



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, June 16, 2020

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

*Agenda Amended on June 15th, 2020 at 3:00 pm

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Serdy called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Wilson gave the invocation and Councilmember Evans 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
Al Bravo, Public Information Officer
Larry Kirch, Development Services Director
Thomas Kelly, Chief of Police
Janine Solley, Economic Development Director
Donna Meinerts, Finance Director
Liz Langenbach, Parks & Recreation Director
Shane Kiesow, Public Works Manager
Emile Schmid, City Engineer

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Barker moved, seconded by Councilmember Evans to accept the consent agenda, to approve the minutes of June 2, 2020 and to approve the Economic Development Agreement with the Greater Phoenix Economic Council and appoint Councilmember Struble as the City of Apache Junction representative to the GPEC Board of Directors.

1. [20-272](#) Consideration of acceptance of agenda.

2. [20-273](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of the regular meeting of June 2, 2020.

3. [20-268](#) Consideration of approval of the Economic Development Agreement with the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) for economic development services for the term of one year and in the amount of \$25,832.00, and appointment of Councilmember Jeff Struble as the City of Apache Junction representative to the GPEC Board of Directors.

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

F. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CURRENT EVENTS

4. [20-274](#) Announcement of current events from mayor and councilmembers.

Councilmember Struble explained that the Salvation Army hosted another homeless shower event over the weekend and it was well attended again. He stated that they were able to find a mobile shower that will start coming out every other weekend once a location can be determined.

Councilmember Evans has none.

Vice Mayor Wilson stated that the city is having a special meeting tomorrow and encourages all to come.

Councilmember Barker shared that she has attended four virtual Pinal Partnership meetings and finds them to be very interesting to see what other municipalities are doing during this unprecedented time.

Councilmember Schroeder has none.

Councilmember Rizzi has none.

Mayor Serdy stated that an alert came out today to evacuate homes in Apache Junction but that we do not need to evacuate and he is unsure how that went out. Mr. Serdy encouraged all to watch yesterday's work session meeting to learn about the Arizona Cares Act grant. He announced that 4th of July fireworks will still occur this year but residents will not be on the football field and instead should watch from their vehicles and homes.

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

5. [20-275](#) City Manager's Report.

City Manager Bryant Powell shared that he is thankful that the city will still host the 4th of July

fireworks this year even if it is in a different capacity.

6. [20-288](#) Presentation of Apache Junction's recently produced tourism video as part of the Arizona Office of Tourism's Marketing Cooperative and in collaboration with Visit USA Parks.

Economic Development Director Janine Solley presented on the background of how Apache Junction's newly produced tourism video was developed.

The 2.5 minute video was played for council. Ms. Solley explained that the video will be released on social media tomorrow and encourages all to share it.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

I. OLD BUSINESS

J. NEW BUSINESS

7. [20-277](#) Presentation by and discussion with staff and members of the health and human services commission regarding Fiscal Year 2020-2021 health and human services funding recommendations. Members of the health and human services commission will be present to answer any of the council's questions on these recommendations.

Development Services Director Larry Kirch shared a summary of this year's applications totaling \$157,000 for the \$80,000 that is being allocated in the upcoming fiscal year for human services funding. He explained that action for this item will be on the July 7th council agenda. Mr. Kirch introduced Mary Erickson, the chair of Health & Human Services Commission (HHS), to present further on the applications and recommendations.

Ms. Erickson explained that applications were received from Community Alliance Against Family Abuse (CAAFa), Horizon Health & Wellness, Superstition Food Bank, Genesis, Empowerment Systems, Boys & Girls Club, and Apache Junction Community Development Corporation (CDC). Empowerment Systems later withdrew their application. She stated CAAFA has requested \$18,000 and HHS is recommending \$17,450; Horizon Health & Wellness requested \$25,000 and HHS is recommending \$9,500; Superstition Food Bank requested \$27,500 and HHS is recommending \$19,800; Genesis requested \$12,000 and HHS is recommending \$10,500; Boys & Girls Club requested \$30,000 and HHS is recommending \$16,750; and AJ CDC requested \$24,000 and HHS is recommending \$6,000.

Mayor Serdy asked if the last three months went into the consideration when reviewing the applications. Ms. Erickson responded that yes they did consider the impact of COVID-19 when making recommendations.

Councilmember Rizzi asked if the AJ CDC is a city organization. Mr. Powell replied that the city initiated the organization but it is now its own board and disconnected from the city.

Councilmember Struble thanked the board for reviewing the applications and making recommendations. He stated that he would like to see the money focused on going to mental health and food service for our community.

8. [20-292](#) Presentation, discussion, and consideration of proposed Resolution No. 20-22, authorizing a temporary expansion of restaurant facilities including

services, eating, and drinking and modifying signage requirements for all businesses due to the COVID-19 emergency "citywide".

Councilmember Evans moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Wilson to approve Resolution No. 20-22, authorizing the City Manager or designee to temporarily suspend enforcement, modify, or approve alternatives to requirements or specifications in the Apache Junction City Code related to outdoor seating and services for eating and drinking establishments as well as temporary signage for all businesses and organizations effected by the COVID-19 Emergency subject to county and state rules and regulations regarding serving of food and alcohol.

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

No: 0

Economic Development Director Janine Solley presented on the impacts that our business community has felt during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Solley explained that passing this resolution will give businesses the opportunity to temporarily utilize outdoor areas for seating, eating and drinking and will also allow for additional signage.

Councilmember Evans questioned it being temporary and not having a specific end date. Mayor Serdy stated that we don't know when the pandemic will be over so there cannot be an end date. Councilmember Rizzi stated that she appreciates it not having an end date in order to give help to the businesses for as long as possible.

Mayor Serdy expressed his hopes that Economic Development will visit all of the local restaurants and businesses to see what they need and how we can help using the CARE grant.

K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF

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

9. [20-276](#) Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Monday, July 6, 2020. Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Tuesday, July 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 Barker moved, seconded by Councilmember Evans that an Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Monday, July 6, 2020 and that an Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Tuesday, July 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

George Martinez, 1075 S. Cortez Road, stated that he is requesting two relinquishments of easements on his property in order to build a shed. He stated that all utility companies stated they cannot use the easements, except for Apache Junction Water District which does not even

service his area. He said that Rudy and Raquel have helped him tremendously but he can't seem to get through to the Water District. He does not understand the extra expenditure the Water District is requesting in order to even review his request.

George Schroeder, 2444 W. Virginia Street in Apache Junction, stated that he filed an injunction against Pinal County regarding Mountain View Road. He explained that it is in the best interest of the city. He was able to get drawings of his house to development services and needs help with stopping code compliance from going after him. He said he wants to cooperate and he does his part in the community.

Councilmember Evans asked that Mike Loggins is made aware of Mr. Martinez's problem.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Serdy adjourned the meeting at 8:15 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