



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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Ph: (480) 982-8002

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wilson called the city council meeting to order.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Rizzi gave the invocation and then council said the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Wilson
Vice Mayor Rizzi
Councilmember Evans
Councilmember Schroeder
Councilmember Biggs
Councilmember Nesser
Councilmember Gremmel

City 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
Larry Kirch, Development Services Director
Janine Solley, Economic Development Director
Leslie DeReche, Finance Director
Emile Schmid, City Engineer
Heather Hodgman, Public Works Administrative Services Manager
Jill Bright, Deputy City Clerk (remotely)

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Rizzi moved, seconded by Councilmember Gremmel to accept the consent agenda as presented.

Yes: 7 - Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Rizzi, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Schroeder, Councilmember Biggs, Councilmember Nesser and Councilmember Gremmel

No: 0

1. [21-187](#) Consideration of acceptance of agenda.

2. [21-188](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of the regular meeting of April 6, 2021.

E. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

3. [21-144](#) Presentation of 25-year Service Award to Celeste Zwolinski of the Police Department.

Police Chief Kelly and City Manager Bryant Powell presented a 25 year service award to Celeste Zwolinski and thanked her for her years of service. Ms. Zwolinski shared that she has enjoyed her time working for the city and will miss it when she retires some day.

F. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CURRENT EVENTS

4. [21-191](#) Announcement of current events from mayor and councilmembers.

Councilmember Biggs shared that AJ Kids Idol will be May 2nd at Mountain View Lutheran Church. The First Friday event will be the weekend of April 30th.

Councilmember Evans shared that The Salvation Army is hosting Project Showers Sunday, April 25th at 12:00pm.

Councilmember Gremmel shared that Pinal County District 5 Supervisor Jeff Serdy is hosting an open house on April 29th at the county complex.

Vice Mayor Rizzi shared that Table of Grace Church hosts an Open Mic every other Friday at 6:00pm and will be hosting Celebrate Recovery on Tuesdays.

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

5. [21-192](#) City Manager's Report.

City Manager Bryant Powell shared before and after pictures of a successful code compliance case that got the neighbors to work together to clean up the area.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

I. OLD BUSINESS

J. NEW BUSINESS

6. [21-194](#) Presentation and discussion of Professional Services Agreement with the Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce for the operation of a Local Visitor Information Center for a term of three years in the total amount of \$155,831.00 with an option to extend the agreement up to two additional periods. Chamber staff will be available to answer questions.

Economic Development Director Janine Solley shared that the city's current contract for visitor center services with the Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce will end June 30, 2021 and staff is recommending this contract be renewed for the next three years with options for two one-year extensions. Ms. Solley explained the process for selecting Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce to host the visitor center and the cost that is associated with it.

7. [21-178](#) Presentation, discussion and consideration on entering into an agreement with Centimark Corporation for the city complex roof re-coating in the amount not to exceed \$78,000.

Councilmember Evans moved, seconded by Councilmember Biggs that the agreement with Centimark Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$78,000 for the re-coating of the city complex roof be approved.

Yes: 7 - Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Rizzi, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Schroeder, Councilmember Biggs, Councilmember Nesser and Councilmember Gremmel

No: 0

Public Works Administrative Services Manager Heather Hodgman shared that the city is working on the final phase of preventative maintenance to re-coat the city complex roofs. This phase will cover the Human Resources, Municipal Court, Management Services, Council Chambers and City Attorney buildings.

Councilmember Biggs asked how long the warranty is for. Ms. Hodgman replied that the warranty is for ten years but the roofs can last longer.

Vice Mayor Rizzi asked how often we have to call Centimark out. Ms. Hodgman replied that they have only come out for the five year inspection as no other issues have occurred.

8. [21-182](#) Presentation, discussion and consideration on entering into a second amendment with JB Superior Maintenance Services, LLC to cover the increased Arizona's minimum wage compensation per Proposition 206. The increase will be an additional \$25,000 to the initial agreement with a total of \$300,000 a year.

Councilmember Evans moved, seconded by Councilmember Biggs that the second amendment with JB Superior Maintenance Services for an additional amount of \$25,000 to compensate for the increase of Arizona's minimum wage be approved.

Yes: 6 - Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Rizzi, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Biggs, Councilmember Nesser and Councilmember Gremmel

No: 1 - Councilmember Schroeder

Public Works Administrative Services Manager Heather Hodgman shared that staff requests entering into the second amendment with JB Superior Maintenance Services, LLC beginning April 21, 2021 until April 27, 2028 to cover the increased Arizona's minimum wage compensation per Proposition 206. The increase will be an additional \$25,000 to the initial agreement with a total of \$300,000 a year.

Vice Mayor Rizzi asked for a briefing what this cost covers. Ms. Hodgman explained what cleaning company performs.

Councilmember Biggs asked if there has been conversation about bringing this service in house. Ms. Hodgman replied that it used to be in service and it was difficult to keep employees in the positions.

Councilmember Schroeder asked how often the facilities are cleaned. Ms. Hodgman stated that the facilities are cleaned every day. He finds it to be a ridiculous amount of money for the services that are offered.

Mayor Wilson reminded council that the voters approved the minimum wage increase.

Councilmember Biggs asked why the contract is so long. Vice Mayor Rizzi replied that it was a struggle to find a company to correctly perform the services.

9. [21-185](#) Presentation, discussion and consideration of Resolution 21-16; ordering the installation of streetlights within the City of Apache Junction Streetlight Improvement District No. 2021-02-Coyote Crossing.

Vice Mayor Rizzi moved, seconded by Councilmember Evans that Resolution No. 21-16 a resolution of the mayor and the city council of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, ordering the installation of street lights within street lighting improvement district No. 2021-02-Coyote Crossing be approved.

Yes: 7 - Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Rizzi, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Schroeder, Councilmember Biggs, Councilmember Nesser and Councilmember Gremmel

No: 0

City Engineer Emile Schmid shared that this is the 2nd of 3 resolutions that orders the installation of the streetlights within the Coyote Crossing district boundaries and formally ordering the formation of the district.

10. [21-186](#) Presentation, discussion and consideration of Resolution 21-17; ordering the installation of streetlights within the City of Apache Junction Streetlight Improvement District No. 2021-01-Goldview.

Councilmember Biggs moved, seconded by Councilmember Nesser that Resolution No. 21-17, a Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, ordering the installation of street lights within street lighting improvement district No. 2021-01-Goldview be approved.

Yes: 7 - Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Rizzi, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Schroeder, Councilmember Biggs, Councilmember Nesser and Councilmember Gremmel

No: 0

City Engineer Emile Schmid shared that this is the 2nd of 3 resolutions that orders the installation of the streetlights within the Goldview district boundaries and formally ordering the formation of the district.

K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF

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

11. [21-099](#) Selection of dates, times and location for budget work sessions, public hearing and adoption of tentative and final budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Vice Mayor Rizzi moved, seconded by Councilmember Biggs that a Budget Work Session be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, May 3rd, 2021 in the city council chambers; and that a public hearing and adoption of the tentative budget be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, May 17, 2021 in the city council chambers; and that a public hearing and adoption of the final budget be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, June 14, 2021 in the city council chambers be approved.

Yes: 7 - Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Rizzi, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Schroeder, Councilmember Biggs, Councilmember Nesser and Councilmember Gremmel

No: 0

Assistant City Manager Matt Busby shared that is the annual selection of budget council meeting dates.

- 12. [21-193](#) Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Monday, May 3rd and Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. and Work Session at 7:00 P.M. for Tuesday, May 4th in the city council conference room and city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard in Apache Junction, Arizona and other meetings may be scheduled if necessary.

Vice Mayor Rizzi moved, seconded by Councilmember Evans that an Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. for Tuesday, May 4, 2021 be held at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard in Apache Junction, AZ, and other meetings be scheduled if necessary.

Yes: 7 - Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Rizzi, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Schroeder, Councilmember Biggs, Councilmember Nesser and Councilmember Gremmel

No: 0

M. CALL TO PUBLIC

Rich Winters thanked council for what they do and allowing them to keep their shade structure. He provided a letter to Raquel Schatz and thanked her for her work. He has a cargo container and received a complaint for it. He would like to have a debate on the cargo trailer.

George Schroeder, 2444 W. Virginia Street in Apache Junction, says that we have some serious issues that need to be taken care of. The trailer on his street needs to go. Kimberly from code compliance needs to go. Four properties on Cactus Wren are getting their landscape done. The owners of the landscape company are still parking trailers on their property.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Wilson adjourned the city council meeting.

ACCEPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021, BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

CHIP WILSON
Mayor

ATTEST:

JENNIFER PENA
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 _____, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2021.

JENNIFER PENA
City Clerk