



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF YOUNGTOWN, AZ
THURSDAY, October 3, 2013, TOWN CLUBHOUSE SQUARE, 12033 CLUBHOUSE SQUARE

Call to Order: Mayor LeVault at 7:06 p.m.

Roll Call Councilmembers present: Mayor Michael LeVault, Vice Mayor Jacob Duran, Councilmembers Margaret Chittenden, Dorena Mello, Shirley Gustafson, Judy Johnson and June Miller.
Staff present: Town Manager Jeanne Blackman, Town Attorneys Kelly Schwab and Trish Stuhan, Community Development Coordinator Gregory Arrington, Finance Manager Karen Sypniewski, Public Safety Manager Mike Kessler, Public Works Manager Marty Mosbrucker, Library Manager Heidi Speed, and Town Clerk/Treasurer Diane Cordova.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation: Councilmember Gustafson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Vice Mayor Duran offered the Invocation.

Communications: Comments, Commendations and Presentations by Mayor, Council Members, staff or members of the public. The Council may not propose, discuss, deliberate or take any legal action on the information presented pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02.

A. Communications from Council

Mayor LeVault

- I attended the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) 2013 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Press Conference. October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. I would like to have a link placed on the Town's website: www.finddivservices.com
- Also as part of MAG, I attended a meeting in Flagstaff where a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed with the Board of Regents to jointly attract grant money.
- Next Tuesday, MAG is holding the West Valley Mayors' Meeting here in Youngtown.
- At a Special Council Meeting, the Town and the Agua Fria Ranch Home Owners Association (HOA) negotiated an agreement with the Salt River Materials Group and Olive Avenue LLC regarding the sand and gravel mine. The agreement addresses hours of operation; establishes a consensus to move the north end of the berm further from the Agua Fria Parkway flood plain which will force water back into the river to protect homes from any flooding; and to get an aesthetic scheme on the berm. The last draft of the agreement was prepared and all that is needed are the signatures.

Councilmember Miller

- I participated in a ride along with Code Enforcement Officer, Lupe Romero. I was very impressed! They work hard in cleaning up the Town. I hope to ride with the other enforcement officials and also with Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO).

Councilmember Chittenden

- I'm very excited about our G.A.I.N. Event - Getting Arizonans Involved in Neighborhoods. The staff works hard to coordinate this event every year.
- The next Dog Park Committee meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Methodist Church, 113th Avenue and Alabama.

Councilmember Mello

- I am also looking forward to the G.A.I.N. Event.

B. Communications from Staff: Town Manager's Report, Sun City Fire District (SCFD) Report.

Town Manager Blackman

- Our Judge, Lex Anderson, is out of town and, before finalizing the court remodeling, we would like to confirm with him some of the ideas. We will present the court remodeling project at the next council meeting.
- Aurora Village obtained their Certificate of Occupancy (C of O) on September 27, 2013. They are ready for nine (9) households to move in; fourteen (14) are under review. Aurora Village will be hosting a Grand Opening on November 6, 2013.
- The vacant property, Tequila Willy's, owned by Sun City Fire District (SCFD) has been leased out to an event facilities business called Encanto Reception Hall.

- I am researching the information for the Dial-a-Ride inquiry from our resident, Ms. Jones.
- I've scheduled a Strategic Planning session for November 2, 2013; Dave Moss, previous president of the Surprise Chamber of Commerce, will be the facilitator.
- I've reviewed the noise ordinance in light of Councilmember Chittenden's report of a noisy motorcycle.
- I would like to commend our Deputy Town Clerk, Stacy Anderson, as well as the entire staff on the coordination of the G.A.I.N. Event. Stacy got the sponsorship packets together, and we received sponsorships from the Agua Fria Ranch Homeowners' Association (HOA) \$150 sponsorship for the Red Hot Clowns; Another Garage Self Storage \$250 sponsorship for the Bounce House & Dunk Tank; MCSO for their sponsorship of \$700 for the Fire Up Freedom Fire Truck and Sun City Fire \$500 for the hot dogs & buns which are given out free to the community; Women's International Pharmacy for their \$100 gift card which purchased give-a-ways for the children's bicycle rodeo. In-kind sponsorships - Daily News Suns for advertisement; Impressions by Arky for staff t-shirts; Moore Graphics for all the name tents, thank you posters, and kiosk printing; EPCOR with bottle water; CBS and Clear Channel Billboard for advertising on the electronic billboards; Pratt's Pets for the petting zoo; Phoenix Children's Hospital for the bike helmets; Bibiano's Mexican Restaurant for the breakfast and Koppy's Body Shop and National Glass for the bags of candy placed in the gift bags for the children; Corporate Sponsorships - Parks & Sons \$500.00

Finance Manager Sypniewski

- I've prepared a preliminary financial packet for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. In this packet you will find a new report called revenue/expenses vs. budget. This report was created to make it easier to see the revenues and expenditures as they relate to each of the five funds.

Public Safety Manager Kessler

- Public Safety and the Town Manager are working on a comprehensive cleanup in partnership with Parks & Sons. Details will be forthcoming in the next few months.

Public Works Manager Mosbrucker

- Public Works continues to do minor maintenance around town.

Library Manager Speed

- The Library staying open till 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings continues to be a success. We have three new volunteers. On October 22, we will be conducting a Customer Service & Responsibility training session for library employees and all volunteers; it is a "meet-and-greet" potluck training.

Town Clerk Cordova

- I attended the Leadership West retreat on the September 19, 2013 weekend. I bonded with my 22 classmates and it was a great experience. I am grateful to the Town of Youngtown for the support. Today I attended a Civic Engagement Issue Day for Leadership West. The "take-away" for me was the Mayors' Panel which consisted of the Mayors from Avondale, Goodyear, Buckeye, Litchfield Park, and Glendale. They presented their vision and strategic planning for their cities. The end result was that branding and marketing must be enhanced for the West Valley. The West Valley has great educational facilities, dynamic leadership development, transportation, open spaces, hospitals, pride and sporting venues. One of the partners is Westmarc. Their mission is to promote the West Valley.

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)

Lt. Ken Booker

- I am here to report the month of September 2013 responses to calls for assistance. We observed a total of 219 situations, of which 88 were deputy-initiated activities and 131 were citizen requests for service. I would like to call your attention to the Part 1: Violent Crimes Report which was zero. We like to see that in our reporting. We did have three burglary crimes against properties. There is a decline in burglaries. When there is an increase in warrant arrests, crime goes down. For Part 2: Drug and alcohol crimes, I am happy to report zero; we like to see that once again. We did have 16 arrests of which 7 were curfew citations.
- We also are looking forward to the G.A.I.N. Event. Sgt. Polly White is doing a great job as our Community Outreach Liaison. She continues to be involved in Block Watches and the RUOK Program.

Vice Mayor Duran

- I have a concern regarding the 14-year-old girl that was reported missing. She lives in Youngtown but the Peoria Police Department was called upon. Why was this, when she lives in Youngtown? Why didn't MCSO get involved? I am happy to report that she was found and was brought back home to Youngtown.

Lt. Ken Booker

- That appears to be a jurisdictional question and issue. Peoria Police took the lead due to the call being initiated in the City of Peoria. If the call had been made from Youngtown, then MCSO would have taken the lead.

5. Consent Agenda:

A. Consideration and Action on Regular Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2013.

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2013 with corrections – Councilmember Johnson
Second – Vice Mayor Duran
Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote

6. Business

C. Discussion and/or Action Re: Approval of Resolution 13-25 in support of a Citizens' Dog Park of Youngtown
Town Manager Blackman

- This is a housekeeping agenda item; staff is asking for approval of Resolution 13-25 in support of a Citizens' Dog Park.

Patrick King, Resident

- I want to thank everyone for the Dog Park, especially Margaret Chittenden for being the pit-bull on the project. Also thanks to the Agua Fria Ranch Homeowners' Association (HOA) for the waste stations and Lloyce Robinson for the fence. There are eight individuals that come together every night at the Dog Park.

Councilmember Chittenden

- I also want to thank Lloyce Robinson, the previous Town Manager, for the fencing, and EPCOR Water Utility Company for the water hydrants.
- I've handed out a draft of the dog park layout showing how the landscaping will look. Thank you Marty, Public Works Manager, for all your help and your great ideas.
- The Dog Park Committee meets twice a month. We are coordinating fundraisers to purchase the interior fencing. We do have \$1,015 in the BMO Harris Bank on 107th and Thunderbird, and we have eight donation jars around town. There will be updates in the Village Reporter as upgrades are made.

Councilmember Miller

- Are the plants that are going to be planted going to be strong enough for the lifting of dog legs?

Public Work Manager Mosbrucker

- Yes, we are planting Texas Sage and Lantana, which are very hardy plants.

Motion to approve Resolution 13-25 in support of a Citizens' Dog Park of Youngtown – Councilmember Gustafson
Second – Vice Mayor Duran
Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote

B. Discussion and/or Action Re: Formation of a Citizens' Academy
Community Development Coordinator Arrington

- Staff is recommending approval of a Citizens' Academy. This is an appropriate vehicle to engage our residents seeking to become educated on civic and community issues of the Town. I coordinated one before in another town and out of this came one future councilmember, one commissioner, and one Board of Adjustment member.
- Funding for the program will be about \$1,000. This will provide a light meal for each of the first eight sessions, and certificates and polo shirts for the graduates.

Mayor LeVault

- This has been a long time in coming. It's a great idea; good for transparency and good in building future leaders.

Councilmember Miller

- The Mayor of Apache Junction and I were discussing meetings. I told him we had problems getting residents to our council meetings. They had the same problem until they held a Citizens Academy and offered to send me the papers. When the papers arrived I read them and was really excited and immediately gave them to our manager. She gave them to Mr. Arrington. We three met and as Mr. Arrington had experience with the Academy it was decided to have him facilitate a Citizen's Academy for Youngtown.

Councilmember Johnson

- Yes, this is great, thank you for bringing this forward.

Councilmember Mello

- This is long overdue.

Motion to approve formation of a Citizens' Academy – Councilmember Miller
Second – Vice Mayor Duran
Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote

A. Presentation: Greater Phoenix Economic Council Regional Strategy for Economic Development (power points attached)
Mayor LeVault

- Several months back this Council agreed to be a member of Greater Phoenix Economic Council or GPEC. This is a good thing for Youngtown to be part of. At a Mayors' Meeting in September 24, 2013 we received great information from Stanford Research Institute. SRI International is an independent, nonprofit research institute

that conducts contracted research and development for government agencies, businesses and foundations. SRI International patented the computer mouse and sold it to Apple for \$40,000.

- In partnership with MAG, Greater Phoenix Rising and the Brookings Institute, the Greater Phoenix Metropolitan Business Plan will compile data and develop a strategic plan for Metro Phoenix. Four strategies have been outlined: become a Top-10 market for innovation and product commercialization; create a world-class delivery system that brings the region's resources together; become a global trade leader; and enhance connectivity to facilitate innovation.
- The economic trend is showing that the Arizona economy is lagging – not recovering. Our region stands at a crossroads; we either settle for a slow recovery or chart a new course. The mission is to accelerate and transform the Greater Phoenix economy into a global force for innovation and technology by 2025.
- Youngtown has a seat at the table. We are a regional player. Look for fundamental changes to our transportation systems with economic development in mind. California is congested. A deep water port is needed for goods coming in from China and they are looking for alternative routes. Millions in trade is coming to and from Mexico. Look for additional ports of entry. Our West Valley has undeveloped land opportunities. We will need help from the Federal government.
- Youngtown is located in the best location, ten minutes away from event facilities but nice to come home to for a safe community isolated by Grand and Olive Avenues.
- Look for good things to happen in the State of Arizona.

7. Call for Executive Session

None

8. Citizens Comments/Appearances from the floor:

Ab Jackson, President/CEO of Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce

- Congratulations on the Citizens' Academy
- Some calendar event announcements for the Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce:
 - October 4, 2013 hosting workshop on Social Media, Google, Linkin, Facebook
 - October 8, 2013 Monthly Networking Breakfast – speaker Andy Tobin
 - October 11, 2013 quarterly luncheon – keynote speaker, City of El Mirage Mayor Lana Mook
- Recommend a book, "The Coming Jobs War" by Jim Clifton asserting that job creation and successful entrepreneurship are the world's most pressing issues. Clifton says the solution to creating good jobs must be found in cities. What are the jobs in our communities and what are we doing to create those jobs?

Patrick King, Resident

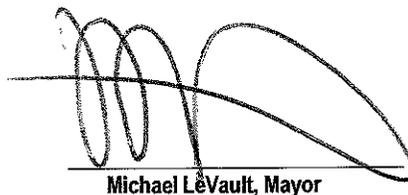
- I want to thank Councilmember Johnson for taking on the project of reporting street lights outages several month back. I've noticed that those same street lights are out again, on the north side of Youngtown. It appears that the south side of Youngtown has fewer outages due to street light poles being newer. Is there perhaps a CDBG – Community Development Block Grant for upgrading the street lights? It would be an asset to Public Safety and to Arizona Public Service in their time and efforts.

9. Future Agenda & Meetings:

- A. There may be discussion of whether to place an item on a future agenda and the date, but not the merits of the item.
- B. Announcement of next Regular Meeting: Thursday, October 17, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Councilmember Chittenden
Second – Councilmember Mello
Meeting Adjourned 8:33 p.m.



Michael LeVault, Mayor

Attest:



Diane Cordova, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes approved at November 21, 2013 regular meeting.