

**MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS · 473 S. Main Street, Room #106  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2012  
8:00 A.M.**

**Minutes are a summary of the actions taken. They are not verbatim.  
Public input is placed after Council motions to facilitate future research.  
Public input, where appropriate, is heard prior to the motion**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Burnside called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Mayor Burnside, Vice Mayor Kovacovich, Council members Robin Whatley, Carol German, Jesse Jones, and Bruce George were present. Councilor Baker was absent.

**Also Present:** Town Manager Russ Martin, Administrative Assistant Carol Brown, Administrative Assistant Stephanie Sunstrom, Community Development Director Mike Jenkins, Marshal Nancy Gardner, Parks and Recreation Coordinator Rickey Long, and Public Works Director Ron Long. Lieutenant Steve Ganis arrived at 8:45 am. Financial Director Mike Showers arrived at 9:06 am.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Citizen Charlie German led the pledge.

**4. Discussion of the Equestrian Facility**

Russ Martin advised the Council that an equestrian facility fits the heritage of the Town and that it would bring with it business opportunities and increased tourism. Carol Brown presented the Council with two web videos advertising equestrian facilities. Brown advised that currently there is not an adequate place for people to stay with their horses, noting that an equestrian facility would not only provide a place for people and their horses to stay, but would also be a place where FFA and 4H members to work and show their projects. Council discussed beginning with one arena and adding on from there, noting the importance of building and maintaining the facility correctly from the outset. Council also discussed the need for public/private partnerships to fund and run the facility.

Russ Martin encouraged everyone to give feedback.

**PUBLIC IN PUT**

Suzy Burnside advised that the Camp Verde FFA has 127 members currently in it. She inquired about Cottonwood's equestrian facility statistics.

Bob Weir advised the council that it would cost \$55,000 to buy a new rodeo panels.

There was no further public input.

**5. Discussion of the Trail System**

Martin advised the Council of all the opportunities that the trail system provides, such as horseback riding, hiking, four wheelers, and the river trail. He encouraged the Council and public to provide feedback as to what they would like to see done with the trail system.

Mike Jenkins presented the Council with a trails map. He explained that the Sedona trail system is currently trying to downsize the amount of tourism they are experiencing, noting that there is a big market for trails. He encouraged Council to think of ways to better promote the Camp Verde trail system. He advised that the

forest service typically has a 2-year plan and is asking for public input to help them see where the priorities are. He advised that the Town owns land on both ends of the trail and they have started to create trails in those areas. He also advised that other Verde Valley communities are discussing connecting trails with the Camp Verde trail system. Ron Long reminded the Council that the Town has 40 acres of land at the end of Rawhide Rd. that would make a nice trailhead with parking.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Suzy Burnside wanted to know if public input was coming only from Camp Verde, noting that we do not want to miss any opportunities. She suggested starting with what we have in place and build on it. She reminded the Council that the system was designed as an alternate means of transportation. It needs to be driven by Camp Verde.

Nancy Gardner told the Council about a trail that had a coffee shop and gift shop with staff available to give information and suggesting using something like that for the Camp Verde trails. The Council agreed there should be informational pamphlets available to hand out to the public.

There was no further public input.

Mayor Burnside advised that the Forest Service has a designated number of trails that will remain, noting that social trails will be deleted unless the public has enough voice to keep that from happening. Councilor Jones advised that there are programs, such as summer workforce and juvenile probations that could be a big help with developing trails.

#### **6. Discussion of Miscellaneous/New Projects**

Martin advised that he has been researching solar opportunities that the Town could utilize. He suggested further research with other communities that are currently using solar power in order to help us better decide the needs of the Town. He opened up the topic of the beautification and signage. The Council discussed at length possible ways to beautify Camp Verde. Some suggestions included hanging flower planters around businesses, having antiques set along the roadside to add character, removing the concrete medians and adding trees and landscaping and building a sidewalk connection from the Circle K to Bashas.

Marshal Nancy Gardner presented the Council with an improvement plan for the Marshals Office. She advised that they currently do not have adequate evidence storage. Lieutenant Steve Ganis said that guns, drugs and money are the main things that go missing from evidence rooms. They need to be stored separately and the current evidence room does not have the proper storage space accommodate needs. Gardner advised that they would like to utilize the teen center as a dispatch center making it possible to expand the current evidence room to fit the Marshals Office needs. It was suggested to use the training room for more room. Ganis advised that meetings are scheduled weekly for the training room, noting that when they sponsor trainings, the officers receive free training. Gardner advised that she is researching options such as grants to help offset the costs.

Debbie Barber advised the Council that current sound system is extremely outdated and has received several complaints about it. She advised the council that the estimate to have the whole system re-done would be \$14,800.00. The Council discussed and agreed that the location of Council Chambers needed to be decided first to avoid additional cost of relocating the new sound system after installed.


#### **7. Summary of the CIP weekly work sessions from October 19 through November 16, 2012**

Martin presented a summary of all the concepts discussed from October 19 through November 6 2012. He advised that staff would be preparing a draft Capital Improvements Plan and presenting it the Council sometime in December. He advised that he would be bringing information to Council in January from a company that seeks out and writes grants.

Marshal Gardner informed the Council that Jake the K-9 police dog had passed away and they are seeking support from the community to have a memorial built.

8. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Mayor Burnside, seconded by Carol German, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

  
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Bob Burnside, Mayor 11-30-12

  
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Stephanie Sunstrom, Recording Secretary

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the discussion and direction 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 November 16, 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 30 day of November, 2012.

  
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Deborah Barber, Town Clerk