



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes City Council Meeting

Meeting location:

City Council Chambers
at City Hall
300 E. Superstition Blvd
Apache Junction, AZ
85119

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Tuesday, November 6, 2018

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Serdy called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Wilson gave the invocation and Councilmember Rizzi led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Staff in Attendance:

Bryant Powell, City Manager

Matt Busby, Assistant City Manager

Jill Bright, Senior Administrative Assistant

Joel Stern, City Manager

Kathy Connelly, City Clerk

Mike Wever, Public Works Director

Thomas Kelly, Chief of Police

Liz Langenbach, Parks & Recreation Director

Larry Kirch, Development Services Director

Al Bravo, Public Information Officer

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

D. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Barker and seconded by Councilmember Rizzi that the consent agenda be accepted as presented.

1. [18-462](#) Consideration of acceptance of agenda.

The agenda was accepted.

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

No: 0

2. [18-463](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting of October 16, 2018.

The meeting minutes were approved.

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

No: 0

3. [18-475](#) Consideration of approval of the proposed professional services agreement with TischlerBise, for the preparation of the five (5) year update of the Development Fee Study; Land Use Assumptions, Infrastructure Improvements Plan, and Development Fees as well as an update to Volume II, Chapter 7 Development Fee Ordinance in an amount not to exceed \$68,600.00.

The proposed professional services agreement with TischlerBise was approved.

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

No: 0

4. [18-470](#) Consideration of rejection of bid responses for the Winchester Road Sidewalk Improvements Project from Southern Avenue to 16th Avenue. Staff recommends city council reject all submitted bids since they all exceed budgeted funds for the project.

The rejection of bid responses for the Winchester Road Sidewalk Improvements from Southern Avenue to 16th Avenue was approved.

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

No: 0

5. [18-479](#) Consideration of approval of award of contract to Sunland Asphalt for the reconstruction of Idaho Road from Lost Dutchman Boulevard to McKellips Road. The work would be through the Government Procurement Alliance cooperative contract No.17-16P-05 in the amount of \$515,378.27, plus a 10% contingency for unforeseen change orders in the amount of \$51,537.82 and for a total not to exceed \$566,916.09.

The award of contract to Sunland Asphalt for reconstruction of Idaho Road from Lost Dutchman Boulevard to McKellips Road was approved.

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

No: 0

E. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

6. [18-472](#) Proclamation designating November 8th, 2018 as "Law Enforcement Records Personnel Appreciation Day".

Mayor Serdy read the proclamation. Apache Junction Police Chief Thomas Kelly was present to accept the proclamation.

F. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CURRENT EVENTS

7. [18-464](#) Announcement of current events from mayor and councilmembers.

Councilmember Barker reported that she attended CAAFA's open house. She also attended the 1st ever Genesis Tea Party and they had over 100 women attend. She attended the Youth Matters Conference. She attended the Halloween Festival and gave thanks to Parks and Recreation for doing another fabulous job. She also reported that she attended Pinal County Town Hall, the Farmers Market and the Open Mic Night.

Councilmember Waldron reminded all that this weekend is the Festival of the Superstitions. Sunday morning is the annual parade and car show.

Councilmember Rizzi thanked CAAFA for all they do in the community. She praised Parks and Recreation for another awesome Halloween Festival. She reminded all that there will be a Thanksgiving Dinner at the Boys and Girls Club on November 14th at 5:00pm. She also reminded all that the 2nd Annual Light the Trail competition is happening again and it is open to all business and organizations to participate.

Councilmember Wilson shared that he helped arrange and attended The Arizona Horse Council's Sharing the Trails Conference this past weekend and that it was very well attended. He shared that Al Barvo assisted him in getting the information out to the media so they put a thank you to the City of Apache Junction in their newsletter

Councilmember Evans shared that she has recently attended two neighborhood and that both neighborhoods had the same problem regarding parking on the streets. She also attended the Pinal County Town Hall and it was really interesting to learn, thanks to the youth there, that only old people use Facebook. An employer spoke at the Town Hall that they were recently hiring and he went to social media sites to see who he wanted to hire, rather than looking at their resumes. She stated that five members of the Community Development Corporation recently helped out a resident who needed help at his property. They painted and cleaned up at the property.

Councilmember Struble shared that he attended the CAAFA open house and it was amazing. At the open house he discovered Bikers Against Child Abuse. It is an amazing program and he wants other adults to be aware about it. He also attended the Mayor's Breakfast and loved to hear all about what the local organizations are doing to make Apache Junction a great place to live. He shared that November 14th and 16th are the final auditions for AJ Kids Idol and that any child in Kindergarten to 12th grade can audition. The final show is on January 27th at Barleens and will raise money for the schools. The first Open Mic Night had 3 participants and 15-20 observers. They are looking to build more participants. The next date is November 17th at 6:00pm.

Mayor Serdy shared what a privilege it is to have the Zao Theatre in town performing the Hunchback of Notre Dame at Centerstage Church. He encouraged people to stay after the Veterans Day Parade to watch the honoring of the veterans. He shared that voting is over today so tell people to please take down their campaign signs.

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

8. [18-465](#) City manager's report.

City Manager Bryant Powell introduced Sharon Stinard, a board member of Community Alliance Against Family Abuse.

9. [18-455](#) Sharon Stinard to introduce Community Alliance Against Family Abuse (CAAFA)'s new Executive Director, Ray Villa.

Sharon Stinard introduced Ray Villa, Community Alliance Against Family Abuse's (CAAFA) new executive director. Ray comes to CAAFA with a host of talents, specifically in building relationships and collaboration and skills from his career in law enforcement. He spent 21 years on the Chandler Police Department in which 18 of those years he was a crisis negotiator so he has a deep understanding of what domestic violence can do to a family. He is recently retired from the Mesa Police Department. She is excited about CAAFA's future under the leadership of Ray.

Ray says it's been a pleasure coming to CAAFA. In his 28 years of law enforcement in Chandler and Mesa he has had the opportunity to work with different groups of people and build relationships. He is privileged to be a part of CAAFA and thinks Apache Junction is so lucky to have such a gem, as CAAFA, in their city. He is looking forward to being a part of this wonderful community and would love to work with anyone willing to work with CAAFA. He says they are going to make a difference.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

I. OLD BUSINESS

J. NEW BUSINESS

10. [18-338](#) Presentation, discussion and update from the Bureau of Land Management. Leon Thomas, Phoenix District Manager, Edward Kender, Lower Sonoran Field Manager and Darrel Monger, Lower Sonoran Desert Monument Manager, will be in attendance to introduce themselves and provide updates on their current work in our area, including recreation and public purpose projects.

Leone Thomas, Phoenix District Manager, introduced his staff with him today, Wayne Monger, Ed Kender and Mariela Castaneda. He wants to ensure that his office and staff is available and willing to listen to what Apache Junction has to say regarding their goals and that they have a voice when it comes to BLM. He then introduced Ed Kender to talk about the projects related to Apache Junction.

Ed stated that some of the projects they are working on with the City of Apache Junction include applications for expired permits. One is for the Equestrial Trail System and they currently just renewed it for 25 more years. For Prospector Park and the Rodeo Grounds they are working to update the Plan of Developments, amend the leases to remove about 90 acres of the parking area at Prospector Park and move it to the Rodeo Grounds Plan of Development and to begin the patent process. The last is Peralta Park, 480 acres, in which they are working with Pinal County to create a Plan of Development to include hiking trails, non motorized trails, camping and more.

Councilmember Barker asked for more clarification on the parking area at Prospector Park that is being moved to the Rodeo Grounds. Liz Langenbach clarified that when she went back to review the renewal application that it was noticed that we were not using the leases properly so to amend everything properly we need to pull that area from Prospector Park and attach it to Rodeo Grounds.

Councilmember Waldron asked for the advantages of the patent process. Ed stated that a patent will never expire like a lease would.

Mayor Serdy thanked BLM for taking the time to come out and for always being accessible. Vice Mayor Wilson thanked BLM as well.

Ed says its been a good relationship and they want to keep that moving forward.

K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF

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

11. [18-466](#) Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Monday, November 19, 2018 in the city council conference room and city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction, Arizona, respectively.

Councilmember Evans moved and Councilmember Rizzi seconded that an executive session at 6:00 p.m. and a work session at 7:00 p.m. be held on Monday, November 19, 2018, in the city council conference room and city council chambers, 300 E. Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction, Arizona, respectively.

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

No: 0

12. [18-467](#) Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Tuesday, November 20, 2018 in the city council conference room and city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction, Arizona, respectively. Other meetings if necessary.

Councilmember Waldron moved and Councilmember Rizzi seconded that an executive session at 6:00 p.m. and a work session at 7:00 p.m. be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, in the city council conference room and city council chambers, 300 E. Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction, Arizona, respectively.

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

No: 0

M. CALL TO PUBLIC

Resident, Mikel VanderMolen, who lives on Vista, North of Junction and East of Tomahawk would like to see horse crossing signs put up on the crossover trails throughout the city. She would also like a notice to be placed on the marquee for residents to slow down and watch for horses.

Councilmember Barker asked City Manager, Bryant, to speak with Public Works about the possibility of carrying out those signs.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Serdy adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

ACCEPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2018, BY THE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2018.

JEFF SERDY
Mayor

ATTEST:

KATHLEEN CONNELLY
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, held on the _____ day of _____, _____. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, _____.

KATHLEEN CONNELLY
City Clerk