



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes Special Meeting of the Apache Junction City Council

Meeting location:

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

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Tuesday, July 14, 2020

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

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

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
Thomas Kelly, Chief of Police
Janine Solley, Economic Development Director
Elan Vallendar, Economic Development Specialist
Jill Bright, Deputy City Clerk (virtually)

OLD BUSINESS

20-348

Presentation, discussion, and consideration for Resolution No. 20-23, a resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, approving a small business assistance grant program in the City of Apache Junction and declaring an emergency for grant funding recently made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security ("CARES") Act (signed into law by President Trump on March 27, 2020 under Pub. L. 116-136).

Councilmember Barker moved, seconded by Councilmember Evans that Resolution No. 20-23, a resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Apache Junction, approving the implementation of a small business assistance grant program in the City of Apache Junction and declaring an emergency for grant funding recently made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security ("CARES") Act for a one-time reimbursement for COVID-19 related impacts be approved with the following amendments:

- 1. allow nonprofits to apply for the grant for a total of \$200,000.00 with a cap of \$10,000.00 for each nonprofit**
- 2. add nonprofits to the title of the application**
- 3. add a whereas clause that local nonprofits are an integral part of the community and provide services for the community**
- 4. create a separate application for nonprofits requiring the same criteria as a small business**
- 5. the remaining amount to be spent on public safety**

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

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Mayor Serdy explained that council received a letter from Apache Junction Police Officers Association (AJPOA) and it was brought to his attention that the CARES Act money is in fact meant to also go towards public safety wages and he intends to make sure that happens.

Assistant City Manager Matt Busby reviewed the presentation that was given at the July 7th council meeting.

Development Services Director Janine Solley explained staff's recommendation for the Apache Junction Small Business Assistance Grant Program; including the application process, criteria and next steps. City staff is recommending to spend 25% of the \$4.8 million to assist small businesses with reimbursement of rent, utilities and PPE with a maximum reimbursement of \$10,000.00 per business. Ms. Solley clarified that the grant program will run from July 21st to August 25th and is on a first come first serve basis.

Mayor Serdy asked what happens if the city doesn't receive many applications and all 25% is not used for businesses and can it be used for Public Safety?

City Manager Bryant Powell stated that it can and to include that in the motion if that is what council wants.

Councilmember Evans asked if there are any repercussions if a business receives the grant and then goes out of business in a couple months?

Ms. Solley stated that we do not have anything listed if that were to happen but documentation is

required before businesses can be awarded a grant.

Councilmember Evans asked how council felt about allowing nonprofits to apply for the grant.

Vice Mayor Wilson shared that nonprofits have been able to get grants specifically designated for them and that if the city has money left over that is intended for the businesses that we can then allow nonprofits to apply.

City Attorney Joel Stern clarified that the grant program is entitled "Apache Junction Small Business Assistance Grant Program" so the resolution would need to be edited in order to include nonprofits and informed council to include that in their motion if that is what they would like.

Council discussed scenarios on how much should be allocated to nonprofits to apply for.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Serdy adjourned the special meeting at 7:50 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 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