



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 August 1, 2017, at the Apache Junction City Council Chambers pursuant to the notice required by law.

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

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Wilson gave the Invocation.

Councilmember Barker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: City Manager Bryant Powell
City Clerk Kathleen Connelly
City Attorney Joel Stern
Public Works Director Michael Wever
Parks and Recreation Director Liz Langenbach
Economic Development Director Janine Solley

Others Present: Public Information Officer Al Bravo
Grant Administrator Heather Patel
Recreation Superintendent Jamie Sullivan
Public Works Manager Shane Kiesow

Project Engineer Raquel Schatz

D. CONSENT AGENDA

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

No: 0

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

Councilmember Rizzi SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

1. [17-296](#) Consideration of acceptance of agenda.
2. [17-297](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting of July 18, 2017.

E. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

3. [17-300](#) Recognition by the mayor and city council of the 2017 Apache Junction Little League Junior Softball Team as the Arizona State Champions.

Mayor Serdy recognized the 2017 Apache Junction Little League Junior Girls Softball Team as Arizona State Champions, a video was shown and they were given city hats and pins.

4. [17-155](#) Proclamation designating August 2017 as Drowning Impact Awareness Month.

Mayor Serdy read a proclamation designating August 2017 as Drowning Impact Awareness Month. He presented it to Tina Gerola of the Superstition Fire and Medical District, who gave a brief description of an incident that occurred in Apache Junction earlier this year involving a near-drowning victim rescued by a passerby.

F. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CURRENT EVENTS

Councilmember Struble congratulated the little league team on their tournament run. They took fourth place out of nine at the regionals.

Mayor Serdy announced on August 7 at 10 a.m. there will be a ceremony for National Purple Heart Day across from the focal point where the flags are.

Mayor Serdy announced the owners of the Mining Camp Restaurant are still undecided if they are going to rebuild after the fire. He asked the residents to encourage them to rebuild. He asked if anyone knows someone who could employ them, there are 35 employees out of work. The Hitching Post will have fundraising all weekend for the employees who are now out of jobs.

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

5. [17-289](#) City manager's report.

City Manager Bryant Powell congratulated the Little League team, thanked Superstition Fire and Medical District personnel for being at the meeting and commented the city had received the packet for the 2020 Census.

6. [17-263](#) Presentation and discussion on lighting and media upgrades in the city council chambers.

Production/Marketing and Communications Specialist Matt McNulty gave a presentation on the lighting and media upgrades in the city council chambers.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. [17-290](#) Public hearing and consideration of Resolution No. 17-18 reaffirming the Apache Trail Redevelopment Area.

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

No: 0

Grants Administrator Heather Patel briefed the council on the item.

Mayor Serdy 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.

Councilmember Evans MOVED THAT RESOLUTION NO. 17-18, A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, REAFFIRMING RESOLUTION NO. 12-28 FOR THE APACHE TRAIL REDEVELOPMENT AREA AND PLAN FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF QUALIFICATION OF FUNDING UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, BE APPROVED.

Vice Mayor Wilson SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

8. [17-294](#) Presentation and discussion on the Intergovernmental Agreement/Joint Project Agreement 16-0006289 between the city and the Arizona Department of Transportation for the landscape and irrigation maintenance of the roundabout intersection improvements at Superstition Boulevard and State Route 88.

Project Engineer Raquel Schatz briefed the council on the item.

Councilmember Struble asked if she has an approximate cost of our annual maintenance and lighting fees for this project.

Project Engineer Raquel Schatz stated that has not been determined yet. There is also the factor of what the city wants to have in there as far as the enhancements go as well as the landscaping plan which has not been completed yet.

Councilmember Struble asked if they have lighting, like a certain amount of overhead lights and such that they will be requiring.

Project Engineer Raquel Schatz stated they do. Salt River Project has concluded their design of that and they are looking at the construction costs. As far as what the proposed annual fee or maintenance fee, the city does not have a number on that. Staff will get back to him on that as soon as they find out.

Vice Mayor Wilson asked if the city is having a say on the plants they are planning to put in or are they just arbitrarily picking them.

Project Engineer Raquel Schatz stated she has not seen the landscaping plans yet. They do have a subconsultant as part of the Arizona Department of Transportation consulting group that does do that. She is sure those plans, if they have already been established, have been

passed around. If not, then she will make sure that she gets those to parks and recreation for their review to get their buy in and approval on.

Vice Mayor Wilson commented he would hate to see something that is going to be requiring an excessive amount of water and they would want something that is going to withstand the periodic wonderful winds that sneak up on us.

Project Engineer Raquel Schatz stated she is sure Arizona Department of Transportation is aware that this is a desert environment and there is not much water at all. She is hoping they will take that into account but as soon as she gets those irrigation and landscaping plans she will get them to parks and recreation.

Vice Mayor Wilson commented one of the things they did not realize is the traffic in the middle of the wintertime here. They thought that the wintertime was the best time to do the construction. He would be cautious in the aspect of assuming that they know.

Project Engineer Raquel Schatz stated she would pass that on.

Councilmember Struble commented he would like to follow up on what Vice Mayor Wilson is saying. They tend to put bushes in the roundabouts around the valley for foliage that block one's view when coming up to the roundabout. He asked that she put that in there, too. It is meant to drive through when there is no traffic. If there is foliage there where you cannot see then you have to stop anyway. That defeats the purpose. Put that out there, too.

Project Engineer Raquel Schatz stated will do.

Councilmember Barker commented she wanted to clarify that basically Arizona Department of Transportation will do all of the construction.

Project Engineer Raquel Schatz stated that is correct.

Councilmember Barker commented we will pay for lighting, water, any maintenance that needs to be done and if we decide to do something within the roundabout we will pay for that construction and maintenance. We have to go through them to get a permit to do whatever it is we think we might want to do.

Project Engineer Raquel Schatz stated that is

correct. She corrected herself to say that Arizona Department of Transportation will pay for the initial lighting of all the Salt River Project lights out there. That will be included in the federal project. The initial irrigation system will also be included that will be out there.

Councilmember Barker commented then the city would be picking up the utilities.

Project Engineer Raquel Schatz stated that is correct. After the roundabout has been constructed and the initial landscaping and stuff has been installed, then the city will have to go through the Arizona Department of Transportation process which means we will need to get an encroachment permit, a blanket permit and they would also probably have to go through the state district office to get the requirements in regards to what can and cannot be put into that focal point of the roundabout. The city will be paying for the lighting and irrigation after that. The city will get the energy consumption and any kind of maintenance that may be necessary after the project has been completed.

Councilmember Barker asked if Arizona Department of Transportation had received the federal money as of yet.

Project Engineer Raquel Schatz stated she would have to check on that. She understood that it was there. It has been secured.

Councilmember Barker commented the verbiage in the contract states if they do.

Project Engineer Raquel Schatz stated this is set for the consent agenda but as far as she knows it has been received up to a certain point. She does not know if they need to get additional money after this.

Councilmember Waldron asked if we are involving Nick Blake, our landscape architect.

City Manager Bryant Powell stated this is an Arizona Department of Transportation project. They have done many, many roundabouts and they are definitely going to be able to review it for public works and Nick.

Councilmember Waldron commented this is a different type because of the way the intersection is currently. It is a different style of roundabout.

Project Engineer Raquel Schatz stated that is

correct. Once they get the landscaping and the irrigation plans, public works gets it and we will make sure to definitely distribute it to parks and recreation for Nick Blake's approval of it. That is all the city will get a say in. The city will not get to do the actual design of the landscaping so we are at the whim of the federal processing which they were told was up to the consultant to do that.

City Manager Bryant Powell stated it is kind of a tough balance. It is the entryway to our city and Arizona Department of Transportation would love to probably just do concrete. No maintenance and just e.g. But we want to work and try to add some art in our community. We are working with them on low impact and high visibility. They will not approve anything that will not be safe.

Mayor Serdy commented there is going to be an opportunity for the city to do the art that may or may not be inside of it. That has to be approved by the Arizona Department of Transportation but he does not think the city would do anything they would not approve of. He was also going to ask about education. All the people in this room and the ones that pay attention are obviously going to know what is going on. We have a lot of people that come out here once a year or once every two years and it will be a big surprise to them. He asked if there is going to be some kind of traffic calming effort to let them know and what they are going to do to about those that think they are going to just accelerate there.

Project Engineer Raquel Schatz stated they will also have a warning sign that will say intersection improvements. It will have a sign similar to when you see traffic control changes. They will work closely with Al in regards to the construction of it. They will upload lots of pictures and videos if they have the chance to in order to let the public know where they are at. That may be something public works will work with Al in regards to education to let people know about this roundabout, where it is at and when it is open.

Councilmember Rizzi commented some of them provide flashing lights before you get to them. The yellow flashing lights prepare people for slowing down.

Project Engineer Raquel Schatz stated they will inquire at Arizona Department of Transportation to see if they have any advice as to how to do that. The Arizona Department of Transportation will not provide that education for the city. It is something she will put on their list of things to look into and to do.

Mayor Serdy commented this was a discussion

item only, closed the discussion with no further comments and moved on to the next item.

9. [17-295](#) Presentation and discussion on Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) Agreement Number 810057-17 between the city and WIFA for planning and design technical assistance funds for the design of grading and drainage improvements at the public works site.

Project Engineer Raquel Schatz briefed the council on the item.

Councilmember Evans asked how big the site is that we actually have versus what is bounded by the two washes.

Project Engineer Raquel Schatz stated the city bought the ten acre area and of that a portion of it is used by the water district and another portion is used by animal control. She showed them on a map what public works maintains and uses on the little less than ten acres.

Councilmember Evans commented there is a portion south of the eastern side wash that we have not been able to utilize because of this.

Project Engineer Raquel Schatz stated that is correct. The street crews do a good job of lining this out with rock but every time it rains it blows out, it erodes further and further onto our site which makes our site a little bit less useful.

Mayor Serdy commented this was a discussion item only, closed the discussion with no further comments and moved on to the next item.

10. [17-284](#) Presentation, discussion and consideration of approval of the First Amendment for Project No. PW2017-09 with Viasun Corporation for crushing the city's current stock of asphalt concrete.

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

No: 0

Public Works Manager Shane Kiesow briefed the council on the item.

Mayor Serdy called for a motion.

Councilmember Rizzi MOVED THAT THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR BETWEEN THE

CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION AND VIASUN CORPORATION FOR PROJECT #PW2017-09, RECYCLED ASPHALT PAVEMENT CRUSHING, TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT FROM SEPTEMBER 29, 2017 TO DECEMBER 28, 2017 DUE TO UNFORESEEN DELAYS IN AVAILABILITY OF ESSENTIAL CRUSHING EQUIPMENT, BE APPROVED.

Vice Mayor Wilson SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

11. [17-285](#) Presentation, discussion and consideration of awarding a professional services agreement to Central Arizona Council on Development Disabilities for senior transportation in an amount not to exceed \$70,000. The term of this contract shall be from August 28th, 2017 to June 30, 2018 with the ability to automatically renew for four additional one (1) year periods with the final end date of June 30, 2022.

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

No: 0

Parks and Recreation Director Liz Langenbach briefed the council on the item.

Councilmember Barker asked if from home to the Multi-Generational Center was a round trip.

Parks and Recreation Director Liz Langenbach stated that is correct.

Councilmember Barker commented that is pretty cheap.

Councilmember Rizzi commented she was going to ask for a ballpark figure when in the beginning of the presentation she mentioned if they were to bring in donations that money would go towards providing other services. After her saying \$70,000, she asked if that means about \$35,000 is what it would take.

Parks and Recreation Director Liz Langenbach stated it would, but if they got \$5,000 it should open up the ability to do a small amount of medical or shopping. They might be able to add one day a week. Instead of going straight home they get to go to Fry's and pick up their groceries and then be driven home. Having a local partner is going to be very desirable. Since they are the lowest bidder that is the other

desirable aspect as they are very familiar with our area and very easy to work with. As we get money, every bit of that money will help. It will either make it to where they can transport more than 7 people in one day or to add a few medical and shopping trips as we go.

Councilmember Rizzi commented so they have the ability to do a lot with a little and every little bit helps.

Parks and Recreation Director Liz Langenbach stated that is correct. They also work with Friends of Apache Junction so if community members want to donate they will be adding that to our campaign this year. They will be aggressively looking for more funds.

Councilmember Rizzi commented that is good to know.

Councilmember Struble asked if city staff would be controlling the scheduling of the riders.

Parks and Recreation Director Liz Langenbach stated they will definitely have a hand in that. Of the staff that were kept on that used to handle a lot of the transportation and meals, one of them has stayed on to do meals with Bateman. The council approved the contract a couple of months ago. That individual is very involved in the home-delivered routes as well as the transportation routes. They have been very helpful with us. We will have control over the times. They are working with the seniors to make sure that it is something that works for them and works for us. They will be able to rearrange the programs to make it the most efficient schedule as possible.

Councilmember Rizzi asked if people could take advantage of the tax credit if they donated since the donations will be going to Friends of Apache Junction.

Parks and Recreation Director Liz Langenbach stated she was not fully aware if Friends of Apache Junction has tax credit. She does not believe they do.

Councilmember Barker commented they do. It would apply.

City Manager Bryant Powell stated if the donation goes to the government it would not but if it goes to Friends it would. Roger coordinates it.

City Clerk Kathleen Connelly stated she does not believe that is true.

Parks and Recreation Director Liz Langenbach stated it is tax deductible but it may not be a tax credit.

City Manager Bryant Powell and City Clerk Kathleen Connelly both stated that is correct.

City Attorney Joel Stern stated it would not be a tax credit unless there is some way they can do it under one of the other tax credit categories. It would be tax deductible.

Parks and Recreation Director Liz Langenbach stated Pinal Gila Council for Senior Citizens does have a tax credit program and they can earmark their money so instead of the \$20,000 that they get, if more money is earmarked specifically for Apache Junction, tax credit could be donated for that. In this past year they shared their campaign information for that so they will make sure the information is out for the community to know that is another option for them.

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

Councilmember Barker MOVED THAT THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION AND CENTRAL ARIZONA COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES FOR PROJECT PR-17-03, SENIOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000 FOR A TERM FROM AUGUST 28, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018 WITH THE ABILITY TO RENEW FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR PERIODS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000 PER YEAR WITH THE FINAL END DATE OF JUNE 30, 2022, BE APPROVED.

Councilmember Waldron SECONDED THE MOTION.
VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

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

Councilmember Evans MOVED THAT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:00 P.M. AND A WORK SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. BE HELD ON

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM AND CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS RESPECTIVELY;

AND THAT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:00 P.M. BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM.

Councilmember Rizzi SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

- 12. [17-287](#) Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Monday, August 14, 2017.
- 13. [17-288](#) Executive Session at 6:00 P.M for Tuesday, August 15, 2017. 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 annual Bowl-a-Thon on August 12.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Serdy adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.