



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, July 6, 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:

Matt Busby, Assistant City Manager
Anna McCray, Assistant to the City Manager
Joel Stern, City Attorney
Jennifer Pena, City Clerk
Al Bravo, Public Information Officer
Thomas Kelly, Chief of Police
Jamie Sullivan, Recreation Supervisor
Riley King, Management Analyst
Dave Butler, Parks Supervisor
Kelly Martin, Parks Ranger
Dana Martin, Tax Auditor
Mike Wever, Public Works Director
Shane Kiesow, Public Works Manager
Aaron LaSota, Judge
Jill Bright, Deputy City Clerk (remotely)

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Rizzi moved, seconded by Councilmember Nesser to accept the consent agenda and move item #5 to New Business.

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

No: 0

1. [21-326](#) Consideration of acceptance of agenda.
2. [21-325](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of the special meeting of June 14, 2021.
3. [21-327](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of the regular meeting of June 15, 2021.
4. [21-288](#) Acknowledge receipt of the Annual Report of the Apache Junction Public Library Board of Trustees for 2020-2021 fiscal year.
5. [21-323](#) Consideration on an award of contract to Viasun Corporation for asphalt crushing and screening. The work would be through the City of Scottsdale Cooperative Contract No. 20RP016 in a total amount not to exceed \$308,096.00 and this service contract is a partial fulfillment of the Fiscal Year's Capital Improvement and Street Maintenance Plan.

Councilmember Evans moved, seconded by Councilmember Biggs that an award of contract to Viasun Corporation for asphalt crushing and screening in a total amount not to exceed \$308,096.00 be approved.

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

No: 0

This item was moved to New Business. Public Works Manager Shane Kiesow presented the process and uses of recycled asphalt.

E. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

6. [21-338](#) Presentation of proclamation recognizing July 2021 as Parks and Recreation Month.

Mayor Wilson proclaimed July 2021 as Parks & Recreation Month and presented the proclamation to Jamie Sullivan.

Ms. Sullivan thanked council for their support and shared a video of the history of Apache Junction Parks & Recreation.

F. REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL UPDATES

7. [21-332](#) Brief summary of intergovernmental updates from mayor and councilmembers.

Councilmember Evans shared that the AJ CDC recently cleaned up a code compliance case yard with the help of 19 volunteers.

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

8. [21-329](#) City Manager's Report.

Assistant City Manager thanked Parks & Recreation for their great 4th of July event over the

weekend. He thanked Republic Services for the donation of fireworks for the 11th year in a row.

9. [21-330](#) Announcement of current events.

Public Information Officer Al Bravo presented the following current events:

- Shop Local is still occurring
- Water Drive hosted by Papa Murphy's and Genesis Project
- First Friday is this Friday
- Sonoran Farmers Market this Sunday

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

I. OLD BUSINESS

J. NEW BUSINESS

10. [21-322](#) Presentation and discussion on the Public Works Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Capital Improvement and Street Maintenance Plan. City staff will present information regarding the status of the city's streets and upcoming Capital Improvement and Street Maintenance Projects for the new Fiscal Year.

Public Works Manager Shane Kiesow presented the 2021 street assets and ratings, the 2022 Capital Improvement Plan and 2022 Street Maintenance Plan and associated projects.

11. [21-331](#) Consideration of appointment of Aaron Doug LaSota as presiding magistrate and consideration of associated employment agreement; swearing in of Aaron Doug LaSota as presiding magistrate; and opportunity for comments by mayor, council and Judge LaSota.

Councilmember Evans moved, seconded by Councilmember Nesser that Aaron Doug LaSota be appointed as presiding magistrate and that the employment agreement for Mr. LaSota be approved.

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

No: 1 - Councilmember Gremmel

Assistant City Manager Matt Busby shared the interview process. Mayor Wilson shared that council went through a series of interviews and came up with what they believe to be the best qualified candidate.

City Clerk Jennifer Pena swore in Judge LaSota and he thanked council for their vote of candidacy and promised to work hard and make them proud.

K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF

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

12. [21-328](#) Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. for Monday, July 19th and Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. for Tuesday, July 20th in the city council conference room located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard in Apache Junction, Arizona and other meetings scheduled if necessary.

Councilmember Evans moved, seconded by Councilmember Schroeder that an Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. for Monday, July 19th and Tuesday, July 20th, 2021 be held in the city council conference room located 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

Donna Carr, 2178 W. Virginia Street, is wondering what is happening with the Calling All Artist program. She has a neighbor who burns his trash and plays loud karaoke.

George Schroeder, 2444 W. Virginia Street, says that Ms. Rizzi's empathy sounds like apathy. The homeless are still on our streets. It's been 40 years and his street still has not been fixed and he's not waiting 2 more years. He doesn't want to hear about Mesa.

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