



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes Water Utilities Community Facilities District

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Tuesday, May 18, 2021

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

Notice of Meeting

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND AGENDA OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF THE WATER UTILITIES COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT (CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA)

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the District Board of the Water Utilities Community Facilities District, (City of Apache Junction, Arizona), and to the general public, that on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., the District Board of the Water Utilities Community Facilities District will hold a meeting open to the public at the Apache Junction City Council Chambers, 300 E. Superstition Blvd., Apache Junction, AZ.

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present 6 - Chairperson Wilson, Boardmember Schroeder, Boardmember Biggs,
Boardmember Nesser, Boardmember Evans, and Boardmember Gremmel

Excused 1 - Vice Chair Rizzi

Staff in attendance

Bryant Powell, District Manager

Matt Busby, Assistant District Manager

Jennifer Pena, District Clerk

Joel Stern, District Legal Counsel

Mike Loggins, District Director

Luiza Yordanova, District Superintendent

Evie McKinney, Utility Billing Supervisor

Rita Vineyard, Administrative Assistant

Leslie DeReche, District Treasurer

Connie Chow, District Controller

Al Bravo, Public Information Officer

C. Agenda Items

1. [21-244](#) Approval of meeting minutes of April 20, 2021.

Board Member Schroeder made a motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2021. Board Member Biggs seconded.

- Yes:** 6 - Chairperson Wilson, Boardmember Schroeder, Boardmember Biggs, Boardmember Nesser, Boardmember Evans and Boardmember Gremmel
- No:** 0
- Excused:** 1 - Vice Chair Rizzi

2. [21-245](#) Discussion and presentation on proposed District budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 to include proposed rates, fees, and charges applicable during FY 2021-2022 and classification and compensation plan for District employees.

District Director Loggins presented the proposed District budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 to include proposed rates, fees and charges applicable during FY 2021-2022 and classification and compensation plan for District employees.

District Director Loggins presented a summary of revenues and expenditures for FY 2021-2022. Capital projects proposed for FY 2021-2022 to include the second phase of the build of a raw water impound at Superstition Area Water Plant and the drilling of a new well on the Superstition Vista Subdivision site. Other expenditures include a new Utility Billing Software program, a proposed rate structure with Central Arizona Project, additional Non-Indian Agriculture water to be purchased over the next five years, and a study by Salt River Project for the Verde River Sedimentation Mitigation project. Resource Water Acquisition fees will help fund these projects.

District Director Loggins presented an overview of the proposed rate adjustments for FY 2021-2022 to include a 2.1% overall increase for customers within city limits and a 4.8% overall increase for customers in county areas. He is also proposing an increase in residential system connection fees and water acquisition fees which will not affect current customers. The increases will go into effect October 1, 2021.

District Director Loggins presented an overview of the proposed classification and compensation plan for District Employees This will include a 3% increase in the compensation plan and a 10% increase on average to health insurance premiums, the District will cover 3% of the cost of the increase and the employee will cover the other 7%.

3. [21-246](#) Consideration of Resolution No. 2021-002, declaring as public record and adopting certain documents filed with the District Clerk entitled "Apache Junction Water District Utilities Community Facilities District Classification Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022", "Apache Junction Water District Utilities Community Facilities District Compensation Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022", Apache Junction Water District Utilities Community Facilities District Flat and Hourly Schedule for Fiscal Year 2021-2022".

Board member Biggs made a motion that Resolution No. 2021-002, declaring a public record and adopting certain documents filed with the District Clerk entitled "Apache Junction Water Utilities Community Facilities District Classification Plan, Compensation Plan, and the Flat and Hourly Schedule for Fiscal Year 2021-2022", be approved. Board member Schroeder seconded.

- Yes:** 6 - Chairperson Wilson, Boardmember Schroeder, Boardmember Biggs, Boardmember Nesser, Boardmember Evans and Boardmember Gremmel

No: 0
Excused: 1 - Vice Chair Rizzi

D. Public Hearing

4. [21-247](#) Presentation, discussion, public hearing and consideration of Resolution No. 2021-003, pursuant to A.R.S. § 48-716, adopting a proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022; adopting proposed rates, fees, deposits, water resources acquisition fees and charges applicable for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022; establishing a public hearing on the proposed budget; and directing district staff to solicit comments for the City of Apache Junction on the proposed annual budget.

Board member Gremmel made a motion that Resolution No. 2021-003, a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Water Utilities Community Facilities District (City of Apache Junction, Arizona), pursuant to A.R.S. § 48-716, adopting a proposed budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022; adopting proposed rates, fees, deposits, water resource acquisition fees and charges applicable for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022; establishing a public hearing on the proposed budget; and directing district staff to solicit comments from the City of Apache Junction on the proposed annual budget be approved. Board member Nesser seconded.

District Clerk Jennifer Pena called for a roll call vote. During the vote Board member Schroeder asked if the motion was to be voted on in two parts or was the additional verbiage to be included in the original vote. District Clerk Jennifer Pena confirmed the motion should be made as written and informed the board that the motion would need to be retracted and the motion would need to be presented again.

Chairperson Wilson asked for a roll vote for the motion to be retracted and called for a roll call vote on the retraction.

Before the full motion was presented again to the board, Chairperson Biggs asked to clarify the public meeting date prior to the vote. District Manager Matt Busby confirmed the date being voted on was for the final budget public hearing on June 15, 2021.

The retracted motion was approved by the board and Board member Gremmel made a new motion that Resolution No. 2021-003, a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Water Utilities Community Facilities District (City of Apache Junction, Arizona), pursuant to A.R.S. § 48-716, adopting a proposed budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022; adopting proposed rates, fees, deposits, water resource acquisition fees and charges applicable for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022; establishing a public hearing on the proposed budget; and directing district staff to solicit comments from the City of Apache Junction on the proposed annual budget be approved; and I further move the Public Hearing for final budget adoption be held on June 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Apache Junction City Council Chambers, 300 East Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction, Arizona. Board member Nesser seconded.

Yes: 6 - Chairperson Wilson, Boardmember Schroeder, Boardmember Biggs, Boardmember Nesser, Boardmember Evans and Boardmember Gremmel
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Vice Chair Rizzi

Chairperson Wilson asked for a motion on Resolution No. 2021-002. District Manager Bryant Powell noted this was a public hearing. Chairperson Wilson called for a Public Hearing on proposed budget and rate schedule for Fiscal Year 2021-20221. There being no one wishing to speak, he closed the public hearing with no further comments and called for a motion.

E. District Manager Report

No report.

F. District Director Report

No report.

G. District Treasurer Report

No report.

H. Adjournment

No report.

Chairperson Wilson adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

ACCEPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021, BY THE CHAIR
PERSON AND DISTRICT BOARD OF THE WATER UTILITIES COMMUNITY FACILITIES
DISTRICT, (CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA).

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

WALTER "CHIP" WILSON
Chairperson

ATTEST:

JENNIFER PENA
District Clerk

WATER UTILITIES COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT MINUTES
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Water Utilities Community Facilities District 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 _____, 2021.

JENNIFER PENA
District Clerk