



**MINUTES
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
WORK SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
473 S MAIN STREET, SUITE 106, CAMP VERDE, AZ 86322
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024, at 5:30 P.M.**

Note: Council member(s) may attend Council Sessions either in person or by telephone, video, or internet conferencing.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Councilor Jackie Baker, Councilor Wendy Escoffier, Councilor Robin Godwin, Councilor Cris McPhail, Councilor Jesse Murdock (arrived at 5:36p.m.), Vice Mayor Marie Moore and Mayor Dee Jenkins.

Also Present

Town Manager Miranda Fisher, Town Attorney Trish Stuhan, Town Clerk Leah Rhodes, Administrative Clerk Jadie Edwards and Recording Secretary Jennifer Reed.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Escoffier led the Pledge.

4. Discussion, consideration and direction regarding Community Development priorities.

Staff resource: Town Manager Miranda Fisher and Planner II Cory Mulcaire.

Town Manager Miranda Fisher explained she was seeking feedback from Council. The Community Development Department has been working on various code updates and planning documents and now seeks guidance to establish priorities. Currently, the following code amendments and plans are in progress, but due to staff capacity, it is impractical to address all of these simultaneously:

- General Plan Update
- Residential & Commercial Uses/Standards & Definitions
- Sign Ordinance (on hold due to capacity constraints)
- Off-Highway Vehicles (Town Manager Miranda Fisher has identified that it would be more appropriate to address OHVs as a part of residential uses vs. a singular update)
- Livestock Ordinance

Manager Fisher reported that she presented a list of ongoing staff projects to the Planning and Zoning Commission and asked for their recommendations on prioritizing these initiatives. The Commission prioritized the following for Community Development:

- **General Plan Update**

- This is currently underway, with the Technical Advisory Group meeting bi-weekly.

- **Livestock Ordinance**

- The public hearing before the Planning & Zoning Commission has been continued to October 3rd. Staff expects a recommendation at that meeting, with the ordinance proceeding to the Council for review by the end of the year.

- **Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Plan Update**

- The Commission prefers a comprehensive update over subject-specific amendments to prevent code contradictions.

- **Rural Water Management Planning**

- The Commission recommends forming a committee to assess Town water capacity and resiliency, and to provide recommendations for potential code language related to water conservation. Town staff concurred with these priorities.

Manager Fisher inquired whether the Council concurs with the priorities established by Community Development staff and the Planning & Zoning Commission. Should the Council decide the consideration of retail marijuana establishments, the next agenda should address whether this change should be integrated into the comprehensive zoning update or treated as a separate item prior to the completion of the comprehensive update.

Vice Mayor Moore highlighted the need for a comprehensive update of the Planning and Zoning Code. She asked Manager Fisher whether staff, given their current schedules, would be able to undertake this update or if it would be necessary to engage a consultant. In addition, Vice Mayor stated the County was also working on updating their codes and thought the Town could piggyback off the County.

Manager Fisher emphasized that, regarding a comprehensive update of the Planning and Zoning Code, staff has the most thorough understanding of the Town's codes and their application, especially when inconsistencies arise. While acknowledging the complexity of the task, Manager Fisher noted that staff is already engaged with both the Comprehensive Plan and the General Plan. Although there is a contracted senior planner available for support, if necessary, Manager Fisher believes the work can be effectively managed internally by the staff.

Manager Fisher also stressed the importance of a unified approach. It is essential to avoid a situation where certain elements, such as "Signs" are later singled out for separate handling. The goal is to ensure a comprehensive alignment across all planning processes, including the General Plan, which will require about a year to accomplish. Confidence was expressed in the team's ability to manage this process administratively.

Manager Fisher explained that the County will take approximately three years to complete their update so aligning timelines likely won't work but that staff will monitor their amendments.

Planner II Cory Mulcaire will lead the effort, as Manager Fisher believes that internal staff is the best approach. Bringing in external support may risk a lack of understanding of the community, its specific challenges, and how changes will integrate with the General Plan, Vice Mayor Moore would like to see this done in one-year verses three. If the process takes up to three years, she would like the process to start with hiring a consultant.

Town Manager Fisher explained when staff met with Planning and Zoning Commission, staff requested the Commission to dedicate one of their meetings, each month, to discuss a new chapter and review the code chapter by chapter.

Town Manager Fisher believes that there is significant value in having the staff lead this effort, as they are already guiding the General Plan process. This allows them to strategically schedule updates to specific chapters of the code, ensuring alignment with the General Plan as developments progress. Being directly involved enables the staff to present recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission, particularly in relation to character areas, while being mindful that the General Plan will only be finalized once adopted by the voters. This approach allows for flexibility and coordination between the two documents, ensuring they advance in tandem. Additionally, a legal review will be conducted to confirm compliance with all relevant laws.

Vice Mayor Moore requested additional information regarding the Rural Water Management Plan. Town Manager Fisher emphasized that the Planning and Zoning Commission has expressed concerns that "water" is not being considered enough in the evaluation of certain land use applications. As staff reviews an increasing number of these applications, questions arise regarding water capacity. The commission is referring to this as a Rural Water Management Plan, and it requires conducting an Assured Water Management Study. This study is essential and will be developed regardless, but it fundamentally addresses the question, does the Town have sufficient water resources. The goal is to ensure this is considered when planning for future growth, and it could integrate well with the General Plan. While the General Plan may not provide an in-depth analysis of water resources, this study can serve as a valuable supplement.

Vice Mayor Moore inquired whether the existing Water Master Plan sufficiently cover the Town's needs.

Manager Fisher clarified that the plan primarily focuses on the Town's water system rather than the overall resiliency of water as a whole in Camp Verde.

Vice Mayor Moore acknowledged the importance of addressing these issues but expressed concern about creating plans without knowing when it will happen. Vice Mayor Moore emphasized the value of prioritization but stressed the need for defined time frames to avoid overburdening the department.

Manager Fisher responded by noting that Rural Water Management is more of a Utilities project, which reduces the workload for Community Development. Additionally, since the Town is already required to address Assured Water Supply, the focus is on integrating a broader approach to Rural Water Management within the existing framework managed by the Utilities Department.

Councilor McPhail stated she had every faith that staff can take on the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Update task. Councilor McPhail stated that if staff believes there is a need to engage experts for any reason, they should be given the opportunity to do so, provided the Town has the financial capacity to support it. Councilor McPhail added that with the Rural Water Management Planning, she believes what would make everyone feel more comfortable is if there were a process for documentation. This is an opportunity to document what we have and how we're going to use it in the future. Councilor McPhail stated she would support this because we're all feeling a little water anxiety over some of these developments, and we want to be able to feel more comfortable and she believes the public does as well.

Councilor Escoffier agreed that staff is the logical place to start with the process of the Comprehensive Plan Update. Councilor Escoffier questioned if the sign code and the lighting code would fit into the overall plan.

Manager Fisher responded yes. Manager Fisher explained that matters related to residential uses, including sign codes and off-highway vehicles, will be addressed when the corresponding chapter is reviewed. Town Manager Fisher emphasized that there will be no expedited processes; each issue will be dealt with in sequence as the chapters are approached.

Councilor Escoffier expressed her concern that the focus on the Livestock Ordinance has diverted attention from other important matters, such as the RV Park Ordinance. Councilor Escoffier emphasized the need to address regulations that limit the stay to no more than 29 days to ensure the Town can properly collect revenue from these facilities.

Manager Fisher stated the Town will adopt the whole zoning code as one document. Although work on the zoning code is ongoing, it is not advisable to adopt it section by section, as doing so could result in potential conflicts, such as discrepancies could be found between Chapter One and Chapter Seven. Therefore, no provisions will be implemented until the entire zoning code has been fully reviewed and adopted as a whole.

Councilor Escoffier expressed her preference to prioritize the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Plan Update over the General Plan. Councilor Escoffier noted that, as the Town continues to grow and receive increasing development requests, there have been missed opportunities where certain provisions could have been beneficial for the tax base.

Town Manager Fisher expressed concern that adopting code changes that are not aligned with the General Plan could lead to administrative decisions that do not accurately reflect the community's overall desires. The General Plan is intended to represent the community's collective vision, and any inconsistencies between it and the zoning code could undermine that objective. Town Manager Fisher stated the biggest concern is the Town updating the code without considering its alignment with the General Plan. While it is possible to amend specific sections after the General Plan is adopted, Manager Fisher emphasized that addressing both concurrently appears to be the most cohesive strategy. This approach ensures that community members are not concerned about decisions being made before they have had the opportunity to express their preferences through the General Plan vote.

Councilor Escoffier expressed her frustration that there has been a ratified General Plan by the public since 2005, the zoning codes have not been updated since then. Councilor Escoffier expressed appreciation that we now have staff that are willing and able to perform the updates.

There's a certain amount of frustration regarding new developments, and the requests that come in. There have been requests for certain initiatives that, while potentially beneficial for economic growth and revenue, are limited by existing constraints. As a result, we must operate within these current limitations.

Councilor Baker expressed her agreement and support for the staff's presentation, stating that it was clear, straight forward, and comprehensive in outlining the proposed approach moving forward. Mayor Jenkins stated that at the Planning and Zoning Commission meetings there were lively discussions on fragmented pieces of the Code. Mayor Jenkins knows that this is a priority but thinks obviously the Livestock Ordinance is going to be completed first, before any of other code changes Mayor Jenkins stated in doing this simultaneously, staff can avoid having to go back and modify changes. Statute defines the time frame to finish the General Plan. Mayor Jenkins added, as far as the County, staff has spoken to the County representative and they're going through the same comprehensive planning. The goal is that the County Codes and the Town's Codes don't conflict with each other, and we do what is best for our community. Mayor Jenkins stated our commitment was to review each other's code once everything is completed, ensuring that our codes are aligned.

Town Manager Fisher noted that, given the three-year timeline, there was an understanding that once the County finalizes its plan, we may need to review and potentially revise certain sections to ensure alignment with the County's regulations. Mayor Jenkins stated it was an excellent idea by Commissioners on Rural Water for their proactive approach in formally verbalizing a topic that is frequently discussed. Bringing this issue to the forefront and opening it to public discussion is a positive step. It reflects a conscientious effort to prioritize water management and ensure that, with ongoing development, water resources will be reliably available and properly documented. Mayor Jenkins believes this initiative will provide reassurance to the Planning and Zoning Commission, as water availability is a recurring concern during the review of preliminary plats.

Mayor Jenkins stated that the Council agreed with the Planning and Zoning Commission priorities and directed staff to move forward.

5. Discussion, consideration and possible direction regarding retail marijuana in the Town of Camp Verde. Staff Resource: Economic Development Director Molly Davies and Economic Development Specialist David Meyer.

Economic Development Specialist David Meyer explained the last time he spoke at a Council meeting, he presented PowerPoint Report on Retail Marijuana. Since the last meeting, staff did additional research which includes:

- Ability to Tax Retail Marijuana Locally:

Staff met with the Town Attorney, Trish Stuhan, and received information from the League of Arizona Cities & Town's Tax Policy Analyst. Despite numerous alternative taxing strategies in place in other states, in Arizona there are no alternative methods to extract taxes or revenue from marijuana production and sales. Per Prop 207 and A.R.S. 36-2864 (Transaction privilege tax; use tax; additional taxes prohibited; exception), cities and Towns are prohibited from imposing any tax on medical or recreational marijuana sales other than the regular retail TPT rate on sales by dispensaries to consumers. The state is only allowed to impose its retail TPT rate and the specified 16% excise tax (A.R.S. 42-5452, levy and rate of tax; effect of federal excise tax) which is dedicated primarily to public safety purposes. Given these statutes are voter protected, there is no realistic hope

for any attempt to replicate any other tax schemes used in other states.

- Ability to Tax Marijuana Grow Facilities Locally:

While a dispensary makes taxable retail sales to end users, grow facilities are only allowed to make sales for resale to the dispensaries, so they are exempt from TPT. However, the Town may be able to explore a tiered water usage structure as part of its conservation strategy. This would require more research and exploration with the Utilities Department and Town Attorney.

Utilities Director Jeff Low stated staff performed a tiered rate structure and a water conservation structure. There are 4 different tiers. The highest usage tier, applicable to users consuming over 50,000 gallons per month, has already been established. Staff have recently completed a rate analysis, and at this time, Director Low would advised against conducting a new study on this matter.

Mayor Jenkins questioned if staff is saying the group facilities are in the 50,000 gallon range.

Director Low responded, he compiled a list of the top users and the only one on the list is Harvest. Harvest was using close to the 50,000 gallon amount. Most of the growth facilities were in the 10,000-to-50,000-gallon range.

Councilor McPhail stated she heard that most facilities have their own wells. Director Low responded that some facilities do have their own well in addition to being on the Town's water supply. Some facilities are connected to the Town's water for Fire Flow Protection only.

Vice Mayor Moore questioned if Harvest is the only one on the Town's water and is using more water.

Director Low responded there are 3 or 4 facilities that use Town water, and some facilities rotate between the Town's water and well use.

Economic Development Specialist David Meyer continued with the presentation:

- Business Interest and Feedback:

There has been and continues to be private business interest in opening a dispensary in Camp Verde. Currently, staff is engaged with an interested party to open a dispensary in the Town.

- Anticipated Timeline for an Ordinance:

In speaking with the Town Attorney Stuhan, she stated she could have a draft ordinance completed in a week. Attorney Stuhan can either do a combined ordinance or two separate ordinances for the Town Code and the Planning and Zoning Ordinances. There are templates available and examples of ordinances already in place in Arizona communities. The fastest the Town could have an ordinance in place would be 60-90 days. The process includes a Community Development Department review of the draft ordinance, Planning and Zoning Commission review and public hearing, Town Council review and public hearing, and a Town Council decision. If the Town Council would like to have more public outreach beyond the public hearing, that may increase the timeline. Arizona League of Cities and Towns also have an ordinance to use a sample.

Mayor Jenkins questioned if the Town still gains the sales tax. Economic Development Specialist Meyer responded yes, but the Town is not able to levy a new tax or create any new fees targeting dispensaries or grow facilities.

Economic Development Specialist Meyer continued with his presentation:

Considerations for Allowing Retail Marijuana in Camp Verde:

- *The Town of Camp Verde may enact zoning regulations to limit the use of land for retail marijuana; limit the number of retail marijuana establishments; and prohibit these establishments. Applicable Zoning Use Districts? Currently medical marijuana dispensaries are allowed in the Zoning Use Districts of C3, M1, and M2. Microbreweries and wineries for onsite consumption and wholesale distribution are allowed in C2 and C3. Microbreweries and wineries for manufacturing and processing beer are allowed in M1, and M2.*
- *Should the Town require a Use Permit?*

A Use Permit may allow the Town to further mitigate impacts on neighbors, and deal with issues around separation and setbacks.

- *How many dispensaries should be allowed within the Town?*

Concerns about the proliferation of retail marijuana dispensaries have been raised. The Town of Payson chose to limit the number of dispensaries to two with the ability to increase by one for each population increase over 50,000.

- *Does the Town Council want staff to plan for additional public outreach?*

There will be public hearings as part of any amendment to the ordinance. Town staff can solicit stakeholder feedback via a social media survey; inviting the public to email comments; and sharing information about the decision through a press release and our weekly updates.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommend amending the Planning & Zoning Ordinance and Town Code to allow for retail marijuana with the following stipulations:

- Retail marijuana facilities are only allowed in Zoning Use Districts of C2, C3, M1 and M2.
- Retail marijuana facilities would require a Use Permit.
- The number of marijuana facilities permitted within the limits of the Town of Camp Verde shall be limited to two. The number of permitted marijuana facilities would be increased by one for each population increase of 25,000 over and above the official 2020 census for Camp Verde.

Vice Mayor Moore questioned Town Attorney Trish Stuhan, do other Towns require a Use Permit.

Attorney Stuhan responded, there is a mixture and some cities require a use permit and some do not feel the need to. It is a local decision.

Town Manager Fisher highlighted the potential value of a use permit, emphasizing that it would allow the Council the opportunity to address certain uncertainties through further discussion. Manager Fisher stated that a well-defined ordinance is essential to fully understand all necessary considerations. Manager Fisher stated a use permit allows for a more tailored assessment based on the specifics of the location and the business. Depending on the zoning designation, there are certain additional requirements that would be considered through the use permit review process.

Vice Mayor Moore questioned, was there a law that's included in the template, listing location restrictions. The Vice Mayor would like to know what Chino Valley and other communities are doing.

Economic Development Specialist Meyer responded he was unaware of what other communities are doing and will conduct research.

Councilor Murdock returned to the discussion on taxation, and stated there is an excise tax on the usage, so it's not just the 10% that the Town would collect. It states there's a 16% tax and then that 16% is distributed back by the state twice a year and to what appears to be the Marshall's office from FY22, FY23 & FY24 at \$52,000, \$53,000 and then it appears \$61,000, disbursement back to the Marshall's Office. Councilor Murdock inquired whether the excise tax, which serves as a budget buffer, is regulated and collected by the state rather than the Town.

Economic Development Specialist Meyer responded that is correct. The excise tax goes right to the state and then is divvied up. The Town of Camp Verde receives the portion through the Marshalls Office. Also locally, Copper Canyon Fire receives some of the portions as well as Yavapai College.

Councilor Murdock wanted to confirm that there is a community benefit through the excise tax that is distributed to the Town. Councilor Murdock questioned if the funds wouldn't come directly to Marshal's office, but it wouldn't come back directly to the Town of Camp Verde itself, could the Town use the funds to offset any sort of budget or the Town use the revenue to go into the general fund. The state designates a portion of funds to be sent to the Marshal's Office, while the Town receives 3.6% separately.

Manager Fisher responded yes, the fund does go to the Marshalls office for public safety. Manager Fisher emphasized that as part of the budget, there should be a focus on utilizing funds to address the prevention of youth consumption. Manager Fisher expressed interest in exploring the possibility of allocating resources from Camp Verde Marshal's Office (CVMO) for educational and public awareness initiatives. Additionally, she acknowledged the importance of preventing an increase in youth consumption, especially if retail marijuana is allowed.

Councilor Escoffier wanted to confirm that the only benefit we'd get is the 3.65% sales tax on the local sales. Economic Development Specialist Meyer responded that is correct.

Councilor Escoffier wanted to confirm that marijuana is still illegal at the federal level. Economic Development Specialist Meyer responded that is correct.

Councilor Escoffier remarked that this issue could have lasting consequences for the Town. Councilor Escoffier acknowledged the legitimate use of medical marijuana, and noted that individuals could still face repercussions, particularly if they attempt to purchase a firearm. Councilor Escoffier quoted ATF form 4473, Question 21G and that it specifically asks, are you an unlawful user of marijuana? It even has a warning, and it states, warning the use or possession of marijuana remains unlawful under federal law. Regardless of whether it has been legalized or decriminalized for medicinal or recreation purposes in the state where you reside. Councilor Escoffier was adamant that it's still illegal at the federal level. Councilor Escoffier stated she is not opposed to having a medicinal dispensary, but she is opposed to having a recreational dispensary in Camp Verde.

Vice Mayor Moore stated we have documentation that shows our citizens are driving out of Town to purchase marijuana in other jurisdictions. Vice Mayor Moore stated that Camp Verde has growers in the Town and right now citizens leave to purchase marijuana elsewhere. When residents leave, they are buying other necessities like groceries and gas. A dispensary is another way for the Town to bring in additional funding but there needs to be limits on the number of dispensaries. Vice Mayor Moore's opinion was that it would be practical for the Town to collect revenue from the sales.

Councilor Escoffier expressed a preference for amending the RV Park Codes to generate comparable revenue. She emphasized that financial considerations should not outweigh the importance of maintaining principles.

Councilor Baker stated she did not support approving the item for the purpose of generating additional revenue for the Town. She emphasized a preference for promoting marketing efforts that attract other businesses for additional revenue that the citizens, as a whole, really need. Councilor Baker thanked staff for their hard work on the matter but disagreed with the proposal.

Councilor McPhail voiced concern about proceeding with this item at this time when staff already have a full workload, especially given the need for public input and hearings. Councilor McPhail noted she does not want an establishment on Main Street. McPhail added that staff will need to decide where to establish a location and this is a difficult decision that she has yet to be convinced of the need for a retail marijuana establishment. Councilor McPhail stated she would not make this a priority.

Vice Mayor Moore asked Town Attorney Trish Stuhan if there is a legal opinion on the Federal vs State legality argument. Attorney Stuhan noted that the federal government periodically updates issues addressing the conflict between federal and state laws on this matter. There are 24 states including DC and Guam that have laws allowing for recreational use of marijuana. It remains illegal under federal law but there is no liability for cities and towns. The state has legalized marijuana and was approved by the voters. Attorney Stuhan stated she is not worried legally that Camp Verde will be exposed to a lawsuit, and this will be a local decision if the Town allows a facility or not. If marijuana is going to be sold in Camp Verde, we can allow it to be in commercial districts or industrial.

Attorney Stuhan added additional background to Vice Mayor's earlier question about the placement of a retail store. Attorney Stuhan stated after voters initially approve this measure, the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, along with the City Attorney Group, formed a working group to develop an ordinance. The group provided guidelines that cities and towns could adapt to suit their specific needs. Vice Mayor Moore stated she would like a survey conducted to see the priority and feedback the Town receives from the community. The Council can then decide how to move forward.

Councilor Murdock stated she thinks the reason the Council is discussing the matter this evening is because we've had interest from businesses, and we don't have the answers to give to the businesses. As a Council, we should become educated on the entire process of bringing a dispensary to the Town. What the revenues would be or would not be, if there could be a tax or there could not be a tax and what the public involvement would be. Councilor Murdock thinks that our Town is changing and would like to see more public engagement. This is a serious topic, and she would like to hear from our citizens. Councilor Murdock stated if there's a business interest in Town, she is willing and interested to hear what a proposal would be and what would happen,

Councilor Murdock added that she is saddened that the Town is not able to capitalize on an additional excise tax. Councilor Murdock stated she would like to see the Town, work on street and road maintenance with the tax.

Public Comment

Ms. Charolette Salsman stated she would have been dead set against the use of marijuana four years ago. Ms. Salsman shared a personal story of how medical marijuana helped her daughter. Now, Ms. Salsman is for medical marijuana.

Mr. Alex Watson stated he has been in the cannabis industry for 20 years. Mr. Watson doesn't agree with cultivations throughout the area and would like to see a regulatory body of some sort, adding that he knows the state does inspections. Mr. Watson stated the Town has several growers that are utilizing Camp Verde's natural resources, and he would like to see an establishment of a retail dispensary that invests in the well-being of Camp Verde.

Mr. Ben Flood, a Cottonwood resident, provided a background of his experiences with cannabis and selling as a business owner. Mr. Flood stated the report staff provided was excellent but disagreed with the projected TPT data. Mr. Flood stated the Town could expect to bring in half a million dollars to \$750,000 a month. Additionally, there is plenty of space to have a facility, possibly along I-17, that would provide additional jobs within the Town.

Marshal Rowley met with citizens regarding their concerns on the use of marijuana with our youth. Marshal Rowley's biggest concern is that the Town is very unregulated when it comes to the growers within the Town limits. Marshal Rowley believes it would be beneficial to have an inspector or employee that goes into the grower facilities to see what chemicals are being used and what is going into the groundwater. Marshal Rowley thinks regular inspections should be taking place. If Council decided to move forward, Marshal Rowley asked that that money be set aside and not go into his general operating budget but to actually go into education and youth and for the narcotics operations. Councilor Baker questioned Marshal Rowley if the state has an inspector for the growth facilities.

Marshal Rowley responded that the State conducts inspections, but these typically occur only once a year, and even that frequency is not guaranteed. These growth facilities are unregulated. The Town is not collecting a canopy tax on growers.

Attorney Stuhan stated Arizona is not allowed to tax growth facilities.

Marshal Rowley stated the Town needs to regulate growth facilities.

Councilor Murdock questioned who will head up the community engagement portion if the Town moves forward.

Manager Fisher stated that Economic Development will assist with the community engagement but that the drafting of an ordinance would be done by Community Development.

Councilor Murdock questioned how other communities have handled this matter.

Manager Fisher responded staff could come back to Council and share how other communities had implemented their ordinance.

Attorney Stuhan reviewed how cities and towns had implemented ordinances in the past. Attorney Stuhan felt that it might be very difficult to really replicate other cities and towns processes since the process was implemented so quickly after marijuana was approved in the state of Arizona.

Vice Mayor Moore stated she would like to conduct a survey first. Following the completion of the survey, the Town Attorney, Council and staff can move forward with the results.

Councilor Escoffier agreed to conduct a survey.

Mayor Jenkins stated she represents the citizens of Camp Verde. Mayor Jenkins would like to hear from the public before making a decision and whatever direction is chosen, Mayor Jenkins would like this part of the Comprehensive Plan.

Manager Fisher wanted to confirm that staff would release a survey, giving an ample amount of time for completion. Council would also like staff to speak to the neighboring jurisdictions to understand their public engagement and how they went about implementing it. Mayor Jenkins confirmed Manager Fisher's understanding of the direction from Council

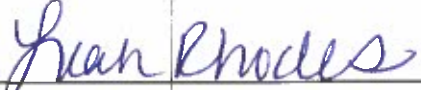
Councilor Murdock would like to know what worked and what didn't work for the neighboring jurisdictions and if there were any suggestions.

6. Adjournment

Mayor Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.



Mayor Dee Jenkins



Attest: Town Clerk Leah Rhodes

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the actions of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde during the Work Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on September 25, 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 7 day of November, 2024.



Leah Rhodes, Town Clerk