

**MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
MAYOR and COMMON COUNCIL  
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2010  
5:00 p.m.**

**Minutes are a summary of the actions taken. They are not verbatim.  
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Public input, where appropriate, is heard prior to the motion**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Mayor Burnside, Vice Mayor Kovacovich, Councilors Whatley, Garrison, Baker, Roulette and German were present.

**Also Present:** Town Manager Michael Scannell, Public Works Director Ron Long, Special Projects Coordinator Valerie House, and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was led by Baker.

**4. Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to submitting an application to ADOT for funding assistance through their Federal Transit Administration Section 5304 program to fund a feasibility study for transportation planning in the amount of \$50,000 and direction to redirect funds to meet the Town's 20% match requirement of approximately \$10,000. Staff Resource: Ron Long**

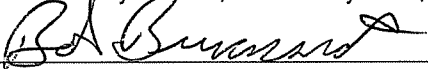
Staff was directed to move forward with researching the cost for the feasibility study, and to place the issue on a future Council agenda for approval.

Public Works Director Long gave an update on the August 18, 2009 Council request to look into a possible alternative to replace the voucher program and look at initiating a transit or bus system for Camp Verde. Through staff research it has been found that the Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (NAIPTA) has been working on a 5-year plan for a link system that connects all the Verde Valley communities. CATS in Cottonwood would be the link for Camp Verde, as a start. Camp Verde would build on that for the future by increasing it locally. In order to get started, it will be necessary to conduct a feasibility study based primarily on population and ridership, what people have to spend on transit and how many people are interested in such a system. The cost for such a study will be met by ADOT through an 80% federally funded grant with a 20% local match. At the estimated cost for the study of \$50,000, the required match for the Town would be approximately \$10,000. Once the study is done, NAIPTA would help the Town to get other grants to start building the system. Staff has provided ADOT with a copy of the study done in 2001; ADOT will look into the possibility of updating and using that study.

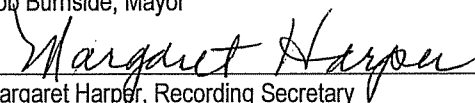
The study would be the first step, and if Council is interested in moving forward with an application to ADOT for funding assistance for the study which will either be an update of the 2001 document, or a new study, staff will research the exact amount necessary for the study and come back to Council for approval. At most it would be \$10,000, and the money would be available from the previously earmarked LTAF II contingency funds. Staff stated that preliminary research has indicated the cost could be only as much as \$4,000 to \$6,000 for the update. There will also be continuing efforts to research further federal grants and funding that may become available for a transit system following the first step of the study that is necessary in order to get in line to receive such grants. The Council discussed with staff the increasing need for a transit system for the community, the ultimate cost to subsidize it, and the responsibility of the Town to provide that service. Staff also confirmed that the Yavapai-Apache Nation would not be interested in combining their transit service with the Town's.

**5. Adjournment**

On a motion by Garrison, seconded by Baker, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.



Bob Burnside, Mayor



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 Work Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 25 day of January 2010.

Deborah Barber

Debbie Barber, Town Clerk