



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF YOUNGTOWN, AZ
THURSDAY, January 2, 2014, TOWN CLUBHOUSE SQUARE, 12033 CLUBHOUSE SQUARE

Call to Order: Mayor LeVault at 7:01 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 Attorney Trish Stuhan, Finance Manager Karen Sypniewski, Economic Development Manager Gayle Cooper, Community Development Coordinator Gregory Arrington, Public Safety Manager Mike Kessler, Library Manager Heidi Speed, and Town Clerk/Treasurer Diane Cordova.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation: Councilmember Mello led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilmember Gustafson 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

- There will be an article that I wrote called, "Hasta la vista 2013! Hello 2014! in the January issue of the Village Reporter. I'm glad to see 2013 come to an end and very optimistic that 2014 will be a much better and more prosperous year. For us in the West Valley there are many positive indicators on the horizon it's almost impossible not to be optimistic. The seven ongoing projects are 1.) The 303 Freeway and the Northern Parkway, both well underway and headed towards completions and will transform the West Valley not only in making transportation easier but will facilitate some serious economic development. 2.) Under the umbrella of the MAG Maricopa Association of Governments, every city and town along Grand Avenue from Wickenburg to Phoenix has signed off on COMPASS Corridor Optimization, Access Management Plan and System Study. This group seeks to develop a vision for the conversion of Grand Avenue into a true multi-modal transportation route from the Northwest Valley into downtown Phoenix. 3.) MAG has been commissioned, by the West Valley Mayors and Managers to begin assembling a compendium of economic resources and amenities in the West Valley for future economic planning and the development of a realistic and attainable West Valley vision. 4.) MAG is spearheading a drive to improve our trade relationship with Mexico. 5.) The Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) is working with the Stanford Research Institute (SRI International) to reshape the economy of the Phoenix Metro-plex in ways which will lead to higher paying technology based jobs. 6.) MAG through its Economic Development Committee has joined forces with the Brookings Institute in development of a data driven strategy to direct the development of our regional economy so as to harness our talents and amenities in ways which will optimize economic opportunities and make us a magnet for attracting high-tech employers. 7.) The F-35 Lightning II will be arriving at Luke Air Force Base bringing with it new jobs and massive construction projects. The choice of Luke as the F-35 school house assures its flight mission for decades. The West Valley and the Phoenix metropolis are poised for dramatic growth and economic transformation. So Hasta La Vista 2013! Hello 2014!

Councilmember Mello

- I like to communicate to resident and build awareness about the opportunities of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). There is a program for home weatherization and a program for 1st time home buyers.

Councilmember Chittenden

- These programs are Human Services Programs and there is an application process.
- There will be a Dog Park Committee Meeting January 11 and the 25, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Methodist Church. The committee is looking into obtaining quotes for the cost of an interior fence. I want to thank Councilmember Mello for the Dog Park signs.

Councilmember Gustafson

- I want to alert individuals that at Fry's Market parking lot some individuals are pulling a scam. My daughter and son-in-law parked their car and a person parked next to them approached them and accused them of hitting the car. It was reported to the Store Manager and it was stated that this has been going on and that individuals are pulling a scam.

Councilmember Miller

- I am looking forward to Youngtown's 60th Anniversary Celebration.

B. Communications from Staff: Town Manager's Report, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Report.

Town Manager Blackman

- Some of the project completed since my start five months ago in which I attended the League of Cities and Town's Conference; tackled the sand & gravel issue; completed the calendar sharing; held a Turkey-thon; held a holiday luncheon; attended MAG meetings; we've started a Farmer's Market; we now have a Youngtown Art's commission; a Youngtown Resource List has been completed; a Citizen Academy is scheduled to begin January 14, 2014; held several Strategic Planning Meetings and Town Audit has been completed. We will be coordinating the 60th Anniversary for the Town. Will continue to conduct quarterly meetings with MCSO Maricopa County Sheriff Office and SCFD Sun City Fire District. Yes, the Dog Park is a success! We will be having a Mayor's Town Hall Meeting scheduled for January 11, 2014.

Community Development Coordinator Arrington

- I will present a power point presentation at the next council meeting on the business module from our current Citizen Serve software.
- Jubilee Parish has obtained a building permit.
- On the agenda tonight, are the International Building Codes for Council approval and adoption.
- We presently have nine students interested and enrolled in the Citizen's Academy.
- Corner Stone Properties has closed on the property and are officially owners of the property behind the SW Keys - La Hacienda Children's Residential Facility. We will be bringing forth a Planning and Zoning hearing regarding the zoning of the property.

Public Safety Manager Kessler (report attached)

- The month of December we had the probationer clean 15 homes and 10 alley ways. Code Enforcement completed 6 vacation watches; we had 42 community assistance and education calls and 115 courtesy notices were issued.

Economic Development Manager Cooper

- I met with National Sign Plaza, it the new signs outside of the clubhouse building. We will be obtaining the contract with National Sign Plaza soon and we do have a business customer that is interested. There is a new map for where the signs will go.
- I will be writing the grant for the Youngtown Shopping Plaza, business owners are Jubilee Parish. Hopefully it will be successful this time. Last year funding cycle when we applied we're in need of their for-profit corporation status. Met with Carl Morgan regarding the funding application.

Library Manager Speed

- I want to thank Mayor LeVault for displaying his ginger bread village at the Library. Such great detail goes into building them.
- Met with Discover U regarding our library being a mobile library to the school.

Finance Manager Sypniewski

- We will be working on the 2014-2015 budget schedules.
- I will be working on the W-2 wage statements as well as the vendor 1099 forms.
- Our AzMt health provider has presented a weight loss challenge, "A New Year A New You."

Town Clerk Cordova

- The weight loss challenge will be a challenge with the other four municipalities. It is a 10 week program and everyone can participate. The winner wins a trophy with bragging rights for a full year. The requirement is that you must come in and weigh in on January 6, 2014.
- Just a reminder Council regarding financial disclosure forms are due January 31, 2014.

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)

- No report given

5. Consent Agenda:

A. Consideration and Action on Special Meeting and Regular Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2013 and Special Meeting of October 17, 2013

Motion made to bring back Regular Meeting Minutes to the next council meeting for approval.

Second - Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote

6. Business

A. Discussion And/or Action Re: Approval of Ordinance 14-01 Adopting the International Building Code, 2012 Edition, National Electrical Code 2011 Edition, - the International Plumbing Code, 2012 Edition, the International Mechanical Code, 2012 Edition, the International Fire Code, 2012 Edition, the International Residential Code, 2012 Edition, the International Fuel

Gas Code, 2012 Edition, the International Property Maintenance Code, 2012 Edition, the International Existing Building Code, 2012 Edition, and the Maricopa Association of Governments Building, Electric, Plumbing and Mechanical Amendments dated June 12, 2013 by reference, repealing Section 15.04.020 Amendments to International Building Code and International Residential Code and adopting new Section 15.04.020 Amendments to International Building Code, National Electric Code, International Fire Code And International Residential Code; and repealing Section 15.04.040 Americans With Disabilities Act and adopting new Section 15.04.040 Americans With Disabilities Act.

Economic Development Coordinator Arrington

- Staff is recommending approval of Ordinance 14-01 adopting the International Building Code, 2012 Edition. There are two changes to be made first to the 2012 International Building Code Amendment. First move to change section 105.2 work exempt from permit to delete the first exception. Second, move to decrease the fence height to five feet for the second exception. These building codes were presented in a work session at the last council meeting.

Mayor LeVault

- When the Insurance Services Office (ISO) rates come in at a lower rating, insurance premiums rates are better.
- It was the 2009 International Residential Code that required fire sprinklers. Youngtown did not adopt for that reason.

Economic Development Coordinator Arrington

- The fire sprinklers provision was removed in the 2012 International Residential Code (IRC). Sun City Fire District (SCFD) has adopted the 2009 IRC in which Youngtown will not have to comply with. Youngtown has deleted this provision from the Code.

Councilmember Mello

- The Arizonans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A) is a very restrictive code, but in the International Existing Building Code it's leaner.

Town Attorney Stuhan

- On page 6 of Ordinance 14-01 there is an adoption of a new section regarding the Arizonans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.).

Councilmember Miller

- If someone builds a 200 square foot building a permit is not required? My husband built a workshop and we did obtained a permit, however we did not install fire sprinklers, does this mean it was grandfathered in?

Economic Development Coordinator Arrington

- Up to 200 square feet a permit is not required permit.
- Fire sprinklers are not require.

Town Attorney Stuhan

- The International Building Code is not residential use, it is commercial use.

7. Call for Executive Session

None

8. Citizens Comments/Appearances from the floor:

Orville E. Druehl resident of Youngtown

- My subject is "My Town, Your Town, Our Town." I've talked with neighbors around town, neighbors around Maricopa Lake. When my wife, Pat and I came into Youngtown, we were not looking for a house, we were looking for a home, and we bought one, here in Youngtown. First things we viewed was the lake, the clubhouse, a cactus garden, several businesses, a gas station, hardware store, a bicycle shop, they were all in close proximity. Then we got a post office, our own library, a car body repair shop, a dentist, a mirror/glass shop. Youngtown once had a hospital now it's a convalescent. Denny's TV used to be in Youngtown, now it's in Sun City. A Bayless grocery store, when it left, a small one came in. Citizens were on the Planning and Zoning Board. My granddaughter and I went and visited the White Tank Branch Library and she asked about a closer library. I said yes there is one on 114th and Olive Avenue. They said, no there's not a library there. As a member of the Friends of the Library Club, I replied, yes we have a library in Youngtown. Youngtown use to have a Dance Club, Bingo, a February State Picnic, a Civic Association, Booster Club, Metal Club, Wood Carvers Club, and Ceramic Club all in the Arts-n-Crafts Building. I believe that building is now being used for storage. It was also said, write down your thoughts, go to town meetings and invite someone, invite neighbors get involved and try to eat out once a week. There was a John Morrison Post 62 on 114th Drive and Illinois Avenue. There was an American Legion Post ran by Mr. Everet on 114th Drive as well.
- Now we are seeing many blowing through stop-signs because of being on their cell phones texting. Need Law Enforcement to keep an eye on. Many things have changed. In 2005 through 2008 property values dropped 50%. Little by little things are coming back together. I was looking for a home not a house. I had to voice this, thank you.

Betty Trolen resident of Youngtown

- Like to acknowledge a business in Youngtown. It's along the lines of what Orville stated, "My Town." Youngtown Café hosted the R.V. Club Christmas Party. The owners Bianca & Ramon went out of their way to provide us with three entries took the take to gift wrap the picture frames as gifts. Brought in a piano and sang Christmas carols. They are a family restaurant that gives hugs and go out of their way to please their customers. They provide excellent service.

- The R.V Club has a mission very January and that is to collect paper products for the Faith House, a Domestic Violence Shelter in Glendale. Last year we collected and donated 212 rolls of toilet paper and 12 rolls of hand towels. The Mayor has graciously allowed and accepted that his office could be used for storage. We are extending this to staff and would you're your participation. I have letters here that I would like to give out explaining how one can get a warm fuzzy feeling which is the motto, "Would you like to get a warm fuzzy feeling?" In a movie, A Time to Kill, the jury had to close their eyes to feel the situation. So I am going to ask you to please close your eyes. Now picture a young girl about 20 years old sitting on the side of her bed, one eye black & blue, the other eye bulging out, her face bruised, several ribs broken. Think about this when you bring in your donations. If this doesn't give you a warm fuzzy feeling try donating again.

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, January 16, 2014 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Councilmember Johnson moves to approve Ordinance 14-01 with two changes to the 2012 International Building Code Amendment. First, move to change section 105.2 work exempt from permit to delete the first exception. Second, move to decrease the fence height to five feet (1,524 mm) for the second exception.

Second – Vice Mayor Duran

Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote

Meeting Adjourned 8:07 p.m.



Michael LeVault, Mayor

Attest:



Diane Cordova, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes approved at January 23, 2014 regular meeting.