MINUTES
SPECIAL SESSION
MAYOR and COMMON COUNCIL
of the
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
473 S. Main Street #106
WEDNESDAY, June 9, 2010
6:30 p.m.

Minutes are a <u>summary</u> 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 6:31 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Bob Burnside, Vice Mayor Bob Kovacovich, Councilor Robin Whatley, Councilor Norma Garrison, Councilor Jackie Baker, Councilor Carol German, and Councilor Pete Roulette were present.

Also present:

Acting Manager Dave Smith, Town Clerk Debbie Barber, Deputy Town Clerk Virginia Jones, Acting Community Development Director Mike Jenkins, and Administrative Assistant Sharon McCormick

Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to the proposed 1% sales tax increase measure on the ballot in November 2010. Discussion may include ballot language, staff roles and responsibilities during the election process, percentages, potential allocations, and the proposed initiative currently underway.

Mayor Burnside read the agenda item aloud. Barber explained that Council had directed staff to place a 1% tax increase measure on the November ballot. She advised that a citizen's committee had submitted what appeared to be a sufficient number of signatures to place an initiative measure on the ballot proposing a ½% tax increase with specific allocations. She advised that some Council members had questions for the Town Attorney and he was available by phone for legal advice.

Mayor Burnside noted that the item was not agendized as is normally done for legal advice. Barber explained that there is a statement at the bottom of the agenda, which permits Council to receive legal advice on any item that is listed on the agenda. She advised that it was permissible and appropriate for Council to receive legal advice in executive session.

On a motion by Garrison, seconded by Baker, the Council voted to go into executive session, with Mayor Burnside opposing. The Special Session was recessed at 6:33 p.m. and reconvened at 7:26 p.m. A recess was called at 7:26 p.m. to allow the public to reenter the Chambers. The meeting was reconvened at 7:34 p.m.

Barber explained that with an initiative, Council must either approve the proposal as submitted or call an election. Barber detailed the various options that Council could consider relative to conducting the election, such as continuing with a Special Election in November or waiting until the Town's regular elections scheduled for March/May 2011, noting that waiting would save about \$9,000. Council's consensus was as follows:

1. Proceed with calling a Special Election in November

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- 2. Two ballot propositions (the Council's proposal and the citizen's initiative)
- 3. Council's proposition will include a 1% increase in the general transaction privilege tax, excluding tax on construction and accommodation (bed tax), which are already at 3%, and rental properties.
- 4. Proceed with one resolution calling the election, as opposed to two resolutions.

Barber advised that the descriptive titles are limited to 50 words. She said that she would prepare a new resolution, sample ballot, and publicity pamphlet and bring them back to the June 23 meeting for Council consideration, noting that this would allow additional time for any changes that might come about before the July 7 deadline to adopt the Call of Election. Council agreed to the proposed timeline.

There was no public input.
Adjournment On a motion by Baker, seconded by Garrison, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Bob Burnside, Mayor
Sharon McCormick, 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 Special Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on the 9th day of June 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.
Dated this 24 day of June, 2010.
Deborah Barber, Town Clerk