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# AGENDA SPECIAL/WORK SESSION MAYOR AND COUNCIL 473 S MAIN STREET, SUITE 106 TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015 at 4:30 P.M.

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

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. **Consent Agenda** All those items listed below may be enacted upon by one motion and approved as consent agenda items. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item if a member of Council requests.
  - a) Approval of the Minutes:
    - 1) Work Session April 29, 2015
    - 2) Work Session May 1, 2015
    - 3) Regular Session May 6, 2015
    - 4) Work Session May 8, 2015
  - b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:
    - 1) Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Regular Session-Cancelled
    - 2) Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Council Hears Planning & Zoning-Cancelled
    - 3) Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Regular Session
    - 4) Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Work Session
    - 5) Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Regular Session
    - 6) Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Council Hears Planning & Zoning
- 5. Special Announcements and presentations:
  - Proclamation declaring May 22 and May 23, 2015 as PoppyDays in Camp Verde
- Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda.
- Discussion, consideration & possible approval for Finance Director to apply for and obtain a P-Card (Purchasing Card) system through MasterCard. Staff Resource: Michael Showers
- 8. Discussion, consideration and possible approval of a budget amendment to the Capital Improvements Fund adding Computer Backup and Server Replacement(s) for up to \$40,000 to this year's 2014/15 Budget. Staff Resource: Russ Martin
- Discussion, consideration and possible approval of an Ordinance (2015-A405), an Ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, relating to the Transaction Privilege Tax; amending the Tax Code of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona by decreasing the rate of taxation for transaction privilege Tax from three point six five percent (3.65%) to a range of one percent (1%) to two percent (2%) on the portion of the single item retail price over a range of \$1,000 to \$10,000. Staff Resource: Manager Russ Martin

The following item was requested by Mayor German

Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to flooding issues in and around Camp Verde Town Limits, including various studies required by different agencies, and the relation to current budget requests by Economic Development as it related to Forest and State Parks Land.

The Following Item was requested by Mayor German

- 11. Discussion with the newly formed Chamber of Commerce leaders, and possible presentation.
- 12. Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to the Draft FY 2015-2016
  Tentative BUDGET
- 13. Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.
- 14. Council Informational Reports. These reports are relative to the committee meetings that Council members attend. The Committees are Camp Verde Schools Education Foundation; Chamber of Commerce, Intergovernmental Association, NACOG Regional Council, Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization, Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee, and shopping locally. In addition, individual members may provide brief summaries of current events. The Council will have no discussion or take action on any of these items, except that they may request that the item be placed on a future agenda.
- Manager/Staff Report Individual members of the Staff may provide brief summaries of current events and activities. These summaries are strictly for informing the Council and public of such events and activities. The Council will have no discussion, consideration, or take action on any such item, except that an individual Council member may request that the item be placed on a future agenda.

Adjournment
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Posted by: Date/Time: 5-/5-20/5- 9:00 a.m.
Note: Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.2 and A.3, the Council may vote to go into Executive Session for purposes of consultation for legal advice with the Town

Attorney on any matter listed on the Agenda, or discussion of records exempt by law from public inspection associated with an agenda item.

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## DRAFT MINUTES WORK SESSION MAYOR AND COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 473 S. MAIN STREET, ROOM #106 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015 AT 4:00 P.M.

Minutes are a <u>summary</u> of the discussion. They are not verbatim. Public input is placed after Council discussion to facilitate future research.

NOTE: The 2015-16 Proposed Budget with each department's requests and the Town Manager's recommendations is available in the office of the Town Clerk, with each departments supporting documentation for their budget requests.

#### 1. Call to Order

Mayor German called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

#### Roll Call

Mayor German, Vice Mayor Jackie Baker, and Councilors, Carol German, Brad Gordon and Jessie Jones are present. Councilors Bruce George and Robin Whatley are absent.

#### Also Present

Town Manager Russ Martin, Finance Director Mike Showers, Community Development Director Steve Ayres, Risk Management Carol Brown, Town Magistrate Paul Schlegel, Marshall Nancy Gardner, Commander Bruce Girnt, Public Works: Ron Long, Mike Dumas, Mike Marshall and Stacy Parry, Sewer District/Wastewater Jan Croghan and Troy O'Dell, Town Clerk Virginia Jones and Recording Secretary Lynn Riordan.

#### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor German led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. Discussion, consideration and possible Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to the Draft FY 2015-2016 Tentative Budget.

Town Manager Russ Martin advised that the departments of budget discussion tonight are (in no particular order) are Revenues, Municipal Court, Risk Management, and Public Works. The department of budget discussion for Friday, May 1, 2015, morning are Marshall's Office, Community Development, Economic Development, Library, Non-Departmental, finance, Town Clerk, and Town Manager (including HR/IT). CIP budget matters will be discussed on Friday, May 8, 2015. A CIP handout will be provided to Council for review prior to the May 8, 2015 budget workshop. The proposed 2015-16 budget will thereafter be prepared for Council consideration at the General Meeting scheduled on May 13, 2015.

#### Revenues

Town Manager Russ Martin advised the Mayor and Council that sales tax revenues are "flat", the Town revenues are actually lower than projected, and it is anticipated that fiscal 2015-16 revenues will continue to be the same. The Town is currently operating in the "black", however, the lower revenues will cause the budget will be very tight again this year. Each department is being very responsible and accountable, and has down an excellent job staying within their budget and spending less. Mike Showers advised that interest income also is very flat this year and is anticipating a decrease in the interest income as money is spent to complete the Library.

Revenue: Russ Martin and Mike Showers stated they will be drafting a proposed Ordinance for a tiered sales tax for "big ticket" (car/RV/ATV) items, with the sales tax rate being reduced after a set cap. (Example: purchase of a \$20,000 vehicle, the standard tax rate applies for the first \$5,000 with sales tax being reduced to 1% or 1.5% for any amount of the purchase over \$5,000). A tiered sales tax ordinance will create opportunity to attract business with the development of the 260 corridor. This type of tiered sales tax is simple and is very competitive, and will create

revenue for the Town. Currently the Town has no "big ticket" business or sales.

Vice Mayor Baker stated concerns and requested research of this type of tiered sales tax (success/failure) of other communities where this type of sales tax has been implemented. Councilor's German, Gordon and Jones stated support of drafting and considering an Ordinance for tiered sales tax, with appropriate research and public comment, before being considered by the Council, acknowledging that the Town sales tax revenues are "flat" and seeing this proposed Ordinance as a potential opportunity to encourage new business, investment and revenue for the Town.

**Public Comment**: <u>Suzy Burnside</u> addressed the Mayor and Council in opposition of a tiered sales tax unless it can be accumulative for all businesses, not just "big ticket" items.

<u>Steve Goetting</u> addressed the Mayor and Council in opposition of a tiered sales tax, as all businesses received the same services from the Town and need to pay their proportionate share; sales tax rate should be the same for everyone.

Russ Martin addressed other sources of revenue which are anticipated to stay the same as last year, and noting that the anticipated construction taxes are allocated to pay debt services, not operating expenses.

- Municipal Court Paul Schlegel advised that the Municipal Court wages for 2015-16 have decreased, with the few changes in the proposed budget. There may be a countywide uniform bond schedule imposed which may cost to implement, but will result in an increase in revenue (with no change in the court enhancement fee). New or major improvements, of facilities are a priority to the Court and will be addressed on May 8, 2015 CIP.
- Risk Management Carol Brown stated she has been balancing her responsibilities as Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager and Risk Manager, and is requesting her position become full time as Risk Manager with an Administrative Assistant being hired for the Town Manager, which would be in the Town Manager's budget.
- Public Works Maintenance: Ron Long and Mike Dumas stated the Public Works Department is in desperate need of a new lift truck, stating that purchase of a new lift truck would reduce the line item for equipment rental. Purchase of a new lift truck will be discussed on May 8, 2015 CIP. The Public Works Department also requests additional funds for part-time labor, as there are more and more demands on Public Works as the Town has several special events and Public Works also is called out to support/help with Storm water problems.
- Streets: Ron Long stated that he concurs with what the Town Manager has proposed for the Streets budget 2015-16. All other concerns (need of a truck and new tractor/mower) will be addressed on May 8, 2015 CIP. Mr. Long and Stacy Parry advised that the current tractor/mower is costing the Town a lot of money in maintenance and it would be cost effective to purchase a new tractor/mower. Town receives HURF funding, however, the HURF funding is easily over allocated and there is not enough HURF funding to cover all of the needs of Public Works. Additionally the HURF funding has not been restored to the full allocated portion, therefore the Town has received \$300,00 +/- less each year in HURF funds, as a large portion of HURF funds are being re-directed to DPS. Mr. Parry recommends the Town adopt a revolving street maintenance program (7 year program) for street maintenance, paving, resurfacing, as it is less expensive overall to maintain the streets than to replace.

#### **Public Comment:**

<u>Tom Pitts</u> addressed the Mayor and Council in support of a revolving street maintenance program, concurring that it will save the Town money (and complaints) in the long run.

Parks and Recreation: Mike Marshall stated there are few requested changes in the 2015-16 budget requests

for Parks and Recreation. With increasing demands on staff, Parks and Recreation would like an increase in wages for current staff and needs additional staff, realizing the budget is tight and the Town Manager has recommended against additional staff, perhaps the Council would consider approving part-time or temporary help. The Parks and Recreation Department plans to continue its programs, with some minor modifications.

Sewer/Wastewater: Jan Crogan and Troy O'Dell stated they are requesting additional staff (drafting technician) to complete the improvement projects that have been approved and funded by WIFA – ADEQ wants these projects completed, and if not completed, the Town may lose the funding. Wages might be able to be allocated from the WIFA funding, and it is less expensive to hire a drafting technician than to contract out. Additionally the quotes to complete filtration and UV were lower than anticipated therefore the additional money will be utilized in other Sewer/Wastewater project and/or need. Mr. O'Dell advised that ADEQ is requiring that the old lagoon closure and reclamation be completed this year so that the Town and Sewer District is not in violation of ADEQ requirements. The Sewer District has \$25,000 allocated from 2014-15 for this project and need \$25,000 allocated in 2015-16 to complete. The Town Manager and Council addressed the electric bill and requested staff to immediately look into solutions, alternate supplier or solar, to reduce this extraordinary expense, without increasing the budget expenditures. Staff will research the possibility of using of WIFA funding, as the Sewer District/Town is beyond the time limit to receive WIFA funds and need to acquire and spend the funds before losing this resource. Russ Martin advised the Town is the fiduciary for the Sewer District.

**Public Comment**: Suzy Burnside would like the Council to have a Public Hearing regarding the pending lawsuit and when/if it will ever settle, and when/if the Town will receive any benefit or funds. Ms. Burnside also requested clarification on the sanitary district lease.

Russ Martin stated the Town needed to eliminate the contract for the lease, and this item is under Non-Department to be addressed on May 1, 2015.

Storm Water Management: Ron Long and Troy O'Dell stated they are requesting additional staff, drafting technician, for the Storm water Department to eliminate outside consulting and contracting. Hiring of a technician is cost effective and would be beneficial to the Department. The current projects, primarily the diversion on Verde Lakes Drive and culverts on Clear Creek to control flooding need to have the studies done as soon as possible to control flooding and for safety purposes. The Storm water Management Department is proposing upgrades of roads, crossings and culverts. Additionally, the studies will include tributaries from forest service and state lands that may allow the Town to investigate the possibility of applying for funding from Yavapai County Flood District, forest service and the state. Vice Mayor Baker and the Council acknowledged that this area has serious problems with chronic flooding/storm water that the Town inherited from the County. and acknowledged that this area needs improvements. The Town previously contact the Army Corps of Engineers and FEMA in an attempt to get funding to no avail. Russ Martin advised that although the requests from Storm water Management are valid, the fact is there is not enough money to fund their requests, and it does not appear that the Town will receive any money from Yavapai County Flood District, as all funds have been swept. Councilor German inquired if there were additional funds in reserves that could be used to help alleviate some of the major storm water problems. Mike Showers advised that although there are funds in reserve, if all funds are expired in one sweep, it would leave the Town extremely vulnerable in all other operating and CIP areas. Councilor Jones stated the storm water problems on 260, Clear Creek and Verde lakes is very dangerous to motorists as well as residents, and the Manager and Council need to seek a solution. The Mayor stated that a lot of the flooding is coming from forest service land tributaries, and requests staff research the possibility of funding of storm water projects from the forest service, even though it is apparent that the forest service priority if fire, not flood. Ron Long advised that studies would need to be conducted to pursue financial assistance from the forest service and/or state. With respect to flooding on Finney Flat Road, Ron Long requested the line item for contracting to have the culverts and bar ditches cleaned be approved as the culverts are too small for any equipment and therefore the culverts will need to be

cleaned out by hand. Additionally, the Town's tractor/mower cannot get into the bar ditches, and these culverts/bar ditches need to be cleaned out to prevent flooding across Finney Flat Road. With respect to Engineering, Ron Long stated he concurs with the Manager's recommendations in proposed 2015-16 Budget. All major improvements will be addressed on May 8, 2015 CIP.

#### **Public Comment:**

Adjournment

<u>Tom Pitts</u> addressed the Mayor and Council advising that the State has taken funding from the Counties, and the Counties now are recovering their losses (by withholding funding) from the Cities and Towns.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Baker, seconded by Councilor Jones, the Council unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.
Charles German, Mayor
Lynn Riordan, Recording Secretary
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 Budget Work Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on April 29, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.
Dated this day of, 2015.
Virginia Jones, Town Clerk

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# DRAFT MINUTES WORK SESSION MAYOR AND COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 473 S. MAIN STREET, ROOM #106 FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015 AT 8:00 A.M.

Minutes are a <u>summary</u> of the discussion. They are not verbatim. Public input is placed after Council discussion to facilitate future research.

NOTE: The 2015-16 Proposed Budget with each department's requests and the Town Manager's recommendations is available in the office of the Town Clerk, with each departments supporting documentation for their budget requests.

#### Call to Order

Mayor German called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

#### 2. Roll Call

Mayor German, and Councilors, Bruce George, Carol German, Brad Gordon and Jessie Jones are present. Vice Mayor Jackie Baker and Robin Whatley are absent.

#### Also Present

Town Manager Russ Martin, Finance Director Mike Showers, Economic Development Director Steve Ayres, Marshall Nancy Gardner, Commander Bruce Girnt, Community Development Mike Jenkins and Robert Foreman, Library Director Kathy Hellman, Town Clerk Virginia Jones and Recording Secretary Lynn Riordan.

#### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor German led the pledge.

Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to the Draft FY 2015-2016 Tentative Budget.

Town Manager Russ Martin advised that the departments of budget discussion tonight are (in no particular order) are Marshall's Office, Community Development, Economic Development, Library, Non-Departmental, finance, Town Clerk, and Town Manager (including HR/IT). CIP budget matters will be discussed on Friday, May 8, 2015. The proposed 2015-16 budget will thereafter be prepared for council consideration at the General Meeting scheduled on May 13, 2015.

- Library Kathy Hellman thanked the Town Manager and Council for their support. Upon completion of the new Library facility the cost for fiber optic internet will be reduced to \$300 per month (10% of actual cost, with 90% being paid by E-Rate) this service is necessary for education. Council questioned the cost for cell phones and \$3,000 expenditure for programs. Russ Martin advised that cell phones were necessary for the teen program leaders and travel (safety). Ms. Hellman stated she would like to have hot spot available for outreach programs, and the \$3,000 expenditure was necessary for outreach programs, summer reading programs and early development programs. Mike Showers advised that the Library had a reserve (restricted) fund from selling used books and other volunteer fundraisers, which are not reflected in the budget. Ms. Hellman stated she has been approved for \$8,000 grant funding for early literacy programs, which is also not in the budget.
- Economic Development Steve Ayres requested a 37% increase in the Economic Development budget. A handout and documents were provided to the Council. Mr. Ayres requested that Special Events be

placed in the Parks and Recreation Budget, rather than Economic Development. Mr. Ayres is requesting additional staff (contracted staff to become Town employee – moving funds from consulting to wages), and requests the Community Development revenue be allocated to Economic Development, making Economic Development self-funded. Russ Martin stated that upon Council direction he will re-direct wages and Special Events as requested, however, re-direction will affect other department budgets. Mr. Ayres stated he continues to actively market Camp Verde and is working on upgrading and completing the website, while he is seeking corporate funding, support and sponsors. Additionally he is working with Sedona and the Verde Valley for co-op international marketing. Mr. Ayres would like for the employee he shares with the Town Clerk (Barbie Bridge) to be re-assigned as an Economic Development Specialist for this department.

#### **Public Comment:**

<u>Alex Goetting</u> – addressed the Mayor and Council in opposition of the Economic Development department in general, stating the Economic Development Department has failed to measurably increase jobs or business, or successfully market tourism in Camp Verde.

Steve Ayres responded. Russ Martin advised there will be additional budget meeting wherein specific line items and public concerns will be addressed. Additionally, public concerns may be addressed to the Mayor and Council in writing.

The Mayor and Council acknowledged that Economic Development requests for re-direction of budget items will affect other departments.

- Non-departmental Russ Martin stated the budget for 2015-16 will remain about the same as the previous year. The Verde Valley Senior Center donation has been reduced due to lack of revenue.
- Finance Mike Showers stated the budget for 2015-16 will remain about the same as the previous year except for consulting services as the state is imposing new fees based on population. Finance will continue to provide services (payroll, accounts receivable/payable, finance) to the Sewer District, as they do not have their own finance personnel, without allocating a portion of wages to the Sewer District budget. Public Comment: Suzy Burnside addressed the Mayor and Council in support of the Finance Department Budget.
- ★ Town Clerk Virginia Jones stated there are no major changes in the Town Clerk budget except some wages have been allocated to HR, the special election (recall) will cost about \$30,000. Mayor and Council inquired whether or not the cost of the recall election could be allocated to CIP rather than the Clerk's budget. Mr. Showers advised it could be, however, the CIP budget requests are already more than the Town can fund.
- ❖ Town Manager HR and IT Russ Martin advised that he is the Town Manager and has been the acting HR director/department. Mr. Martin would like the Town to have an HR director and IT personnel if funding is available for the benefit of the employees. Outside services for legal personnel matters and IT support is costly. Mayor and Council discussed with the Town Manager how the Town has very efficient employees and department managers, since the budget is tight again this year, hiring of an HR director is not a priority. Perhaps the Manager can find an outside resource for matters that cannot be handled within, and to give employees an option for discussing potential personnel matters. Mr. Martin advised that employees need IT support almost daily and that need for support will increase with the new Library and fiber optics installation, communication upgrades and development along corridor 260.

#### **Public Comment:**

<u>Suzy Burnside</u> addressed the Mayor and Council and commended them, and the Manager, for their responsible discussion regarding HR. Ms. Burnside inquired of confidential personnel files.

Russ Martin advised that the Town has a secured repository for confidential personnel files.

- ❖ Community Development Planning and Zoning, Building, Code Enforcement: Mike Jenkins stated he was supportive of Steve Ayres using the Community Development Revenues as a basis to "sell" his budget requests to the Mayor and Council. Community Development and Economic Development work together for the best interest of the town and community. Mr. Jenkins stated that the Community Development, Planning and Zoning, Building, and Code Enforcement Budget remains about the same as last fiscal year, with the anticipation of re-classifying and promoting employees as they have increased their job functions and education. The Community Development Department will be needing staff (permit tech and secretary) for 2015-16 with the re-classification of current employees. The Medical Center, Library, and school gym require a great amount of time and staff. Additionally, funding is needed for abatement (costs are usually recovered in close of escrow) and computer software for code enforcement. Robert Foreman stated his support of the need for new employees and keeping up with the anticipated workload, stating that more permits and inspections, result in revenue for the Town. Mayor and Council commended Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Foreman on having their staff cross-trained and for running a very efficient department, acknowledging that the Community Development Department is self-supporting.
- ❖ Marshall's Office Animal Control Commander Girnt stated he supports the Town Managers recommendation for the 2015-16 budget except for the Marshall's Office request for wages. During 2014-15 the Department was not at full staff, and currently it is at full staff and intends to be at full staff for 2015-16, therefore there is a request for increase in wages (about the same as originally requested for 2014-15). Commander Girnt also requested the purchase of a dispatch recorder logger (as it is required by law) and the current logger is unreliable. Council questioned the cell phone bill and usage. Commander Girnt advised that the mobile data air cards that are in all Marshall's Office vehicles are billed on the cell phone statement. The officers do not have cell phones. Council Gordon inquired about the electronic citation printers. Commander Girnt advised that DPS provided printers, the Marshall's Office is now in need of box/hookup and scanners. As DPS transitions, we will be able to acquire these items.

Public Comment: Suzy Burnside inquired about why no officer's utilize the Marshall's Police Motorcycle. Commander Girnt state that the Department's traffic enforcement officer does not ride a motorcycle, however, one of the Departments new traffic enforcement officer are currently in training for motorcycle use. Nancy Gardner stated the volunteers for Animal Control have been doing an excellent job which keeps the shelter fees down, however, veterinary services are still necessary. Marshall Gardner stated the Animal Control budget for 2015-16 should remain about the same as the previous year. Councilor Gordon inquired about the need for cremation in this budget. Marshall Gardner stated that anytime an animal has to be euthanized due to illness/injury, state law requires cremation. The requested budget line item of \$800, includes cremation and veterinary services. Councilor George commended Marshall Gardner on the progress in the Animal Control Department, stating she is successfully utilizing volunteers and leftover and/or used materials to secure and expand the outdoor runs and maintain this department cost effectively and efficiently.

Capital Improvements – to be addressed Friday, May 8, 2015
Russ Martin provided the Mayor and Council with a CIP Budget Handout for review and consideration on May 8, 2015.

Adjournment			
On a <u>motion</u> by Meeting at 11:08 a	Mayor German, secon	ded by Councilor Jones, the c	ouncil unanimously voted to adjourn the
Charles German, M	layor		
Lynn Riordan, Reco	ording Secretary		
Common Council of	the Town of Camp Ve	erde during the Budget Work S	unting of the actions of the Mayor and Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde y called and held, and that a quorum was
Dated this	day of	, 2015.	
Virginia Jones, Town	n Clerk		

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## DRAFT MINUTES REGULAR SESSION MAYOR AND COUNCIL 473 S MAIN STREET, SUITE 106 WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015 at 6:30 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 German called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

#### 2. Roll Call

Mayor Charles German, Vice Mayor Jackie Baker, Councilors Robin Whatley, Bruce George, Brad Gordon, Carol German, and Jessie Jones were present.

#### Also Present

Russell Martin, Marshal Nancy Gardner, Library Director Kathy Hellman, Community Development Director Mike Jenkins, Finance Director Mike Showers, Town Clerk Virginia Clerk, and Recording Secretary Saepyol Choe.

#### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor German led the Pledge.

- 4. **Consent Agenda** All those items listed below may be enacted upon by one motion and approved as consent agenda items. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item if a member of Council requests.
  - a) Approval of the Minutes:
    - 1) Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters April 22, 2015
    - 2) Regular Session April 15, 2015
  - b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:
    - 1) Friday, May 8, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. Budget Work Session
    - 2) Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Work Session
    - 3) Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Regular Session
    - 4) Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Council Hears Planning & Zoning-Cancelled

On a motion by German, seconded by Baker, Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda with the amendment to cancel the May 20, 2015 Regular Session and combine its agenda with the June 3, 2015 Regular Session.

The original motion by George, seconded by Vice Mayor Baker to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, was withdrawn once Council acknowledged that the May 20, 2015 Regular Session conflicted with a 5:30 p.m. ADOT meeting on the same day. It was determined to have a light enough agenda to combine with the following Regular Session.

#### 5. Special Announcements and presentations:

- Proclamation declaring Camp Verde Community Library a location for Kids at Hope.
- Presentation by American Heritage Academy students reciting the Declaration of Independence. Requested by Councilor Whatley
- PRESENTATION OF TREE CITY USA PLAQUE

Mayor German proclaimed Camp Verde Community Library a location for Kids at Hope.

Councilor Whatley invited the public to attend the next Kids at Hope meeting on May 14th in the county

building in Cottonwood.

The 5th grade students of American Heritage Academy recited the Declaration of Independence as part of a school requirement. After reciting it in unison for 10 minutes word-for-word, they received a standing ovation from Council, Staff, and the public.

Economic Development Director Steve Ayers and Cat Davis, chairperson for Tree Board presented the Tree City USA plaque to Council, and credited Council, Staff, and Mary McCarthy for the designation. The Town also received two Tree City USA road signs. Camp Verde is the 27th city in AZ and the second in the county, after Prescott Valley, to become a Tree City.

#### 6. Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda.

Barbara Goetting distributed a packet to Council entitled "Request for Info Concerning Meeting by Robert Foreman with Property Manager for Horn." She explained that reopening the Horn Saloon after last summer's fire has been delayed due to an absentee landlord, long response times from the Town, and ongoing requirements from the insurance company. The Horn is a top-rated restaurant and destination driver for Camp Verde tourism that supports the Town by hiring and buying local. She thanked Council for their attention to the matter.

Cheri Wischmeyer expressed concern that Council may have violated the open meeting law at the recent Budget Work Session by discussing a tax break issue that was not agendized for that meeting, but rather for tonight's meeting. She also asked that Council schedule all open meetings for after normal business hours so that concerned citizens could have the opportunity to participate.

Discussion, consideration and possible approval of Surplus Property Bid for parcel 404-23-011 to the highest bidder, Tim Kinney for a total bid of \$180,000 and authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to complete the sale of this property. The property is located at 497 South Main Street. Staff Resource: Manager Russ Martin

On a motion by George, seconded by Carol German, Council voted 6-1 to approve the Surplus Property Bid for parcel 404-23-011 to the highest bidder, Tim Kinney for a total bid of \$180,000 or higher in accordance with an appraisal, authorizing the Mayor or Staff to execute all documents necessary to complete the sale of this property located at 497 South Main Street. Vice Mayor Baker voted "No."

The original motion by George, seconded Gordon to approve Tim Kinney's bid of \$180,000 was withdrawn. Upon further discussion, Council agreed to approve \$180,000 or higher, to give staff the authority to negotiate for more if the appraisal comes in higher than the bid. According to the Town Attorney, the Town cannot accept a bid for lower than the appraisal, so either the property will appraise for less than \$180,000 and the Town will win out, or it will appraise for more, and Staff will have the authority to negotiate. Either way, Staff will have the authority to move forward with the sale.

Russ Martin reported that the Town received three offers on the property and that the property needs to be appraised in order to proceed. Realistic estimates have shown that the Town would likely receive only about half of the original purchase price, which is around \$180,000. He said the cost of the appraisal is typically split between the buyer and seller.

#### Public Hearing

Steve Goetting said he was disappointed with the lack of advertisement for the property. There was no "For Sale" sign posted, only 3% of the population reads the newspaper, and there was one line about it on the website, and even a discrepancy on the deadline between the website and newspaper. He recommended an open house and finding out the potential buyers' intentions for the property. The corner lot is an important piece of property that the Town should consider building a new building on, rather than trying to patchwork

the dated structure. It is not about the cheapest, but best value, and improving the Town's presence on Main Street.

Cat Davis said she thought the sale was adequately advertised, and that it is not the Town's business to know or dictate how a property will be used by a new owner. Such actions would be counterproductive to getting business going in this area.

Cheri Wischmeyer said she thought this property was part of the Town's master plan for Main Street. It is a valuable commercial property and a professional appraisal is needed, as \$180,000 sounds like a low bid.

#### Discussion

Most of Council preferred to sell the property due to cost estimates of up to \$100,000 to fix it, and to minimize Council's real estate responsibilities. Many agreed that an appraisal should have been conducted before the property went out to bid.

Carol German hoped the Town would receive at least \$50 per square foot on the commercial property, which is 5744 square feet. Some people have volunteered to work on the façade and improve the interior, but those avenues have not been pursued.

Jones stated that it is a great opportunity to sell the property to Mr. Kinney, who is an incredible developer and the lead on the new VVMC hospital project.

Vice Mayor Baker said she was in office when the Town bought the property for future expansion to make Main Street a walking, historical strip of Town offices and storefronts. The Town has been in these buildings since 1986 and we should fix up and make the best of what we already own. Towns are in the real estate business; that is not unique; all Towns and cities own property.

8. Discussion, consideration and possible approval of A Memorandum of Understanding with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) for the purpose of studying potential aquifer recharge opportunities in conjunction with future storm water drainage projects. Staff Resource: Manager Russ Martin

On a motion by Vice Mayor Baker, seconded by Carol German, Council voted unanimously to approve A Memorandum of Understanding with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) for the purpose of studying potential aquifer recharge opportunities in conjunction with future storm water drainage projects.

The Nature Conservancy offered to cover all expenses to hire an engineer to survey the Verde River and research drainage improvement options as well as the viability of recharging the aquifer. They are invested in water conservation and keeping the Colorado River basin flowing. Studying ways to detain rainwater runoff and redirect floodwaters not only contributes to science, but also benefits Camp Verde. The study could also include work with the Sanitary District to explore options for maximizing usage of effluent excess. They would not be taking over the Verde River, but respecting private landowners and working closely with the Town to ensure understanding, approval, and mutual benefit.

They worked with Cochise County to conduct a hydrogeological study of the San Pedro River at Palominas to research the amount of water drainage, best places to retain water, and possible sites for recharge systems. They have tested best practices, such as the dry well and double dry well, and have seen positive results throughout the state.

#### Public Hearing.

No input.

9. Discussion, consideration and possible approval of Ordinance 2015-A405, an Ordinance of the

Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, relating to the Transaction Privilege Tax; amending the Tax Code of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona by decreasing the rate of taxation for transaction privilege Tax from three point six five percent (3.65%) to a range of one percent (1%) to two percent (2%) on the portion of the single item retail price over a range of \$1,000 to \$10,000. Staff Resource: Manager Russ Martin

On a motion by George, seconded by Vice Mayor, Council voted unanimously to direct Staff to reschedule this Agenda Item for the June 3, 2015 Regular Session for a possible decision.

The original motion by George, seconded by Whatley to table this discussion was withdrawn. Council decided to begin the discussion, but to postpone the decision to approve or disapprove, due to the Council and public's unfamiliarity with the details, reason, or vision for the proposed Tax Code.

#### Public Hearing.

Susie Burnside asked for more information on the details of this Tax Code and how it benefits us. She confirmed that a 3.65% tax would be assessed on the first \$5000, and then a 1% for the remaining amount. Dewey has a 2% sales tax. Is our tiered proposal attractive enough to sway consumers to come to Camp Verde over Dewey? What types of businesses are we looking for?

Steve Goetting said he was encouraged by the delay to approve this tax. He is for targeted tax cuts and this could be an excellent tool, but we should not create new tax policies just to move one transaction through. How about improving marketing or considering tax cuts for hotel construction and restaurants? If we make this tax cut here for a big business, that just means someone somewhere else will have to make up for it.

Cheri Wischmeyer requested more information on this Tax Code and agreed that we need to provide incentives to draw businesses into Camp Verde.

#### Discussion

Steve Ayers explained that there are no businesses on Hwy 260, and that the idea of filling the empty spots with a 3.65% tax is a pipe dream. Rural car dealerships move \$2-3 million of merchandise per month, which could mean a half a million dollars in revenue for Camp Verde, just from one car dealership, if we could convince one to invest here. This tiered tax incentive package is not directed to any one type of vendor, however. Home Depot sells plenty of merchandise for \$1000 and up, and a double-tiered tax would mean a lower threshold for discounts, bigger savings, and could benefit a wider range of businesses. For a \$30,000 car, the effective tax rate would be 1.44%. Tiered tax rates are popular. We had a dealership selling recreational vehicles looking at Camp Verde last year, but they moved onto considering Cottonwood when they discovered that we offered no incentive package. If we offer something like this Tax Code, we could possibly win them back. If you don't tier the rate, the lots on Hwy 260 will remain empty for as long as we live here. A double-tiered rate makes more sense in the long run. He offered to prepare a white paper describing the tiered system in more detail and explaining what kinds of markets this could attract.

Council asked for numeric breakdowns of how the tiered systems would work and for varying examples of what qualifies as a "single item." Could the tax break apply to solar, home remodels, sand, gravel?

Gordon agreed that a double-tiered tax is smart due to the lower threshold and broader range of the tax break. He also pointed out that it is important to consider other forms of taxes that exist in neighboring cities, such as property tax and food tax, when making comparisons.

Jones favored the tiered tax and preferred that it apply to all types of items. Incentives we have used in the past have not worked, so if we want to play the game, we need to have the right tools. Only then will businesses begin to consider Camp Verde as an option.

Whatley sees incentives as bribes and prefers that policies affect everyone across the board, rather than showing favoritism toward particular businesses. We should not give breaks to big businesses that do not need them. The Steve Coury lot will not stay empty due to the lack of an incentive package. If businesses do not want to be here unless there is an incentive, then we should not want those kinds of businesses in our Town.

Mayor German said that shoppers will go wherever it is cheapest, whether it is online or to a neighboring community. This could be a great tool, and an answer to what we are doing to bring in new business. It makes sense to make us competitive.

Vice Mayor Baker is not opposed to the tiered tax. Cottonwood had a head start in becoming the retail center of the Verde Valley, and we used to do well on Main Street. It is important to keep Council informed and to be careful of making any promises before Council approval. We need to help our people and businesses today; we need services for our citizens now; and it would be devastating to see one more business close in Camp Verde.

Martin explained that the tiered tax is targeted to businesses with large marketing budgets that will advertise to a broad audience over the radio. Mike Showers has evaluated that it gets too complicated if you tier the tax too many times. It is not realistic to think someone is going to come because they just love it here so much. Our small population of 70,000 alone makes us a less attractive option for big business.

Martin gave an example that there is a \$182 difference in sale tax for a \$40,000 car, between the after-\$1000 and after-\$5000 tiered tax break. It is not accurate to say that lower tax rates automatically draw consumers. The 2% food tax in Camp Verde is lower than neighboring communities, yet the savings is not enough to stop people from shopping elsewhere. Cottonwood has a higher food tax and a higher construction tax, but that is not the only driving force. Tax policy is not a perfect answer. We need to attract some level of traffic, so that businesses have as good a chance here as anywhere to stay in business and be successful. How long can a lone business on Hwy 260 stay in business? It needs partners to be successful, but if you can claim to sell cars or some other large ticket item, cheaper in Camp Verde than anywhere else in the Valley or Phoenix, then the business has a chance. Yuma went down to 0% sales tax for cars over \$25,000. They made a bold decision to be competitive.

10. Update, followed by possible questions and discussion regarding construction of the new Camp Verde Community Library Building located at 130 N. Black Bridge Road. Staff Resource: Russ Martin.

Kathy Hellman reported that the steel frame plans are in the process of approval. Woodruff's decision to hire a different contractor than the one in the original plans is saving \$100,000 in building costs, but is also affecting the timeline by several weeks. The plans had to be redrawn, and 800 pages of submittals have to be approved through all channels. Once the plans are approved, the 1-year contract timeline will begin its countdown. Unisource will begin gas line construction on May 18th. Once the steel building arrives onsite, things will move quickly from there. The Library Director is available to answer all questions regarding the building project and progress.

11. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF THE TRANSFER OF USE PERMIT 20150033 ('USE PERMIT') FROM AULTMAN LAND & CATTLE III & IV LLC ("AULTMAN") TO HIGH VIEW LLC ("HIGH VIEW") AS PERMITTED BY TOWN CODE SECTION 9-4-3.B, PURSUANT TO WHICH A USE PERMIT MAY ONLY BE TRANSFERRED WITH TOWN COUNCIL APPROVAL, AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2015-943, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE ("TOWN"), ARIZONA, YAVAPAI COUNTY, APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF MINING USE PERMIT 20150033, FROM THE PREVIOUS PROPERTY OWNER, AULTMAN LAND & CATTLE # III, LLC & AULTMAN LAND & CATTLE # IV, LLC, OF A PORTION OF PARCEL 403-15-002Y, AND A PORTION

OF PARCEL 403-15-003C (USE PERMIT PROPERTIES) TO HIGH VIEW LLC, THE NEW PROPERTY OWNER AS PERMITTED BY TOWN CODE SECTION 9-4-3.B. THIS USE PERMIT TRANSFER WAS REQUESTED IN WRITING ON MAY 1st, 2015 BY BRYAN C. CROLL, MANAGER OF HIGH VIEW, LLC. THE SUBJECT USE PERMIT PROPERTY (195.33 ACRES) WAS TRANSFERRED BY SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED FROM AULTMAN LAND & CATTLE #III, LLC AND AULTMAN LAND & CATTLE #IV, LLC TO HIGH VIEW, LLC ON APRIL 30th, 2015 AS CONFIRMED BY A COPY OF AN ELECTRONICLY RECORDED SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED AS PROVIDED BY THE REQUESTOR. ALSO, THE LETTER REQUESTING THIS TRANSFER OF THE MINING USE PERMIT AND A LETTER FROM THE PREVIOUS OWNER TO THE TOWN DATED APRIL 29th, 2015 CONFIRMED THAT THE NEW OWNER ACCEPTS THE TRANSFER WITH NO CHANGE IN THE USE OR WITH ANY OF THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL OF THE USE PERMIT. THE USE PERMIT PROPERTIES ARE LOCATED ON STATE ROUTE 260 AT MILEPOST 214.27 ON PARCELS 403-15-002Y & 403-15-003C. Note: Note: Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.2 and A.3, the Council may vote to go into Executive Session for purposes of consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney.

On a motion by Baker, seconded by Mayor German, Council voted unanimously to approve the transfer of Use Permit 20150033 from Aultman Land & Cattle III & IV, LLC to High View, LLC, Bryan C. Croll, manager, new owner of the Use Permit Properties with no change in use or with any of the Conditions of Approval for the Use Permit.

Mike Jenkins explained that on April 22, 2015, Council approved a use permit for mining on the property along Hwy 260. Due to the sale of the property and a change in ownership, the Town Ordinance necessitates Council approval for the transfer of the original use permit to the new owner, granted there are no changes in the conditions or use.

#### 12. Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.

Steve Goetting recommended a tax cut for business licenses for 6 months. 80% of new jobs come from local businesses already here. Grow the businesses already here, as many are on their way out. The Verde Valley Regional Economic Organization (VVREO) now has \$90,000 available to lend to an existing business, and has already given \$40,000 to one business in the area with 6 employees. Tom Pitts was absent today due to meeting for economic developers.

Susie Burnside confirmed that the May 8th budget session will discuss CIP.

Council Informational Reports. These reports are relative to the committee meetings that Council members attend. The Committees are Camp Verde Schools Education Foundation; Chamber of Commerce, Intergovernmental Association, NACOG Regional Council, Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization, Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee, and shopping locally. In addition, individual members may provide brief summaries of current events. The Council will have no discussion or take action on any of these items, except that they may request that the item be placed on a future agenda.

George attended a Salt River Project workshop with the Mayor about water rights and forest health.

Gordon attended the Verde Valley Fair and thanked the Verde Valley Fair Association for the complimentary tickets

Mayor German reported that the SRP workshop was informative

Carol German thanked Verde Valley Fair Association for the complimentary tickets

Manager/Staff Report Individual members of the Staff may provide brief summaries of current events and activities. These summaries are strictly for informing the Council and public of such events and activities. The Council will have no discussion, consideration, or take action on any such item, except that an individual Council member may request that the item be placed on a future agenda.

Adjournment Mayor German adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.				
Charles German	, Mayor			
Saepyol Choe, F	Recording Secretary			
and Common Co	lat the foregoing Minutes uncil of the Town of Cam leld on May 6, 2015. I ful	are a true and accurate accounting of the actions of Verde during the Regular Session of the Town Countries that the meeting was duly called and he	ouncil of Camp	

Martin reminded Council of the Saturday, Noon, VIP program restarting, and asked them to invite friends

and family.

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## DRAFT MINUTES WORK SESSION MAYOR AND COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 473 S. MAIN STREET, ROOM #106 FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2015 AT 8:00 A.M.

Minutes are a <u>summary</u> of the discussion. They are not verbatim. Public input is placed after Council discussion to facilitate future research.

NOTE: The 2015-16 Proposed Budget with each department's requests and the Town Manager's recommendations is available in the office of the Town Clerk, with each departments supporting documentation for their budget requests.

#### 1. Call to Order

Mayor German called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

#### 2. Roll Call

Mayor German, Vice Mayor Baker, Councilors, Bruce George, Carol German, Brad Gordon, Robin Whatley, and Jessie Jones are present.

#### Also Present

Town Manager Russ Martin, Finance Director Mike Showers, Economic Development Director Steve Ayres, Marshall Nancy Gardner, Commander Bruce Girnt, Community Development Mike Jenkins and Robert Foreman, Library Director Kathy Hellman, Court Administrator Veronica Pineda, Public Works Ron Long, Troy Odell, Mike Marshall, Town Clerk Virginia Jones and Recording Secretary Lynn Riordan.

#### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor German led the pledge.

**Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to the Draft FY 2015-2016 Tentative Budget.** Town Manager Russ Martin advised that the current budget is on track with revenues from sales tax; Council Members have been provided with a 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter budget report. **Revenues** – addressed on Wednesday, April 29, 2015

#### **General Government:**

- Municipal Court addressed on Wednesday, April 29, 2015
- Library addressed on May 1, 2015
- ❖ Economic Development addressed on May 1, 2015 .
- Risk Management addressed on Wednesday, April 29, 2015
- Non-departmental addressed on May 1, 2015
- Finance addressed on May 1, 2015
- Mayor & Council Vice Mayor Baker stated concerns with the legal services currently being over budget by \$30,000 this year. Mr. Martin advised that the internal investigations (employee) has been allocated to the Council legal budget line item. Each department has a line item for legal services, and each department has been fiscally responsible in staying within their legal services budget.
- Town Clerk addressed on May 1, 2015
- ❖ Town Manager HR and IT addressed on May 1, 2015
- Public Works Maintenance addressed on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 Streets - addressed on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 Sewer/Wastewater - addressed on Wednesday, April 29, 2015

- Community Development Planning & Zoning, Building, Code Enforcement: addressed on May 1, 2015
- Marshall's Office Animal Control addressed on May 1, 2015
- Capital Improvements Russ Martin advised the Mayor and Council that each department will address the Council with their CIP requests and needs. A handout has been provided to the Council showing the current budget with respect to CIP, requests and priorities for 2015-16. Mayor German stated the council will take into consideration CIP requests by priority, with first priority given to safety issues (safety for employees and the public), second priority will be items that will secure or protect, and potentially save, the assets the Town already has to prevent asset losses, third priority will be items that potentially will generate revenue for the Town, and finally, the wish list items (wants, comfort and aesthetically pleasing). All items in the budget are based upon projected sales tax revenue, with construction taxes allocated for debt service (lease of vehicles, Marshalls Office, Library, sewer, etc.). Mr. Martin advised that all department requests and supporting documents (handouts) are available for public review in the Clerk's Office.

Magistrate Court - Court Administrator Veronica Pineda addressed the Mayor and Council advising the Courts CIP requests (utilization and construction of rooms 206-207-208) for new Court facilities -Courtroom, Judges Chambers, Jury room, Court Clerk's Office and conference/attorney room were an absolute necessity. With the current facility, and shared use of courtroom/council meeting room, there is no security for the Judge, staff or the public. Additionally the current lack of facilities creates lack of confidentiality (attorney/client), and potential increased costs and liability due to potential retrials (no separation or seclusion jury/defendant), failure to meet ADA requirements, and lack of security. Ms. Pineda stated the proposed floor plans provide safety/security and are functional and practical. Councilor Gordon stated the need for Court facilities has been discussed for several years, and although he concurs that the need exists, he has concern regarding the plans presented as they appear to include many extravagant and unnecessary improvements. Against what has been previously directed by council, it appears the architect again included many expensive, unnecessary upgrades. Councilor Gordon stated he would only consider a practical, functional expenditure for new Court facilities that include only the necessities at this time, with the potential to upgrade as revenues allow. Councilor George concurred with Councilor Gordon, Ms.Pineda advised that perhaps there were some things that could be modified and eliminated from the current floor plans, with upgrades and enhancements being completed at a later date when, and if, funds are available. Mr. Martin stated that the Court had generated approximately \$178,000 from Court Enhancement fees, therefore, the CIP request for 2015-16 is actually approximately \$100,000 from the general fund.

#### Public Comment.

<u>Suzie Burnside</u> addressed the Mayor and Council advising complimenting the Court and architect on the functional and practical floor plan, stating that raised witness/jury boxes may be necessary but can ADA requirements could be met with simple ramps rather than expensive lifts.

Steve Goetting addressed the Mayor and Council in support of new Court facilities, stating confidentiality and security are necessary, and stating he does not want to see remodeling in the near future, requesting the council look at the long term solution for court facilities.

The Mayor and council concur that ADA requirements must be met, but that the plans should comply with council direction for safety, security, functionality and be practical - not the architects vision, enhancements and unnecessary expense. Vice Mayor Baker advised that the suggested Court plans are considered a long term investment, and requested that in addition to the floor plans, the council also consider the need for current and future parking for the facility. Mr. Martin stated the

new court, if approved, would be in the historic building and would be a long term use facility.

Marshall Office - Commander Gimt and Marshall Nancy Gardner addressed the Mayor and Council advising the Marshall Office is in need of evidence room space. A proposal has been provided to the Mayor and Council which would make use of a currently (empty/unused) building, and provide safety and security. Evidence space is a necessity and retention of evidence is required by law. The proposed evidence building/space is presented to Council in four stages with the first stage being the most critical at time and necessary immediately. Commander Gimt state originally the cost estimate to complete all four phases was \$350,000, but after having the plans revised for safety, functionality and practicality, the cost has been reduced to \$260,000, with the need for \$60,000 this year. The Council stated concerns over the life expectancy of use remodeling this existing building, and the potential lack of biohazard filters, a/c, heat, etc. Commander Gimt advised that for the first phase of this project, only dry storage (with security and safety) is needed. Mr. Martin requested the Council also consider additional vehicles (lease or purchase) for the Marshall Office as many vehicles are approaching 100,000 miles and will be costing the Town money in maintenance and repairs if not replaced. A rotating plan for vehicles would be the most cost effective over the long haul.

#### **Public Comment:**

<u>Suzie Burnside</u> addressed the Mayor and Council advising the Town had installed three security cameras at the parks some years back, and thought perhaps those cameras could be used for security for the Marshall's Office outdoor storage.

Steve Goetting addressed the Mayor and Council advising putting money into an old building may not be a fiscally responsible move, that the council should consider spending what is necessary for a long term solution (not patchwork) and perhaps build a new facility.

Councilor George advised that the security cameras had been vandalized (total loss) and the council elected to not replace them as if they were again vandalized (as most likely would happen) it would continue to cost the Town and the residents additional losses. The council concurred that although a new building would be functional, it is not financially possible at this time, and directs the Commander and Marshall to continue to research what work can be done with the assistance of public works to reduce costs to meet their needs for the evidence building/yard.

Library - Kathy Hellman addressed the Mayor and Council advising the Library and the Town need a new server and website. The Library received a grant last year for their new website which is currently under construction, but that the Town needs a new server to make the website, and commuter uses in the library, function to its capacity. Additionally, the Town needs a new website as the old applications are not user friendly are no longer supported. Upon completion of the new Library, it will be necessary for audio/visual equipment and computer access for the public, library, and educational sources. At current, the old server, and old applications, security is at risk as well as the potential loss of information. Additionally, Ms. Hellman suggested that the Council meet at the new Library, as it will host adequate space, parking, audio/visual equipment, which will make the Library and Council more visual to the public. Mr. Martin stated support for the potential of having the Council meet at the new library. The Council concurred, stating the Library is a community center as well as a Library and this may be a benefit to the community, utilizing the new Library and saving the Town money. .Ms. Hellman also stated that many of the current Library computers are over 5 years old, and new computers to keep up with technology are needed to replace them (the old ones can still be utilized for some applications, email, and library catalogs). Ms. Hellman stated her budget requests funds for new computers, self check out software, etc., and understanding the

budget is tight, she will purchase equipment and software as money is available, while continuing to look for, and secure, grant funding, as well as potentially requesting funding from the endowment funds and donations. The Council inquired about potential theft with self check out. Ms. Hellman stated that all books are scanned, and the new library will be wired for security gates, but there is no intent to install the expensive security gates at this time, as the Library has not had any issues with theft of books or Cds. The Mayor advised that when the endowment fund reaches \$500,000 the interest will be available to the Library every year for many years to come. At this time it appears the endowment fund is at about \$380,000 and should reach its goal within 5 years, generating approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year for the Library.

<u>Fire District</u> – Fire District Chief Terry Kelly and Russ Martin advised the Mayor and Council that funds received from franchise fees (from the franchise agreement between the Town and utility company) were being directly re-invested into the community. Although it is a relatively small amount of funding, the Town intends to install additional fire hydrants. The criteria for location will be based on need and availability of water to supply the hydrant, and will be assessed each year as franchise fees are collected. Camp Verde has a current rating of 4, and installation of additional fire hydrants may help lower the rating, which will reduce homeowner insurance rates.

#### Public Comment: None.

Economic Development - Steve Ayres addressed the Mayor and Council with respect to the CIP requests for 2015-16 and provided a handout with a map (public river access, trails and trail heads). The River Recreation Master Plan has been primarily funded by a grant from the Walton Family and the National Park Service's River, Trails and Conservation Assistance program, and he would like to utilize volunteers to complete studies and trails. Although many trails exist, there is a substantial need for designated access to the river and trails. Mayor German advised that SHPO and the Forest Service prohibit the use of volunteers, even if they are qualified, a change in this law would require legislative action. Mr. Ayres is also requesting funding for directional signage to guide visitors to various attractions and businesses. Mr. Ayres opened conversation with respect to the 9 acres on Homestead Parkway, designated to be donated by Scott Simington, with the option for VV Archaeology Center to purchase an additional 6 acres. Currently, there is no public access to the property, and this exchange would require the Town to build a public access road, with the VVAC to install a waterline. The Mayor and Council acknowledge that the acquisition of the 9 acres would be an asset to the Town, but the costs involved to realize that asset may be beyond what the Town can realize at this time. With SHPO and congressional regulations, this project might not be achievable. The agreement calls for the completion of a curb and gutter, paved public road with a cost to the Town of \$350,000. Additionally, the Town does not know if the VVAC can afford to complete the water line, with the public road and waterline being completed within 3 years. The Council acknowledged that generally a developer would be required to build the public road and then donate it to the Town. Mr. Ayres argued that this would be a long term financial investment for the Town and has the potential to general long term income. Mr. Ayres advised the amount needed for fiscal vear 2015-16 is \$75,000, and he would seek, and apply for, any available grants to assist with the project over the next three years. A public meeting (Town, VVAC and Mr. Simington) will be scheduled and announced.

#### **Public Comment:**

Susie Burnside addressed the Mayor and Council in support of trails and trailhead, and supports the concept of utilizing volunteers if allowed, as many of the trails are mapped, but have no public

access. Ms. Burnside advised the Council to use caution with any "donated" property or exchange agreement.

Steve Goetting addressed the Mayor and Council in opposition to the proposed directional signage in Town and on Main Street, requesting the Town invest in signage in I-17 to bring visitors in to Town instead. Mr. Goetting stated support for trail heads being installed, but believes this is a parks and recreation matter, not an economic development matter. Mr. Goetting also suggested the Town meet with the VVAC to see if they are financially able to proceed with this proposed Simington property exchange before making any decisions.

Bob Burnside addressed the Mayor and Council in support of the Holloman Street signage, stating it is aesthetically appropriate and visual. Mr. Burnside stated opposition to the Simington property exchange agreement.

<u>Public Works:</u> Mr. Martin provided the Mayor and Council with a comprehensive Public Works proposal for their review, which time will not allow for adequate discussion today. Mr. Martin requested that the Mayor and Council contact each department if they have individual questions or concerns, and another CIP/Budget meeting will be set to consider Public Works requests prior to a proposed budget being placed on a Regular Session Meeting Agenda. Mr. Martin also requested each council member advise Virginia Jones, Town Clerk, of any dates they cannot be available for CIP/Budget meetings.

#### **Adjournment**

Charles German, Mayor		_	
Lynn Riordan, Recording S	ecretary	<del></del>	
Common Council of the Tor	vn of Camp Verd	e during the Budget We	eccounting of the actions of the Mayor and ork Session of the Town Council of Camp ting was duly called and held, and that a
Dated this da	v of	2015	



WHEREAS, America is the land of freedom, preserved and protected willingly and freely by citizen soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Millions who have answered the call to arms have died on the field of battle; and

WHEREAS, the red poppy has been designated as a symbol of sacrifice of lives in all wars; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary has pledged to remind America annually of this debt through the distribution of the memorial flower:

Now, Therefore, The Mayor and Council of the Town of Camp Verde, AZ do hereby proclaim this 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2015, as POPPYDAYS and ask that all citizens pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy on these days.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015.

Charles German, Mayor	
ATTEST:	
Virginia Jones, Town Clerk	



### Town of Camp Verde

Agenda Item Submission Form – Section I			
Meeting Date: May 19, 2015			
☐ Consent Agenda ☐ Executive Session Requested			
☐ Presentation Only ☐ Action/Presentation			
Requesting Department: Finance Dept. Staff Resource/Contact Person: Mike Showers			
Agenda Title (be exact): Discussion, consideration & possible approval for Finance Director to apply for & obtain a P-Card system through MasterCard			
List Attached Documents: 1) Purchasing Card Program Outline			
Estimated Presentation Time: 5 mins			
Estimated Discussion Time: 5-10 mins			
Reviews Completed by:			
☐ Town Attorney Comments: N/A			
□ Department Head:     □ Department			
☐ Budgeted ☐ Unbudgeted ☑ N/A			
Fiscal Impact: There is no monetary impact to the Town.			
Comments: All cardholders would still be held to the current purchasing policies and procedures.			

**Background Information:** The Town currently has 4 credit cards which are held in the Finance office and checked out as needed by authorized employees. This system would put cards in the hands of employees who need to purchase small items quickly or while away from the office. The Financial Operations Guide would need to be updated to show the new program.

**Recommended Action (Motion):** Move to approve the Finance Director to apply for & obtain a P-Card system through MasterCard.

Instructions to the Clerk: N/A.

### **Purchasing Card Program Outline**

#### **Need & Uses**

- Mostly quick access, for small purchases including:
- Hotel check-in
- Public Relations
- Restaurants
- Gas Cards
- Out-of-Town

#### **Credit Amount**

- \$50,000 Minimum Requirement
- \$5,000 \$10,000 authorized by council in use.

#### **Program**

- Mastercard program directly through Mastercard
- Tied to Town, not individuals
- Any # of cards, individuals
- No annual fees
- 15 day payment requirement
- Can set individual card MAX and purchase type
- All paid on one statement, by check or web (if necessary)

#### **Current Credit Card Lines**

- MasterCard: 4 cards, \$20K current limit on cards, approved for \$40K
- Town name on cards
- All cards held at the Finance office and checked in/out
- Used for Hotels, Out-of-Town, web purchases, training, etc.

#### **Use Policies**

- Town accounts need to be used when available
- Receipts must be kept on all purchases
- Purchases follow normal purchasing polices, ie amounts, budget, approval
- Temporary adjustments must be requested in writing or email for specific event, item, period of time.
- Only Finance Director can change limits.
- Not for large purchases still utilize current card check out system.

#### **Requested Users**

Start-up: 9 cards @ \$4,600

-Russ Martin: \$300 -Mike Showers: \$300 -Steve Ayers: \$500 -Darby Martin: \$1,000 -Nancy Gardner: \$1,000 -Camp Verde Gas #1 (Gas Only): \$150 -Camp Verde Gas #2 (Gas Only): \$150 -Camp Verde parks & Rec: \$1,000

-Camp Verde Clerk's Office: \$200



#### Town of Camp Verde

### Agenda Item Submission Form - Section I

Meeting Date: May 19th, 2015				
☐ Consent Agenda ☐ Executive Session Requested				
Presentation Only Action/Presentation				
Requesting Department: Town Manager				
Staff Resource/Contact Person: Russ Martin				
Agenda Title (be exact): Discussion, and possible approval of a budget amendment to the Capital Improvements Fund adding Computer Backup and Server Replacement(s) for up to \$40,000 to this year's 2014/2015 Budget.				
List Attached Documents:				
Estimated Presentation Time: 5 minutes				
Estimated Discussion Time: 10 minutes				
Reviews Completed by:				
Department Head: Russ Martin				
☐ Town Attorney Comments:				
Finance Department –				
Fiscal Impact:				
Budget Code: Amount Remaining:				

**Comments:** This item will be placed among the other two design projects in the Capital Improvement Fund for Wastewater along Highway 260 and Finnie Flat Rd. Funding necessary, if any, beyond these two other projects would come from Contingency currently at a full balance of \$75,000.

**Background Information:** Council was briefed on the IT situation that we believed last year would take us through this year but we are experiencing daily issues due to lack of storage space and technology upgrade needs in these systems. This is the excerpt from an IT email from our contractor on his proposed solution.

#### New Server Estimate

I have spec'd out a Dell Server that will be loaded with a mixture of Solid State, SAS and SATA drives. This gives us the best of all combinations, speed, performance, and cheap storage. Instead of purchasing 3 servers, I'm recommending one this year, one next year, both with 5 year warranties. That will be your Server Cycle, though you can probably stretch to 7 in lean times.

The Server will have enough RAM to support the entire Town's current virtual server needs. This is by design; we'll need to be able to shut one down while the other keeps all virtuals running.

- Estimate \$10,500 for the total cost of this Server. (\$32K would replace all 3 as was originally scoped)
- For budgetary purposes, I recommend using \$900 per workstation when accounting for upgrades, new hires, etc. I'm estimating 10 new PC's for next year, but these are the first to go if we are tight on budget. All other items are critical. (This is covered in another CIP line for 2015/16)
- We need a separate Drive Array to store Archive Data. I've been testing a Synology Unit that is performing well. I'd estimate the price for the array + disks at \$2500, knowing we can do better on Amazon.
- We DESPERATELY need two new switches to replace the ancient D-Links that were put back in service last year. One needs all the bells and whistles, but fewer ports than your current HP Procurves, estimate \$2250, the other will be about \$1000, less features required.

**Summary** 



The bottom line results in approximately \$15,000 for one server this year or approximately \$40,000 for all three this year. This removes the workstation item as it is subject to other budget discussions.

**Recommended Action (Motion):** Move to approve the budget amendment to add Computer Backup and Server replacements to the Capital Improvement Fund budget in the amount of \$15,000.

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Meetir	ng Date: May 19,	2015 Reg	ular Session		
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MAYO RELAT VERDE THREE	Agenda Title (be exact): Discussion, consideration and possible approval of AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, RELATING TO THE TRANSACTION PRIVILEDGE TAX; AMENDING THE TAX CODE OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, ARIZONA BY DECREASING THE RATE OF TAXATION FOR TRANSACTION PRIVILEDGE TAX FROM THREE PERCENT (3.65%) TO A RANGE OF ONE PERCENT (1%) TO TWO PERCENT (2%) ON THE PORTION OF THE SINGLE ITEM RETAIL PRICE OVER A RANGE OF \$1,000 TO \$10,000.				
Attach	<b>ed Items</b> : Sales T	ax Ordina	ance 2015-A405		
Estima	ted Presentation	<i>Time:</i> 15	i min.		
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	Finance Department Mike Showers				
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As requested staff has additionally reviewed what and why others have and have inserted the definition of a single taxable item and some stats on what other taxes similar tied rate communities may have in addition for revenue. Also requested was some information on what others may be doing for alternative resources. Wickenburg has a .52 levy or roughly \$50 for Residential and \$100 for Commercial property tax rate. Casa Grande has a 1.6 levy or roughly \$160 for Residential and \$320 for Commercial property tax rate. There is no Town property tax in Buckeye.

#### STAFF REPORT

Introduced as a concept a few weeks ago staff has been researching answers to the questions posed such as how this would assist the Town in acquiring new businesses. We believe it would and suggest (as the included ordinance draft shows) that at these levels \$5000 would secure resources generally necessary compared to other business costs and generate revenue needed. However, more importantly we are looking at the rate of 1% because it is low enough to make a statement and market Camp Verde as truly an exceptional place to buy large ticket items. This is an opportunity we believe will provide for marketing Camp Verde as those large ticket item retailers are often drawing from a large area and will bring attention to Camp Verde along with the potential sale generating even more attention for other businesses.

We are aware that there are arguments for additional tiers or lower tiers as has been made in the meetings. Although they have merit, there is nothing driving their consideration at this time. Therefore, staff recommend we set the suggested \$5,000 threshold at this time, based on existing opportunities, with the idea that other tiers can be addressed as opportunities present themselves. An argument has also been presented that the in lowering the tax rate on large ticket items the Town would be imposing an unfair burden on businesses taxing their customers at the higher rate. We argue that is not the case. In fact if we are successful in bringing in large ticket item retailers the Town would be able to, in time, lower the overall rate and still enjoy adequate revenue levels to carry out its responsibilities.

#### FROM THE PREVIOUS STAFF REPORT

#### Essentially, the numbers are as follows:

Number of Cities doing this in Arizona: 20 cities

Number of Cities doing a portion (under at normal rate then a new rate for over \$X): 10 cities

Number of Cities doing a single item (once over \$X all is taxed at a new rate): 10 cities

Amount of portion/item: At or around 1K: 8 cities

At or around 5K: 9 cities

At or around 10K: 3 cities

Amount of Taxation after: At or around 1%: 8 cities

At or around 1.5%; 5 cities

At or around 2%: 6 cities

(Yuma is at 0%)

Recommended Action (Motion): Move to approve Ordinance 2015-A405 AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, RELATING TO THE TRANSACTION PRIVILEDGE TAX; AMENDING THE TAX CODE OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, ARIZONA BY DECREASING THE RATE OF TAXATION FOR TRANSACTION PRIVILEDGE TAX FROM THREE PERCENT (3.65%) TO ONE PERCENT (1%) ON THE PORTION OF THE SINGLE ITEM RETAIL PRICE OVER \$5,000.

#### **ORDINANCE 2015-A405**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, RELATING TO THE TRANSACTION PRIVILEDGE TAX; AMENDING THE TAX CODE OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, ARIZONA BY DECREASING THE RATE OF TAXATION FOR TRANSACTION PRIVILEDGE TAX FROM THREE POINT SIX FIVE PERCENT (3.65%) TO ONE PERCENT (1%) ON THE PORTION OF THE SINGLE ITEM RETAIL PRICE OVER \$5,000.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA:

<u>Section 1</u>: The tax rate in the following section of the Tax Code of the Town of Camp Verde is decreased from three percent (3.65%) to one percent (1%) by adding:

Section 8-460(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) above, when the gross income from the sale of a single item of tangible personal property exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000), the three point six five percent (3.65%) tax rate shall apply to the first five thousand dollars (\$5,000). Above five thousand dollars (\$5,000), the measure of tax shall be at a rate of one percent (1%).

<u>Section 2</u>: The tax rate in the remainder of Section 8-460 and all other sections are excluded from any decrease and remain unchanged.

Section 3: The provisions of Section 1 of this ordinance shall be effective from and after August 1, 2015.

May, 2015.	Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona, this 19 <sup>th</sup> day of
Charles German, Mayor	
ATTEST:	APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Virginia Jones, Town Clerk	W.J. Sims, Town Attorney

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Meeting Date: May 19, 2015 Budget Work S	Session			
Consent Agenda Decision Agen	da Executive Session Requested			
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Requesting Department:				
Staff Resource/Contact Person: Mayor G	erman – Troy O'dell			
Agenda Title (be exact): Discussion regarding flooding issues in and around Camp Verde Town limits, including various studies required by different agencies, and the relation to current budget requests by Economic Development as it relates to Forest and State Parks land.				
Estimated Presentation Time:				
Estimated Discussion Time: 20				
Reviews Completed by:				
Department Head:	Town Attorney Comments: N/A			
Finance Department N/A Fiscal Impact: None Budget Code: N/A Comments: Background Information:	Amount Remaining:			
Recommended Action (Motion): No Action is necessary				

instructions to the Clerk: None

May 12, 2015

Information for Council: FM: Charlie German

Information related to flooding issues in Camp Verde and the process for long term mitigation flooding.

Hi Charlie! As promised, here is a somewhat simplified layout of the steps forward if the town of Camp Verde wants to take on the flooding issues:

- 1. Hydrological study: have professional hydrologists assess the watershed at some scale where you can have effective benefits (whatever that is; probably bigger than a single neighborhood?) and make recommendations for methods of getting water to the Verde while minimizing flooding on private land but also considering natural flood flow locations (such as Natural Channel Design has done in Flagstaff) and working to not only avoid private lands. Includes the priority of projects and possibly some short-term and then long term solutions.
- 2. Make specific proposals to the FS if improvements are recommended on National Forest
- 3. Conduct NEPA (including arch surveys/wildlife surveys/public scoping/consultation) on specific proposals if accepted by the forest, likely require some costs recovery to process proposals. Also includes coordination with other permitting entities, such as ADOT or utilities.
- 4. FS makes decision on specific proposals
- 5. FS issues permit for maintenance of structures to town of Camp Verde (if proposed and decision is to implement)
- 6. Construction of structures in some phased approach likely.

I know that's daunting, but the first step you could do without needing to wait on any specialists or the FS. Let me know if you have any questions,

#### Virginia Jones

From:

CHARLES C < ljcgerman@msn.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 12, 2015 7:58 AM

To:

Sulltrop, Judy

Cc:

Russ Martin; Ron Long; Troy Odell

Subject:

Camp Verde Flood remedy process

#### Good morning Judy,

I just wanted to let you know we are still pursuing the process and are in budget time with consideration for flood issues. I have met with both the Coconino and Prescott Forest Service Rangers here in Camp Verde. Listed below is a general process for Camp Verde to follow. As you know this will be our 3rd Monsoon season this summer since these issues have arisen again. I believe we have a handle on the process to mitigate immediate flood issues as they occur utilizing NCRS and Yavapai County/emergency management. Anyway, I just wanted to bring you an update and to again thank you for your assistance. I look forward to sharing with you the results of our budget process and plans for the future. I would request you share this with Congressman Gosar's office as well since there are flood issues in Camp Verde that fall within his district as well.

Warm Regards, Charlie German Mayor, Town of Camp Verde

THE FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED FROM LOCAL FOREST SERVICE OFFICIAL/S.

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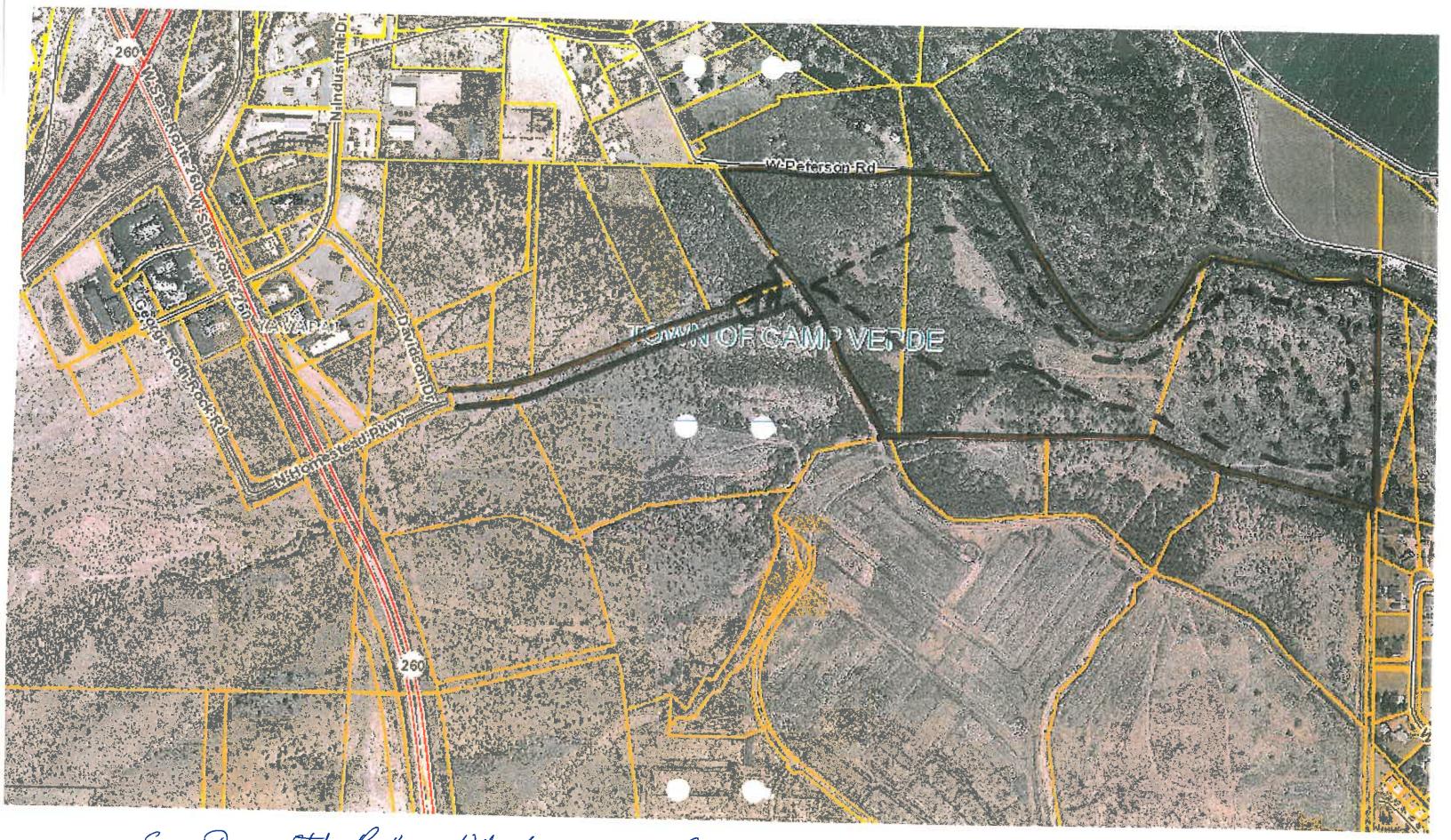
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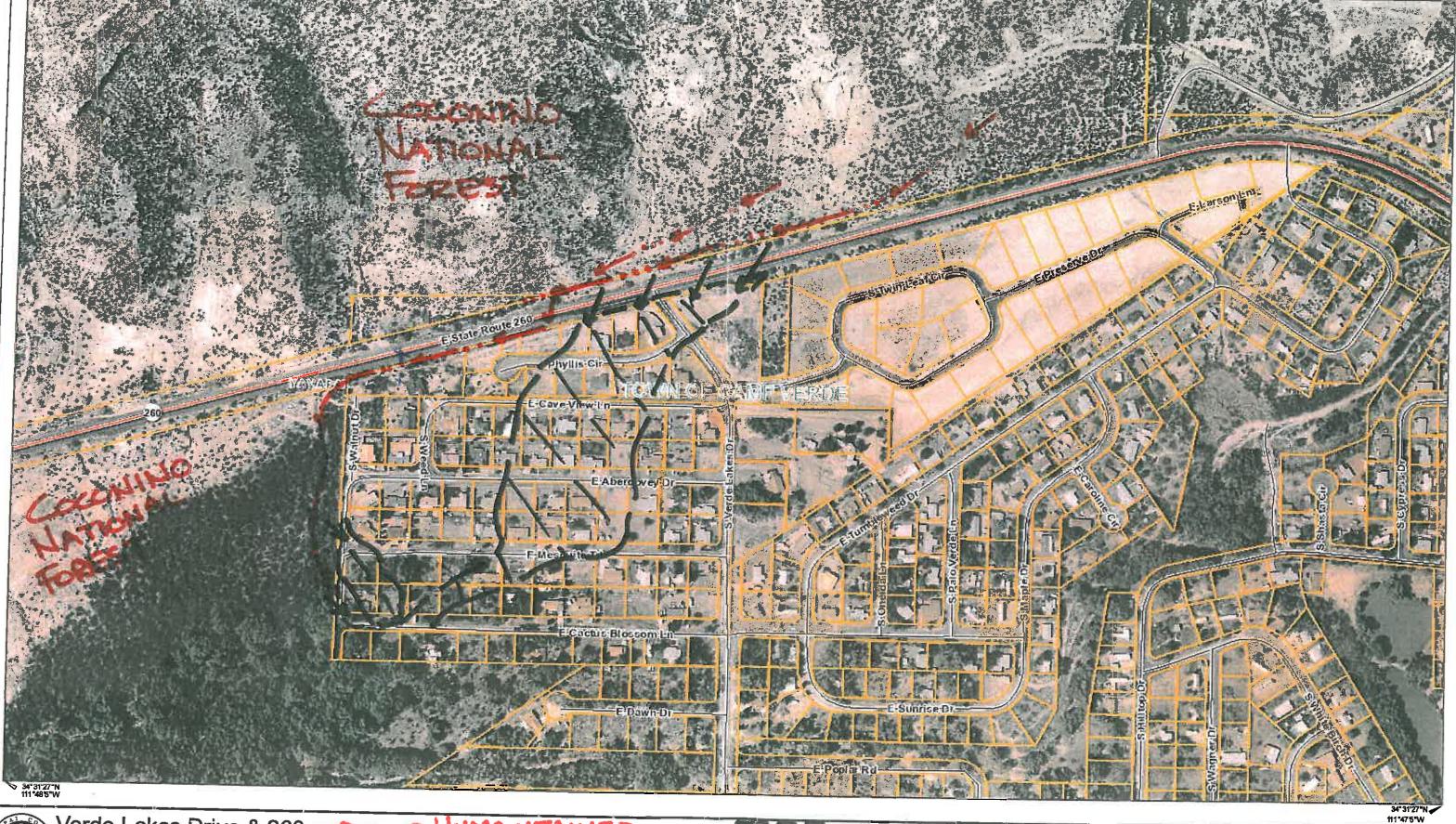
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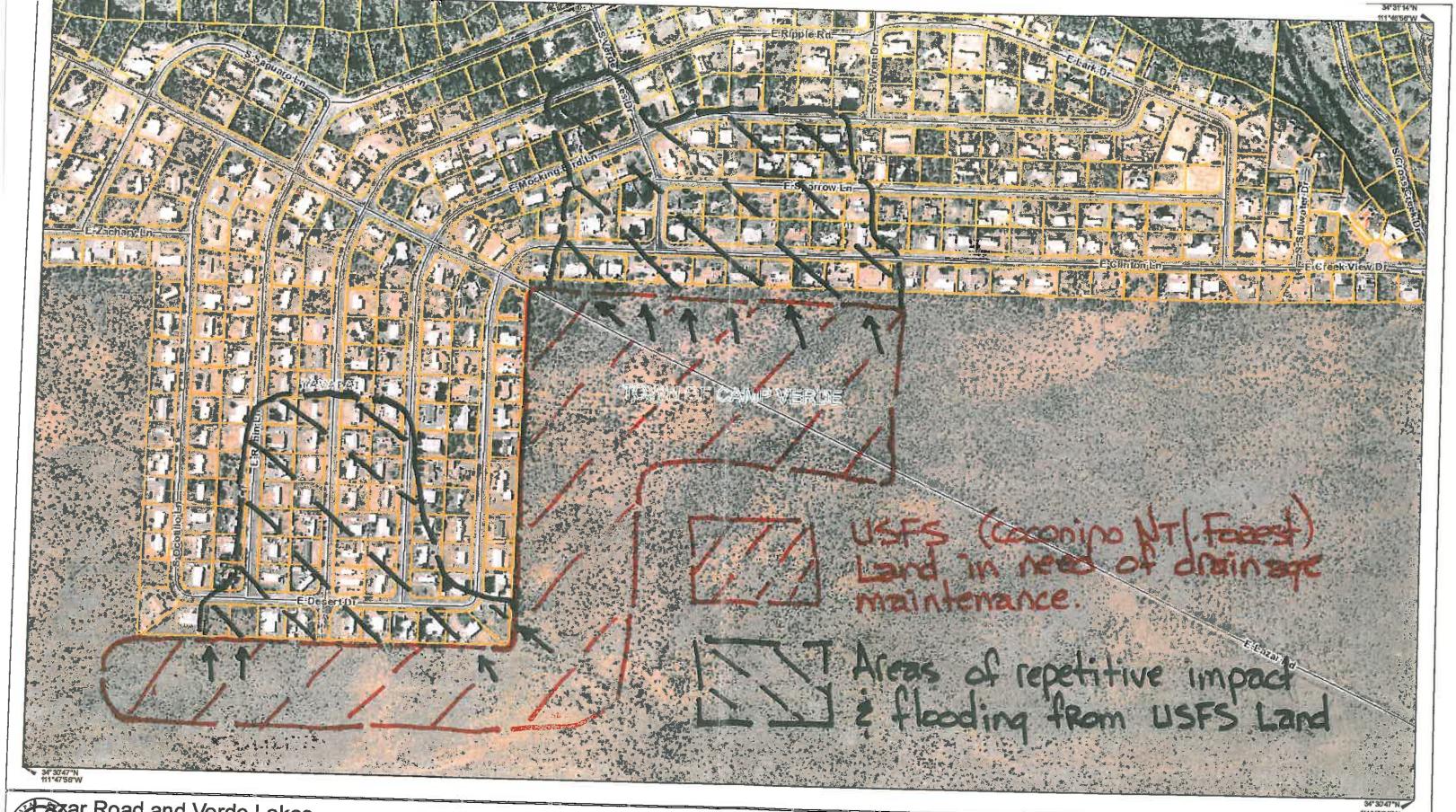
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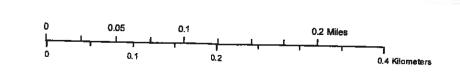
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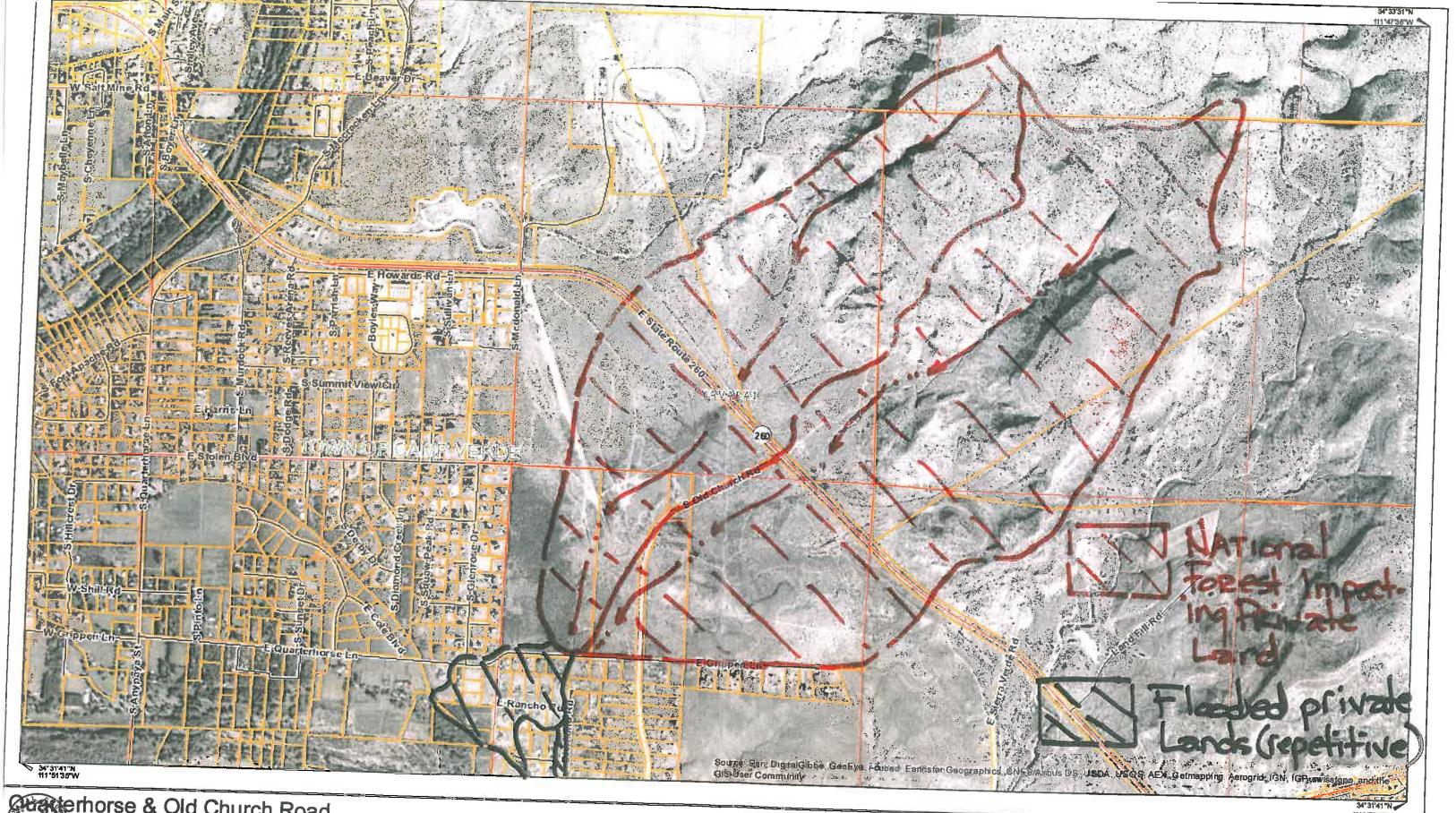




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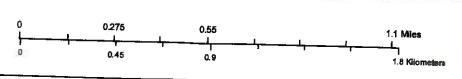




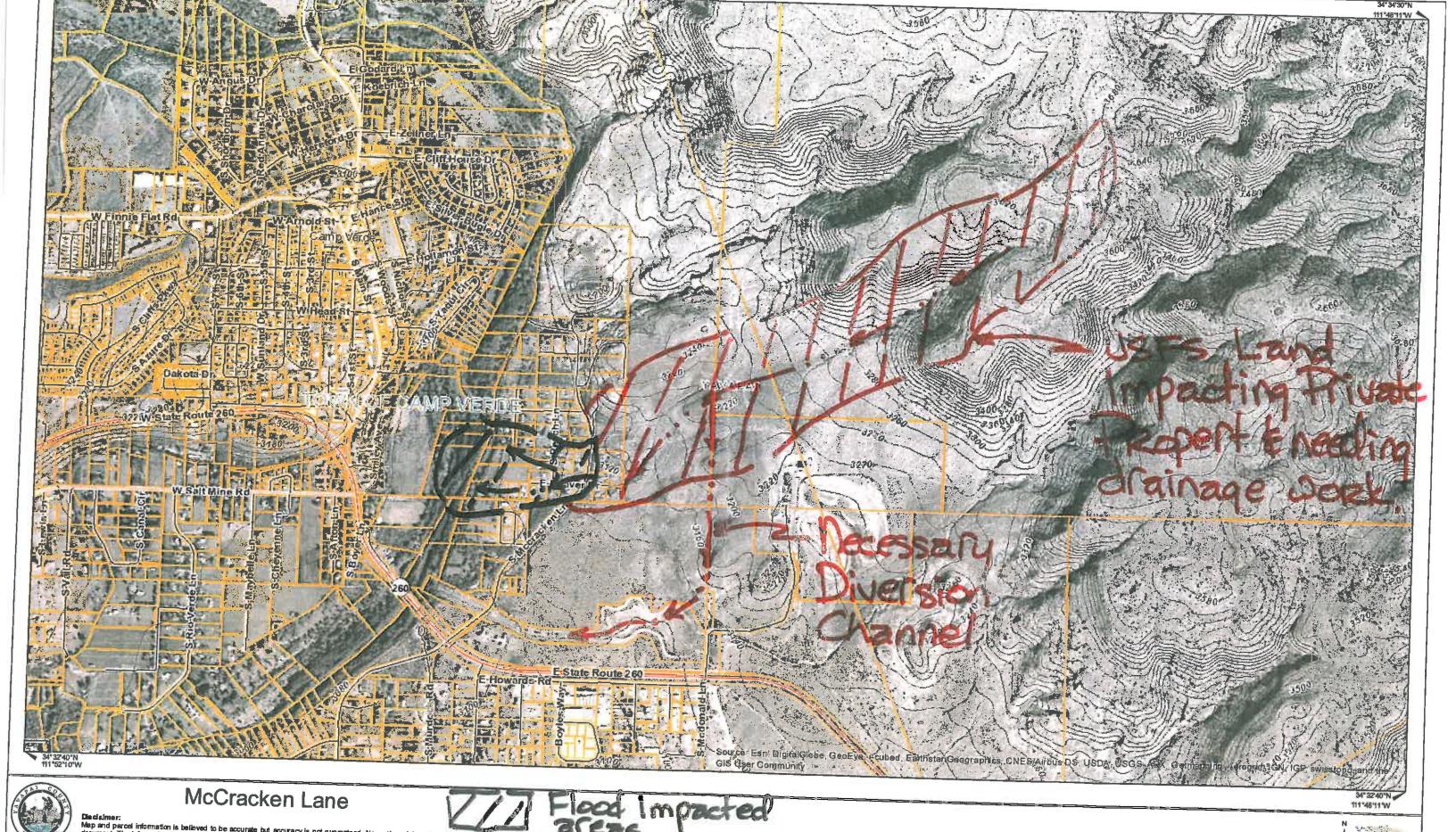
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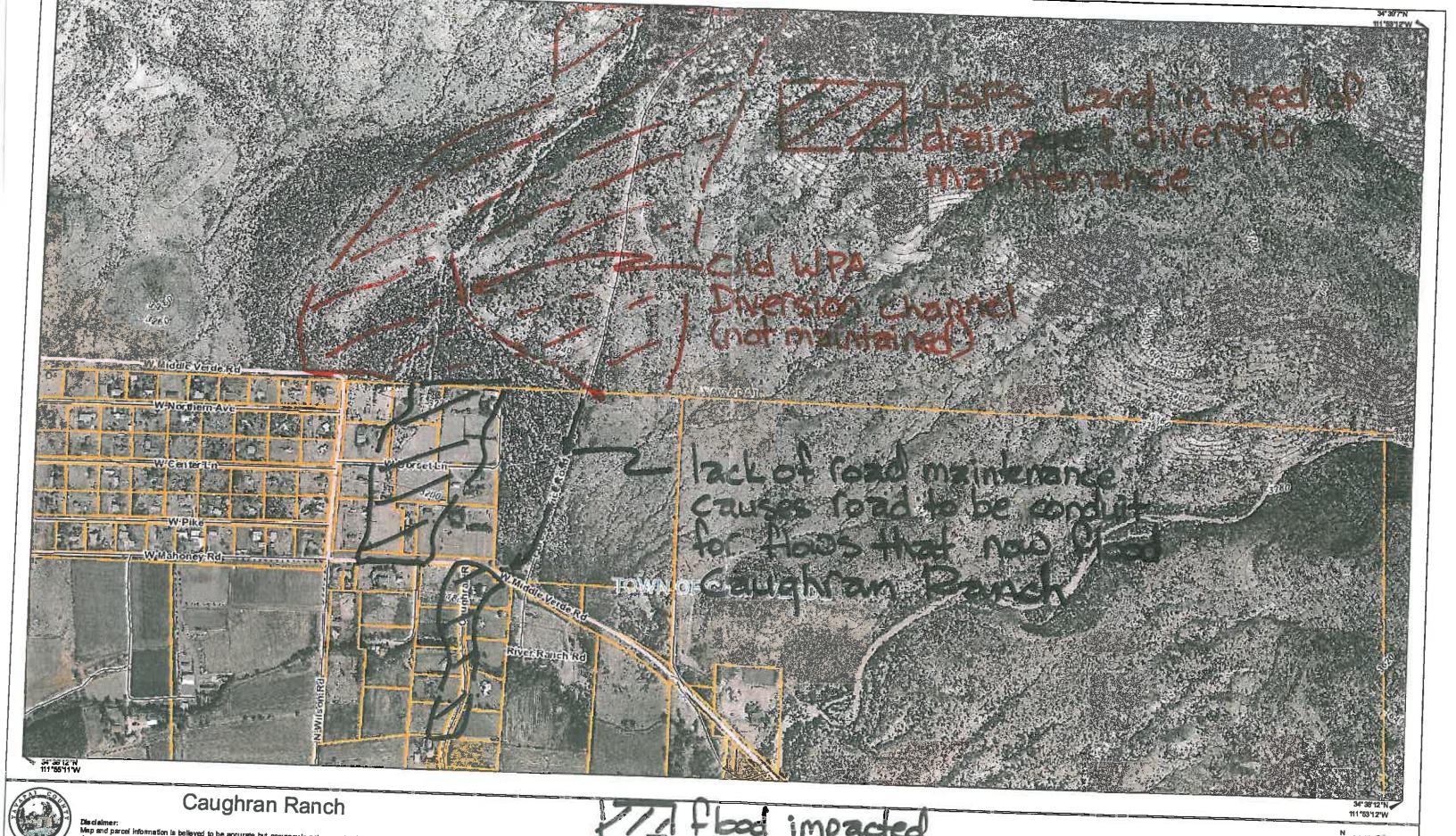






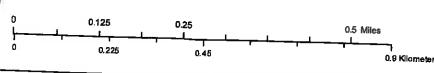


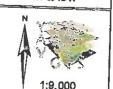
















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