



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, March 17, 2020

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

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

Staff in Attendance:

Bryant Powell, City Manager
Matt Busby, Assistant City Manager
Joel Stern, City Attorney
Jennifer Pena, City Clerk
Jill Bright, Deputy City Clerk
Al Bravo, Public Information Officer
Larry Kirch, Development Services Director
Liz Langenbach, Parks & Recreation Director
Nicholas Leftwich, Planning Intern
Thomas Kelly, Chief of Police
Rudy Esquivas, Planning Manager

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Barker moved, seconded by Councilmember Evans to approve the consent agenda, to approve the minutes of March 3, 2020, to approve the intergovernmental agreement with ADOT for the design and construction of bicycle and pedestrian improvements on Idaho Road from Superstition Blvd. to McKellips Blvd., to approve Resolution No. 20-06 an intergovernmental agreement with American Charter Schools Foundation to provide a grant funded school resource officer at Apache Trail High School, to approve an agreement with Arizona Department of Homeland Security for Fiscal Year 2017 reallocation funds in the amount of \$21,140 to purchase handheld radios for the police department and to approve Resolution No. 20-03 authorizing the city to enter into an intergovernmental facilities use agreement with Apache Junction Unified School District to extend recreational and educational related services and

programs to the community and for joint or cooperative activities.

2. [20-123](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of the regular meeting of March 3, 2020.
- Yes:** 7 - Mayor Serdy, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Rizzi, Councilmember Schroeder and Councilmember Struble
- No:** 0
3. [20-075](#) Consideration of approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with ADOT for the design and construction of Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements on Idaho Road from Superstition Blvd. to McKellips Blvd.
- Yes:** 7 - Mayor Serdy, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Rizzi, Councilmember Schroeder and Councilmember Struble
- No:** 0
4. [20-103](#) Consideration of approval of proposed Resolution No. 20-06, authorizing the City of Apache Junction Police Department to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with American Charter Schools Foundation to provide a grant funded school resource officer at Apache Trail High School.
- Yes:** 7 - Mayor Serdy, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Rizzi, Councilmember Schroeder and Councilmember Struble
- No:** 0
5. [20-117](#) Consideration of approval of agreement with the Arizona Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2017 reallocation funds in the amount of \$21,140.00 to purchase handheld radios for the Apache Junction Police Department.
- Yes:** 7 - Mayor Serdy, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Rizzi, Councilmember Schroeder and Councilmember Struble
- No:** 0
6. [20-146](#) Consideration of approval of Resolution No. 20-03 authorizing the City of Apache Junction to enter into an intergovernmental facilities use agreement with the Apache Junction Unified School District to extend recreational and educational related services and programs to the community and for joint or cooperative activities.
- Yes:** 7 - Mayor Serdy, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Barker, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Rizzi, Councilmember Schroeder and Councilmember Struble
- No:** 0

E. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

7. [20-119](#) Presentation of proclamation recognizing April 2020 as Fair Housing Month.

Mayor Serdy proclaimed April 2020 as Fair Housing Month and presented a proclamation to Larry Kirch.

8. [20-137](#) Presentation of proclamation recognizing March 13, 2020 as Grant Professionals Day.

Mayor Serdy proclaimed March 13, 2020 as Grant Professionals Day and presented a proclamation to Larry Kirch.

F. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CURRENT EVENTS

9. [20-124](#) Announcement of current events from mayor and councilmembers.

Councilmember Struble has none.

Councilmember Evans has none.

Vice Mayor Wilson attended the antique tractor show. It was well attended and the ice cream was fantastic.

Councilmember Barker attended an appreciation dinner for the police department hosted by the Elks Lodge. It was not well attended and it will be done again on September 11th when more can attend.

Councilmember Schroeder apologizes for missing the Water Board meeting and wishes everyone a happy St. Patricks Day.

Councilmember Rizzi has none.

Mayor Serdy announced that the city will be closing the library until further notice. The multigenerational center will follow suite eventually. He explained that when it comes to private companies, the city cannot tell them what to do so they will stay open at their own discretion.

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

10. [20-125](#) City Manager's Report.

City Manager Bryant Powell shared that the library director, Spencer Paden, is recommending closure of the city's library. Most other libraries around the valley have already closed. Our library will continue to provide limited services through the drive thru and online. Final closure plans related to the multigenerational center will follow over the next week. Judge Hazel reports that the municipal court will remain open. The water district will not be disconnecting services for anyone and encourages residents to pay online. The water is still safe and drinkable. Mr. Powell read a letter from a marine regarding the Apache Junction Police Department. The marine stated that he was here visiting and was very proud to see our police department working hard and looking nice in their uniforms. He is considering now moving to Apache Junction.

11. [20-015](#) Introduction of and discussion with Pinal County Assessor Douglas Wolf.

Pinal County Assessor Douglas Wolf thanked Mayor Serdy for inviting him.

Mr. Wolf explained that government must go on and we will overcome whatever comes to the

American people. This virus will not slow us down. He gives kudos to everyone here tonight.

Mr. Wolf stated that he has been in office since 2012. The assessor's office has 56 employees and has 270,000 parcels in Pinal County. Only 15% of the land is privately owned. Their budget is \$4,000,000 annually. He explained that there is an 18 month lag in the reporting of property values.

Mr. Wolf stated that the assessor's office does all of splits and combos in the county. Their office is swamped right now and has been for the last 18 months so they are running a 4 week turn around currently.

Mr. Wolf explained that economic development on the business side is great right now, along with the residential sales.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. [20-140](#) Presentation, discussion, public hearing and consideration of proposed Ordinance No. 1489, case PZ-2-20, a proposed corrective rezoning of lots 1-8 and 17-23 of the Superstition Villa Subdivision from RS-7 (Medium/High Density Single-Family Detached Residential) to RM-1 (High Density Multiple-Family Residential) for the purpose of re-aligning the zoning designation with the subject site's current and historic land use.

Vice Mayor Wilson moved, seconded by Councilmember Evans to have Ordinance No. 1489 be read by title only and the reading of the entire ordinance be waived.

Vice Mayor Wilson moved, seconded by Councilmember Rizzi that Ordinance No. 1489, as read by the city clerk, be approved and adopted.

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

No: 0

Nick Leftwich, planning intern, presented a map of the existing zoning map and the request to rezone this area from RS-7 to RM-1 so this property can meet its potential land use.

Mayor Serdy opened the public hearing.

Resident Donna Carr asked if this would get rid of the duplexes in that area.

Mr. Leftwich replied no it would not.

13. [20-111](#) Consideration of application for a bingo license for Sunrise RV Resort, 1403 W. Broadway Ave., Apache Junction, Arizona. Representatives of Sunrise RV Resort are requesting council's approval of the application so they can hold bingo games within the park for the benefit of its residents. City Council recommendations will be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Revenue for their final action.

Councilmember Rizzi moved, seconded by Councilmember Struble to approve the application for a class A bingo license for Sunrise RV Resort, located at 1403 W. Broadway Avenue.

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

No: 0

City Clerk Jennifer Pena, explained that a Class A bingo licenses are for recreational use only. Ms. Pena stated that the fire district, the police department, the building division and the planning division have all approved this license.

14. [20-139](#) Public hearing and request for continuance of proposed case PZ-1-20, Old West Highway Village. Applicant is requesting additional time to supplement their current application with additional details, plans and information.

Councilmember Barker moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Wilson to continue the public hearing of PZ-1-20 to the planning and zoning meeting of April 14, 2020 and then the city council meeting of May 5, 2020.

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

No: 0

Nick Leftwich, planning intern, explained that this application was received by the city and it was determined that more information was needed before fully processing the application. Therefore, the applicant is requesting more time to get the needed information and details.

I. OLD BUSINESS

J. NEW BUSINESS

K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF

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

15. [20-126](#) Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Monday, April 6, 2020. Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Tuesday, April 7, 2020 in the city council conference room and city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction, Arizona, respectively; and other meetings if necessary.

Councilmember Evans moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Wilson that an Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Monday, April 6, 2020 and that an Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Tuesday, April 7, 2020 be held in the city council conference room and city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction, Arizona, respectively; and other meetings if necessary.

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

No: 0

M. CALL TO PUBLIC

Donna Carr stated she is here to learn more about politics. She asked Mayor Serdy if he was on

the board for the airport. She is wondering if he threw money at the SR24. She does not want AJ to get bigger. She said the 24 was never going to come in to AJ but now it is. She would like Geroge to know that there are programs that residents can use to get help and just needs to go to Development Services to ask.

George Schroeder stated that an individual officer will determine what to do about noise complaints. In regards to trash, he said his money is being played with and it is not going to work. He said cans are being put at empty lots. There will be an injunction coming to Mr. Powell to stop this process as it is unamerican to do this to people. He has meetings with homeland security to get these people out of our community. He said he knows the city better then anyone and he will get these people out of here.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Serdy adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.

ACCEPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2020, BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2020.

JEFF SERDY
Mayor

ATTEST:

JENNIFER PEÑA
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 _____, 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2020.

JENNIFER PEÑA
City Clerk