



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, February 1, 2022

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Rizzi gave the invocation and Councilmember Evans led 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
Michael Pooley, Police Chief
Al Bravo, Public Information Officer

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Rizzi moved, seconded by Councilmember Evans that the consent agenda be accepted as presented.

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

No: 0

1. [22-053](#) Consideration of acceptance of agenda.
2. [22-054](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of the regular meeting of January 18, 2022.
3. [22-045](#) Consideration of approval of an award of contract to Viasun Corporation for

the slurry seal preservation of city streets within the Arroyo Verde Subdivision, including portions of San Marcos Drive and 16th Avenue. The work is scheduled to begin in mid-March and continue through April, 2022 via the Pinal County Cooperative Contract No. 175923 in the amount of \$430,502.26, plus a 10% contingency for unforeseen change orders in the amount of \$43,050.22; for a total project cost not to exceed \$473,552.48. This project is part of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Capital Improvement and Street Maintenance Plan and is funded by the .2% sales tax dedicated to roadway maintenance and repairs.

4. [22-052](#) Consideration of award of contract to Southwest Slurry Seal for the slurry seal preservation of city streets within the Ironwood Estates I, Renaissance, Arizona Grande and Cimmarron Superstition subdivisions. The work is scheduled to begin in mid-February and continue through March, 2022 via the Pinal County Cooperative Contract No. 175923 in the amount of \$368,778.42, plus a 10% contingency for unforeseen change orders in the amount of \$36,877.84; for a total project cost not to exceed \$405,656.26. This project is part of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Capital Improvement and Street Maintenance Plan and is funded by the .2% sales tax dedicated to roadway maintenance and repairs.

E. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

F. REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL UPDATES

5. [22-055](#) Brief summary of intergovernmental updates from mayor and councilmembers.

Councilmember Schroeder announced that the counties in Arizona are still waiting for a court ruling regarding the \$70 million that were collected from the state-wide tax that was implemented and still being held in escrow. He also said CAG Resolution No. 2022-2, the expansion and capacity of the Superstition Mountain Community Facilities District No. 1, was approved.

Councilmember Gremmel announced that the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) held their first board of directors meeting on January 20, 2022. She said the mission of GPEC is to attract and grow quality businesses and advocate for the competitiveness of the greater Phoenix area. She added GPEC is approaching 30 years of service. She said the greater Phoenix area is moving away from the five 'C's (cotton, climate, copper, citrus, and cattle) to now becoming a hub of technology and cyber security, autonomous automobiles and a corporate nerve center. She said GPEC is becoming even more important with the growth of the city.

Mayor Wilson shared that the Casa Grande Dispatch newspaper had a front page article and pictures about the Apache Junction Founding Days centennial celebration.

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

6. [22-056](#) City Manager's Report.

City Manager Bryant Powell shared that Chief Michael Pooley was sworn in as the chief of police the previous evening.

7. [22-024](#) Desert Vista Elementary & Avalon Elementary honor students and student council introductions.

Councilmember Gremmel welcomed and introduced the student council and honor students from Desert Vista and Avalon elementary schools.

8. [22-046](#) Presentation and discussion with Superstition Horsemen's Association Board Chairman Darryl Cross regarding community equestrian road safety. This is follow up discussion from the September of 2021.

Superstition Horsemen's Association (SHA) Board Chairman Darryl Cross gave a presentation on the Safe Ride Campaign.

Vice Mayor Rizzi asked if there was a way to donate to the safe ride project. Mr. Cross said those interested can donate on the SHA website (<https://sha4u.org>) through Paypal. They will also have a booth at Lost Dutchman Days. Vice Mayor Rizzi asked if the information can be shared on the city's website or marquee. City Manager Powell said that can be done.

Councilmember Evans thanked Mr. Cross for the information and said the information applies to bicyclists as well.

Councilmember Tesser asked if SHA contacted the Motor Vehicle Department to include this information for new drivers. Mr. Cross said they haven't and said it was a great idea.

Councilmember Biggs said this would be good information for school districts to include the drivers training for students.

Chouncilmember Nesser reminded drivers that pedestrians, bicyclists and horse riders have the right of way.

9. [22-057](#) Announcement of current events.

Public Information Officer Al Bravo announced the winners of the Kids Idol Contest were:

K-6 Winner - Sierenity Wiles

7-12 Winner - Sofia Barlow

Fan Favorite - Avalon Choir - "Vocal Range"

Braden/Jeff's Winner - Connor "Spike" Miller

Mr. Bravo also announced that February in Apache Junction means Lost Dutchman Days. Lost Dutchman Days runs February 25th through the 27th. There is a parade and rodeo during the weekend as well. The Lost Dutchman Marathon is Sunday, February 20, 2022.

He also said Horizon Health and Wellness is offering vaccines.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

I. OLD BUSINESS

J. NEW BUSINESS

10. [22-070](#) Presentation and discussion on the history and purpose of Apache Junction city code provisions set forth under Vol. I, Article 2-11, Health and Human

Services Commission, as well as Article 2-14, Requests for Financial Assistance [from non-profit organizations], and the follow-up to councilmember remarks from the June 4th, 2021 retreat which was held at the Central Arizona College. Discussion on next steps in preparation for possible City Council Direction to Staff.

City Clerk Pena presented the health and human services funding process that was revised in 2020.

The city council and staff discussed the ability and need of a community needs assessment and how that can help direct funds where they are needed, and organizations receiving funds whether year after year should continue receiving funds. They also discussed that ASU previously conducted a study about homelessness in the community and the biggest obstacle is funding. They also discussed the possible overlapping of services and how some recipients may go from organization to organization to receive the same type of service. They also discussed the public's mindset of homelessness is shifting and communities are using current resources in their communities to address the issue. They discussed using a portion of the funds to have a community needs assessment completed.

There will be an item on the February 15th, 2022 city council agenda so council can direct staff to proceed with the organization of a joint meeting between city council and the health and human services commission..

K. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO STAFF

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

11. [22-058](#) Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. for Monday, February 14th and Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. for Tuesday, February 15th 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 Biggs that an executive session at 6:00 p.m. for Monday, February 14th, and Tuesday, February 15 at 6:00 P.M., be held in the city council conference room and city council chambers, 300 E. Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction, Arizona, respectively and other meetings 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

George Schroeder, 2444 W. Virginia St., Apache Junction expressed his concerns over interference in code compliance cases and how he wants to clean up the city.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

ACCEPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2022, BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

WALTER "CHIP" WILSON
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 _____, 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2022.

JENNIFER PEÑA