



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes City Council Meeting

Meeting location:

City Council Chambers
at City Hall
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Tuesday, November 7, 2017

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 November 7, 2017, at the Apache Junction City Council Chambers pursuant to the notice required by law.

Mayor Serdy called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Wilson gave the Invocation after a brief moment of silence for the victims in Texas.

Councilmember Struble 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
Assistant City Manager Matt Busby
City Clerk Kathleen Connelly
City Attorney Joel Stern
Public Safety Director Tom Kelly

Others Present: Public Information Officer Al Bravo

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 Barker SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

1. [17-471](#) Consideration of acceptance of agenda.
2. [17-472](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting of October 17, 2017.

E. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

3. [17-406](#) Proclamation designating Apache Junction City Council as supporters for the statewide attainment goal for 60% of Arizona adults to possess a degree, certification or industry credential by 2030. The proclamation will be accepted by Donna Davis of Expect More Arizona and Evelyn Casuga of Center for the Future of Arizona.

Mayor Serdy read a proclamation designating the Apache Junction City Council as supporters for the statewide attainment goal for 60% of Arizona adults to possess a degree, certification or industry credential by 2030. He presented the proclamation to Evelyn Casuga of the Center for the Future of Arizona and Donna Davis of Expect More Arizona.

4. [17-452](#) Proclamation designating November 25, 2017 as Small Business Saturday.

Mayor Serdy read a proclamation designating November 25, 2017 as Small Business Saturday and presented it to Chamber of Commerce President Andrea Chisolm.

5. [17-477](#) Proclamation designating November 2017 as American Diabetes Month.

Mayor Serdy read a proclamation designating November 2017 as American Diabetes Month.

6. [17-480](#) Presentation of the thank you letter that is being sent to the Glenn Perkins Trust acknowledging the generous donation of \$20,000.00 to the Apache Junction Public Library.

Mayor Serdy read a thank you letter being sent to Glenn Perkins Trust acknowledging the generous donation of \$20,000.00 to the library.

City Attorney Joel Stern stated he has worked with the trust attorney for this individual.

F. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CURRENT EVENTS

Vice Mayor Wilson announced he attended the grand opening of Fry's and they were overwhelmed by the number of people who came, estimated to be over 2,000 people waiting in line. He also had his miniature horse there as a service animal. He talked to Steve McKinney, president of Fry's in Arizona, who mentioned this was one of the fastest completions from plans to build that they have done and he appreciated staff working with them and telling them what to do. He also mentioned they have been in a three-year plan in Tucson and they are not further ahead than they were three years ago when they started it.

Vice Mayor Wilson announced the Festival of the Superstitions will be at Flatiron Park this weekend.

Councilmember Waldron announced they will have the Veterans Day Parade with a flyover at 9:30 a.m. from Luke Air Force Base.

Councilmember Rizzi announced she attended the Community Alliance Against Family Abuse Giddy Up Gallop this past weekend located at the Rockin R Ranch. It was well attended with a local band.

Councilmember Rizzi announced November 16 is the annual Boys and Girls Club Thanksgiving Dinner starting at 5 p.m.

Councilmember Rizzi announced the annual holiday light parade will have a Christmas Tree lighting ceremony and they will have a competition between the businesses on Apache Trail for their Christmas lights called Light the Trail. The community will vote on it electronically.

Councilmember Barker reminded everyone there is a yard sale on

November 16-17 to benefit C.A.R.E., a medical reach for senior dogs and cats.

Councilmember Evans commented the new Fry's has set the bar for all stores in here. They are friendly, clean and have wide aisles. She also saw Nationwide Eye is open there now.

Councilmember Evans commented the new models are up for the new subdivision off of Superstition. It looks really nice with a new pool house.

Councilmember Struble commented on the high school football team and volleyball team winning their conference championships. The high school marching band continues to win awards, the kids singing get awards, and the ROTC continues to represent the city well.

Councilmember Struble commented on a Facebook post where someone stole a woman's tire. People in Apache Junction offered to buy her a new tire and take her any places she needed to go. They come up to help people in need. It is a truly great community.

Mayor Serdy commented he is curious to see how the election goes for the roads. They will find out later.

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

7. [17-464](#) City manager's report.

City Manager Bryant Powell commented on honoring the community children, the library system, volunteer Will Haines, encouraging more volunteers, the Halloween festival and read a comment from a vendor at the Halloween event.

8. [17-468](#) Presentation by and discussion with Andrea Chisolm of the Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center on the performance of the Visitor Information Center for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 - Quarter 1.

President Andrea Chisolm of the Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce gave a presentation on the visitor center and the priorities the chambers are working on with the legislature.

Councilmember Rizzi commented she heard something about a competition with the floats at Lost Dutchman Parade. She asked if there would be a competition.

President Andrea Chisolm stated there is a competition for the

floats. Pictures of the floats will be taken and the city will be voting. They are taking the idea from the Light the Trail idea and moving it to them.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. [17-474](#) Consideration of application for a special event liquor license for Superstition Mountain Rotary Club #1246 at 180 N. Apache Trail on November 11-12, 2017. This next step in the process is for the council to hold a public hearing on the application and make a recommendation for approval or denial to be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.

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

No: 0

City Clerk Kathleen Connelly briefed the council on the item.

Mayor Serdy asked if the council had any questions for the applicant. There were none. He 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 Rizzi MOVED THAT THE APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE FOR SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN ROTARY CLUB #1246 FOR NOVEMBER 11-12, 2017, SUBMITTED BY LEONARD LAFLESCH, BE RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL TO THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR LICENSES AND CONTROL.

Councilmember Barker SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

10. [17-463](#) Presentation, discussion and possible consideration of approval of Resolution No. 17-31 approving the completion of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community for the State Shared Revenue Program for the purchase of handheld radios for the police

department.

Public Safety Director Tom Kelly briefed the council on the item.

Councilmember Barker commented they are still going to go for the \$100,000 in the intergovernmental agreement, just in case.

Public Safety Director Tom Kelly stated they are hoping. They had originally requested \$100,000 but they only granted them \$50,000.

Councilmember Barker commented their thought appears to be to only give the \$50,000. She asked if they would be getting half the radios.

Public Safety Director Tom Kelly stated it will buy a small amount of them. They are anticipating Motorola is going to replace some of the current ones we have through a maintenance issue. They will probably be replacing about 18-20 of them.

Assistant City Manager Matt Busby stated the good news is they could reapply for the rest in the coming year if they still see that as a priority for this particular grant or other grants.

Public Safety Director Tom Kelly stated every year they go out and request grants for some of these big dollar items. He estimated the cost to replace the communication equipment will be around \$400,000 to \$500,000. They have grants out to some of the other tribal communities as well. They might have another one coming in soon. Heather is working on them. This is part of the partnership building.

Assistant City Manager Matt Busby stated if they remember this same grant process with the Salt River Pima Maricopa brought in \$100,000 last year for the Flatiron Community Park. This year they have graciously awarded \$50,000 of the \$100,000 requested. In the past two years they have really stepped up to help our community.

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

Councilmember Barker MOVED THAT RESOLUTION NO. 17-31, A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, APPROVING AN

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY FOR PROPOSITION 202 FUNDS, BE APPROVED.

Councilmember Rizzi SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF

11. [17-475](#) Direction to staff on Fiscal Year 2017-2018 human services funding recommendations. If so directed, the contracts for services will be placed on the November 21 consent agenda at which time council can approve them or opt to continue them to another date.

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

No: 0

City Clerk Kathleen Connelly briefed the council on the item.

Mayor Serdy commented they talked about this a lot last night and had a lot of questions answered. They are very appreciative of what this board does and how tough a decision it is. He called for a motion.

Councilmember Waldron MOVED THAT THE FOLLOWING DIRECTION BE GIVEN TO STAFF REGARDING THE 2017-2018 HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS: THAT THEY BE PREPARED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION AND THAT THEY BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE NOVEMBER 21, 2017 CONSENT AGENDA.

Councilmember Barker SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

(During the vote Councilmember Rizzi commented she wanted to say to the board that they appreciate it. They know that with everything they explained last night that it was a tough decision. Council had a lot of questions and hopefully things will be a little bit different in the future but she thanked them for the hard work they put into it. They know that it was tough.)

The motion carried.

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

Mayor Serdy called for a motion.

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, NOVEMBER 20, 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, NOVEMBER 21, 2017, IN THE CITY CONFERENCE ROOM.

Councilmember Barker SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

12. [17-465](#) Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Monday, November 20, 2017.
13. [17-466](#) Executive Session at 6:00 P.M for Tuesday, November 21, 2017. Other meetings if necessary.

M. CALL TO PUBLIC

Ms. Dorian Townsend, 879 N. Plaza #101D, Apache Junction, executive director of Community Alliance Against Family Abuse, addressed the council to thank the health and human services commission for their work, thank council members for attending their event and announced additional upcoming events.

Mr. George Schroeder, 2444 W. Virginia, Apache Junction, addressed the council regarding the Texas shooting, Propositions 416 and 417, the easement at Mountain View and Mr. House's remarks regarding Mountain View.

Mayor Serdy announced the Mongolian Grill will be opening tomorrow as Fo Ever. They are keeping the Mongolian grill but adding Vietnamese food.

N. ADJOURNMENT

p.m. Mayor Serdy adjourned the meeting at 7:51