and Councilmembers-elect Barker, Struble and Wilson.

City Clerk Kathleen Connelly administered the oaths of office to

newly-elected Mayor Serdy and Councilmembers Barker, Struble and Wilson.

F. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CURRENT EVENTS

Councilmember Wilson commented his wife was able to attend after having had her fourth knee surgery.

Councilmember Struble thanked the citizens for allowing him to serve them. He announced his kids and grandkids were in the audience.

Mayor Serdy thanked his wife and family for attending. He announced that Representatives Townsend and Coleman were in attendance along with Fred Trace from Gilbert and a lot of city staff.

Mayor Serdy presented former vice mayor and council member R.E. Eck with a plaque of appreciation for his years of service.

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

6. [16-569](#) City manager's report.

City Manager Bryant Powell commented on the years of service by Mayor Insalaco and how staff is excited about the future and will work towards the future.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

7. [16-572](#) Consideration of nomination and selection of vice mayor as required by city code.

Yes: 6 - Mayor Serdy, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Barker, Councilmember Rizzi, Councilmember Struble and Councilmember Waldron

No: 1 - Councilmember Evans

Recused: 1 - Mayor Insalaco

City Attorney Joel Stern briefed the council on

the duties of the vice mayor.

City Clerk Kathleen Connelly stated it is not only during the absence of the mayor. It also happens when there are two simultaneous events. The mayor goes to one and he might designate the vice mayor to go to another one. That frequently happens. It is also up to the mayor to assign specific duties to the vice mayor such as covering all the Central Arizona Governments meetings and those type of things that occur during the term of office.

Mayor Serdy called for a motion.

Councilmember Rizzi commented she would like to nominate Councilmember Chip Wilson for vice mayor.

Councilmember Waldron commented there is a motion ahead of that.

Councilmember Rizzi apologized.

City Clerk Kathleen Connelly stated the Robert's Rules she has given them on the blue page under this item has an outline of the steps they should follow. The first step would be for Mayor Serdy to ask for a motion to open the nominations for the office of vice mayor. Following that there will be a roll call vote.

Councilmember Waldron MOVED THAT WE OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE MAYOR.

Councilmember Evans SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

City Clerk Kathleen Connelly stated the next step is that a council member can nominate somebody for the office of vice mayor. Again under Robert's Rules, there is no requirement for a second under the nomination procedure. Somebody can simply say they nominate so-and-so to the office of vice mayor.

Councilmember Rizzi NOMINATED COUNCILMEMBER CHIP WILSON FOR VICE MAYOR.

Mayor Serdy asked if there were any other nominations.

Councilmember Evans NOMINATED ROBIN BARKER.

Mayor Serdy asked if there were any other nominations. He asked three times if there were any other nominations.

City Clerk Kathleen Connelly stated the roll call vote will now be done on the individuals in the order in which their name was offered. It will begin with Councilmember Wilson's name. Once somebody receives a majority of the votes the nominations do not proceed. They now need to close the nominations.

Councilmember Waldron MOVED THAT THE NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE MAYOR BE CLOSED.

Councilmember Wilson SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

City Clerk Kathleen Connelly stated the nominations have now been closed and she will proceed with calling a roll call vote on the nominations in the order in which they were offered. This will be for the nomination of Councilmember Chip Wilson for the office of vice mayor.

VOTE: 6-1 (Councilmember Evans voted in opposition, commenting it was nothing personal but she believes having a brand new mayor the council would be better served having an experienced vice mayor.)

The motion carried.

City Clerk Kathleen Connelly stated Councilmember Wilson is now Vice Mayor Wilson and because he has received a majority of votes there is no need to go on to Councilmember Barker's name.

Mayor Serdy thanked Vice Mayor Barker for the awesome job she has done for the last several years.

(John Insalaco was no longer on the council and did not vote on this item.)

8. [16-574](#) Consideration of designation of city council check signatories. City checks require the signature of a council member in addition to that of the city clerk.

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

No: 0

Recused: 1 - Mayor Insalaco

City Clerk Kathleen Connelly briefed the council on the item.

Mayor Serdy commented it never goes to a third signature other than hers.

City Clerk Kathleen Connelly stated it has only been two. She thinks the banks might get a little confused.

Mayor Serdy called for a motion.

Councilmember Waldron MOVED THAT MAYOR SERDY AND COUNCILMEMBER WILSON BE DESIGNATED AS CHECK SIGNERS IN ADDITION TO THE CITY CLERK.

Councilmember Evans SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

City Clerk Kathleen Connelly stated someone will be in touch with them within the next 24 hours to ask them to come in and do what is needed to be done to make sure city checks continue to be processed.

(John Insalaco did not vote on this item.)

9. [16-558](#) Designation of acting mayor in accordance with Apache Junction City Code Section 2-2-3 Acting Mayor. This item allows the council to designate one of its members to be acting mayor during the absence of both the mayor and vice mayor. The person will be able to conduct meetings and act in the event of emergency situations. Discussion and designation of acting mayor.

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

No: 1 - Councilmember Struble

Recused: 1 - Mayor Insalaco

Mayor Serdy commented this is something they put in during the last term in case the mayor and vice mayor are both out. It could happen over the course of a summer. He asked if the city clerk and city attorney had anything to add.

City Attorney Joel Stern stated the former city manager at your request pursued it and that is why it is in the code.

Mayor Serdy commented they have not had to go to that and hopefully they never do but it could be a handy tool for the city. He called for a motion.

Councilmember Waldron MOVED THAT COUNCILMEMBER BARKER BE DESIGNATED AS ACTING MAYOR ACCORDING TO APACHE JUNCTION CITY CODE SECTION 2-2-3 FOR THE TIME PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 2017 THROUGH JANUARY 2019.

Councilmember Evans SECONDED THE MOTION.

City Clerk Kathleen Connelly stated this for Councilmember Barker to be the acting mayor when the need is called for.

VOTE: 6-1 (Councilmember Struble voted in opposition, commenting during the vote he wanted to clarify that he is voting no because he thinks they are ready for some new people in positions.)

The motion carried.

(John Insalaco did not vote on this item.)

K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF

None.

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

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

No: 0

Recused: 1 - Mayor Insalaco

Vice Mayor Wilson MOVED THAT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:45 P.M. AND A WORK SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM AND CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS RESPECTIVELY.

Councilmember Rizzi SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

10. [16-570](#) Executive Session at 5:45 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Monday, January 16, 2017 is cancelled due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
11. [16-571](#) Executive Session at 5:45 P.M for Tuesday, January 17, 2017. Other meetings if necessary.

M. CALL TO PUBLIC

None.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Serdy called for a motion.

Councilmember Rizzi MOVED THAT WE ADJOURN THE MEETING.

Vice Mayor Wilson SECONDED THE MOTION.

Mayor Serdy adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

This was adjourned