

**MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2012  
6:30 P.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**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Mayor Burnside, Vice Mayor Kovacovich, Councilors Whatley, George, Baker, Jones and German were present.

**Also Present:** Town Manager Russ Martin, Town Marshal Nancy Gardner, Public Works Director Ron Long, Town Clerk Debbie Barber, and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was led by Bruce Turner.

**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) Special Session – September 19, 2012
- 2) Executive Session – September 19, 2012 (recorded)
- 3) Regular Session – September 19, 2012
- 4) Work Session – September 12, 2012

**b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**

- 1) October 10, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. – Work Session - FOG
- 2) October 17, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 3) Friday, October 19, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. – Work Session - CIP
- 4) October 24, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. – Joint Meeting with Yavapai-Apache Nation Council Members
- 5) October 24, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. – Work Session with Camp Verde Sanitary District Board
- 6) October 24, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters
- 7) Friday, October 26, at 8:00 a.m. – Work Session - CIP

**c) Possible approval of applications for Wine Festival License/Wine Fair License for: Burning Tree Cellars, LLC, Arizona Stronghold Vineyards, Oak Creek Vineyards & Winery, and Grand Canyon Cellars, LLC. The applicants will participate in the Verde Valley Fall Festival being held on October 19, 20, and 21, 2012, to be held at Jackpot Ranch, located at 2025 Reservation Loop Road. Staff Resource: Debbie Barber**

**d) Possible authorization to transfer the remaining \$17,829.53 from Activity #1 (Administration Costs) of the CDBG Contract #100-11 to Activity #2 (Project Construction Costs) in order to complete the Hollamon Street Improvement Project. This will have the effect of increasing the total available project-specific funds from \$319,448 to \$337,277.53. Staff Resource: Ron Long**

**e) Possible approval of the lease agreement between the Town of Camp Verde and Rod L. Proper Rentals for lease of 3 large dog kennels (runs) from Montezuma Veterinary Services building located at 100 S. Montezuma Castle Hwy. Staff Resource: Marshal Nancy Gardner**

On a motion by Kovacovich, seconded by Baker, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented, and pulling Item 4.d).

Mayor Burnside requested that Item 4.d) be pulled.

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**complete the Hollamon Street Improvement Project. This will have the effect of increasing the total available project-specific funds from \$319,448 to \$337,277.53.**

On a motion by Kovacovich, seconded by Baker, the Council unanimously approved Item 4.d) with the change in the dollar amount.

Burnside explained that he had pulled Item 4.d) after being informed by the Finance Director that some additional funds had been found that were expended, such that the true dollar amount that will be transferred is now \$17,279.53.

5. **Council Informational Reports.**

**Whatley** said she and the Mayor and Councilor German had talked with a gentleman about pursuing a survey for the business incubator issue, and also attended the Native American Festival held by the Archaeological Society last weekend, a very enjoyable, informative event.

**George** reported on his attendance at the Verde Valley Transportation meeting; Ron Long gave a presentation on the ongoing projects in the Town nearing completion. George said he also attended the Colonel's Daughter competition. He also reported on attending the Verde River Basin Partnership Coordinating Committee meeting, followed by a general meeting with a presentation on more efficient ways to use water for irrigation and community needs.

**Baker** said she attended the Yavapai-Apache Nation Council meeting, and congratulated the new Council members; the Council now consists of six women and three men. Baker also went on an interesting field trip with some staff members to a recycling plant in Prescott Valley.

**German** reported that she also attended the meeting regarding the feasibility study, and joined the public meeting on the proposed Entertainment District. She commented that the Colonel's Daughter event on Saturday and Sunday was wonderful.

**Burnside** also commented on the nice turnout for the Colonel's Daughter competition, and the coming change in those who will be heading up the annual event. Burnside said he enjoyed the tour to the recycling plant; it was very interesting and presents opportunities for jobs. He also attended the swearing-in at the Yavapai-Apache Nation, and went with Councilors Whatley and German, to the meeting on the Entertainment District, and enjoyed the input by Jim Greenwald.

6. **Special Announcements & Presentations –**

- **Presentation of a certificate to honor 10-year old Camp Verde resident Bruce A. Turner, son of Sharon Turner for his act of heroism in saving a child from drowning at Fain Lake in Prescott Valley. Boy Scout Troop 7193 recommended Bruce to the Boy Scouts of America for the Heroism Award and a Medal of Merit.**

Mayor Burnside announced the presentation of the subject honors to Bruce Turner in recognition of the young man's heroism, and personally presented the certificate to Bruce. All of the boy scouts who were present at the meeting came forward and introduced themselves, followed by statements from two District Executives who explained the significance and extreme honor of the Heroism Award and Medal of Merit, both of which were then presented to Bruce, who gave his account of his action in saving the life of his friend.

Burnside thanked everyone for their attendance, and called a short recess to enjoy the refreshments that had been provided to celebrate the occasion.

**A recess was called at 6:50 p.m.; the meeting was called back to order at 7:00 p.m.**

7. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Justin Wertz** spoke regarding the safety aspects of the project he is pursuing, and his efforts to continue to develop community concern.

**Barb Goetting** reminded everyone that the third annual presentation of the film, "Kingdom of the Spider," will be scheduled for October 27.

**Steve Goetting**, current Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, said that they have now moved into their new building at the White Hills Stagecoach shop, with an Open House planned during the Fort Verde Days Weekend. He thanked the Town for joining the Chamber and said he looks forward to developing a strong partnership with the Town.

**Renee Bartlett-Webber**, speaking on behalf of the Verde Valley Archaeology Center, also commented on the recent Native American Film Festival and Arts Fair. An event is coming up on October 18, 19 and 20, the Verde Valley Archaeology Symposium, ending with a Gala dinner and silent auction on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Robert Dodd** commented on the continuing problem of overgrown weeds on vacant lots and some homes; he understands that the Town has financial constraints, but stressed that the weeds present a fire hazard and it is the Town's responsibility to keep the Town cleaned up. *Burnside suggested that the Town Manager look into the problem and perhaps enlist some volunteer participation.*

**Stephanie Peters** appeared on behalf of the Camp Verde Arts Council and announced the Art Show and Artists Reception that will be a part of the upcoming Fort Verde Days, and distributed a flyer listing the dates and times.

There was no further public input.

8. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff to work with the Arizona Department of Transportation and Northern Arizona Council of Governments to move forward with the funding, design, and construction of either Option A – a roundabout or Option B – a signal to provide enhanced traffic circulation, connectivity, and pedestrian movement at the intersection of SR 260 and Goswick Way/Industrial Drive.** Staff Resource: Ron Long

There was no action taken.

Public Works Director Long reminded everyone of the existing problems on SR 260 near the fast food area, some of which are created by drivers who do not obey the traffic signs, resulting in some accidents. ADOT has determined that the intersection qualifies it for a project to correct the problems. Long described the two available options; one, a roundabout, which is the option preferred by ADOT, and, two, a regular traffic signal. Long noted that this is a good opportunity for the Town to partner with ADOT to get the project on fast track, a move that Long thinks should be considered. To consider installing a traffic signal, ADOT has estimated that the Town would need to contribute approximately \$175,000 for a third of the project; for a roundabout, ADOT would be looking for a contribution of \$450,000, which would be about one-quarter of the project. The cost of the two-lane roundabout would be close to \$2 million. Long explained that there would be a NACOG funding allotment available to the Town in the year 2015 in the sum of approximately \$830,000; the funding to pay for either the signal or the roundabout could be borrowed from that allotment. That funding is for the planned work on the tri-intersection at Circle K, the majority of which will be needed for that project, which is currently in the study phase, with design anticipated in 2013. Whatever amount is pledged for the SR 260 project can be replenished from some of the HURF funds between now and 2015.

The Council discussed with Long the funding possibilities that he had outlined, and the reason for the Town contributing to a partnership, which would get the project done right away; otherwise the project would be relegated to the five-year plan, if not longer. Long pointed out that participating in a partnership would also

be a good opportunity to demonstrate that the Town is serious about the requested improvements to SR 260 from I-17 to Thousand Trails.

After further discussion of the financial issues presented, and the existing Homestead Parkway signal, it was generally agreed that in order to make a decision on which option to consider, Long should come back with drawings to illustrate the project, as well as perhaps arrange a presentation by ADOT so that the area businesses would have full input and an understanding of the impact on them, and an estimate of the full costs involved, as well as an analysis of the impact on HURF funding in the next few years. Also requested was an estimate of the construction time frame that would be involved. Martin urged the Councilors to keep staff fully informed by communicating questions and ideas that come up, all of which would assist Long in presenting as much comprehensive understanding of what can be researched at this point. Martin added that the sooner the Town can decide on the action to follow, including an IGA, the sooner ADOT can put to work the funds they have set aside for the project .

9. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of a contract with Marathon Public Affairs to proceed with pursuing the expansion of State Route 260 to four lanes between I-17 and Cottonwood.**  
Staff Resource: Russ Martin

On a motion by Whatley, seconded by George, the Council voted 5-2 to direct staff to pursue Option 1, engaging Marathon Public Affairs for a period not to exceed five (5) months to expressly work on bringing the communities together on a common strategy to successfully expand the scope of the project on Highway 260 before next year's five-year plan is adopted by ADOT; with Baker opposed, for the reasons she stated, and German opposed.

Martin said that meeting with friends and neighbors in the County and Cottonwood had proven to be unsuccessful in getting them to participate financially. Both of them were very interested and understand why we would consider using a consultant, but do have budget constraints at this time, or at least until next July. Martin said that, rather than wait until next fiscal year, the next five or six months could prove to be helpful in pursuing opportunities to push the ball forward more quickly. This promises to be not a small project, so acting now would mean the better chance the Town will have to get the project actually constructed in 2015. Martin therefore recommends that the Town utilize the funds that had been earmarked for a Fall election, which did not happen, to engage Marathon Public Affairs for a short-term contract not to exceed six months, and after that, reassess the situation to determine what resulted from that expenditure. That will give the Marathon group the opportunity to perform, and at that point, other options can be considered, depending upon the outcome. Martin added that the two principals of Marathon are present to answer questions, and would like to make a presentation. He also confirmed that it would be a term of not to exceed five months, for a total of \$15,000.

Michael Mandell and Janet Regner each spoke in detail, again outlining how the experience of Marathon Public Affairs would demonstrate in the short term how it could be helpful in furthering the efforts to bring the communities together and begin to overcome the past issues that had created problems, working not only with the communities, but with ADOT and the County and Legislative bodies. Martin confirmed that updates on their progress would be given on a regular basis .

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no public input.

Baker said she had understood that Council was only willing to move forward on the consulting proposal if other Verde Valley communities would be participating in a concerted effort, which she would prefer to see at this time. Baker said the Town now has a new Engineer, a new Council, a new staff and Economic Development Director who is involved in discussions with other communities and agencies; and therefore she cannot support the proposed expenditure. George said he feels it is a great opportunity for Camp Verde to take the lead in working with the other communities, and is willing to see what the consultants can do in

that short term.. German expressed concern over the expenditure of more unbudgeted funds from the Town's restricted budget; she would prefer to wait and continue working with other communities and with ADOT, and understands that ADOT does have this issue in its radar. Whatley said it is not a case of having the "find" the money; it is already in there; she sees no reason not to do it. George believes the Town should "give it a shot." Jones feels every opportunity should be explored, and is in favor of it. Kovacovich commented that there is finally some momentum going, and the Town should stick with it. Burnside said the Town needs to do this, to move forward; let the professionals do what they do best. The Town cannot afford to wait and be faced with yet another massive accident in the interim, when it had an opportunity to show the citizens that at least it was trying to move ahead and keep the momentum going.

Mayor Burnside requested items #9&10:

10. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Resolution 2012-871, a resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, supporting the repeal of Arizona House Bill 2826.** HB 2826 established election dates in the Fall for local elections of Mayor and Council members.

On a motion by Burnside, seconded by German, the Council unanimously approved the letter presented as a Resolution 2012-871, Now therefore be it resolved by the Mayor and Common Council that the Town of Camp Verde expressly disapproves of House Bill 2826 and its usurpation of local control over the timing of local candidate elections as well as the timing and continuity of alternative expenditure limitation elections.

Burnside said he sponsored this item in support of GAMA, the Greater Arizona Mayors Association, to help show solidarity to benefit our communities as well as the Northern Arizona communities.

11. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Resolution 2012-872, a resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona supporting the repeal, accelerated sunset and/or nonrenewal of Arizona House Bill 2643.** HB 2643 requires cities and towns to establish a supplemental benefits plan and expend significant additional funds to compensate public safety employees who meet eligibility for the supplemental benefits plan.

On a motion by Burnside, seconded by German, the Council unanimously approved Resolution 2012-872.

Burnside confirmed that all the members had reviewed the subject issue and the Resolution; there was no further discussion.

12. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.**  
(Comments from the following individual are summarized.)

**Howard Parrish** expressed his appreciation for the support shown by the Council members who attended the recent Colonel's Daughter competition.

There was no further public input.

13. **Manager/Staff Report**

Martin advised the Council that he will be out of the office next week, attending the International City Managers Association meeting this year in Phoenix, with two of the days devoted to family activities. Marshal Gardner will be physically present, but Martin will be available by cell phone, if needed. Martin outlined the diligent efforts on the part of staff regarding the weed overgrowth and Code enforcement issues. Martin also gave an update on the phone changeover project.

14. **Adjournment**

On a motion by German, seconded by Jones, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Bob Burnside, Mayor 10-18-12

Margaret Harper  
Margaret Harper, 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 Regular Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.

Virginia Jones  
~~Debbie Barber, Town Clerk~~  
Virginia Jones - Deputy Clerk