



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF YOUNGTOWN, AZ
THURSDAY, June 26, 2014, TOWN CLUBHOUSE SQUARE, 12033 CLUBHOUSE SQUARE

Call to Order: Mayor LeVault at 7:07 p.m.

Roll Call Councilmembers present: Mayor Michael LeVault, Vice Mayor Jacob Duran, Councilmembers June Miller, Judy Johnson, Shirley Gustafson and Dorena Mello.
Councilmember Absent: Councilmember Margaret Chittenden

Staff present: Town Manager Jeanne Blackman, Town Attorney Trish Stuhan, Town Engineer Grant Anderson, Community Development Coordinator Gregory Arrington, Public Safety Manager Mike Kessler, Public Works Manager Marty Mosbrucker, Library Manager Heidi Speed and Town Clerk 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.

4A. Communications from Council

Mayor LeVault

- I was elected last night to lead the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) for a full term as chair, extending the appointment I received in April following the resignation of Mesa Mayor Scott Smith, who stepped down to pursue a run for Governor. I will serve as chair through June, 2015. This is a big deal for Youngtown.
- I attended a COMPASS – Corridor Optimization, Access Management Plan and System Study meeting, initiated by MAG. The study area begins at the State Route 303 Loop traffic interchange in Surprise and ends in Phoenix. It passes through portions of the City of Surprise, City of El Mirage, Town of Youngtown, City of Peoria, City of Glendale, City of Phoenix and Maricopa County. All these municipalities intersect with Grand Avenue.

Councilmember Miller

- I can recall at a meeting years back, I spoke out and stated that we cannot have 113th & 111th Avenue closed off from Grand Avenue; Youngtown would die. I was promised that was not going to happen.

Mayor LeVault

- There are about 500 curb breaks along Grand Avenue. There will be a two-thirds reduction; the 113th & 111th Avenues will not be part of that elimination.

Vice Mayor Duran

- I attended the Desert Peaks Awards last night and saw all the work that MAG does, the Mayor is doing a magnificent job. He did an excellent job as Master of Ceremonies. I am proud of what you have done and are doing.

Councilmember Johnson

- It was a great privilege to be with the powers that be with all the cities/towns at the Desert Peaks Awards. Mayor, you did a fabulous job! The gentleman that works for MAG made a comment, "I can't believe how well you all get along. The mutual respect for one another is evident."

B. Communication from Staff:

Town Manager Blackman

- Mayor, you have my deepest respect and admiration on your ascension as chair for MAG.
- At the Desert Peaks Awards Ceremony, Youngtown received the Outstanding Economic Development Champion Award on the West Valley Partners-Luke Forward Campaign.
- I had a meeting with Dave Moss and Community Development Coordinator Gregory Arrington regarding the Community4Good. The site is live and is on the Town's website. It's a great communication tool for businesses and residents.
- I attended the luncheon for Major Nguyen at Luke Air Force Base.

Public Works Manager

- The first phase of the street slurry seal project has been completed. The second phase will begin on July 1, 2014 at Agua Fria Ranch and should be completed in four days.

5. Citizens Comments/Apearances from the floor:

None

6. Consent

A. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2014 – Councilmember Gustafson
Second – Vice Mayor Duran

7. Business:

A. Discussion and/or Action Re: Presentation Discussion and/or Action Re: Acceptance of Youngtown Small Area Transportation Study (SATS) and its recommendations for future transportation improvements, policies, and design criteria.

Consultant Grant Anderson

- The Town has an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) for the Small Areas Transportation Study (SATS). MAG hired a consultant from Burgess & Niple, and Jason Pagard is here to present the SATS Study.

Jason Pagard

- The Youngtown Small Area Transportation Study was conducted by the Maricopa Association of Governments in collaboration with the Town of Youngtown. The purpose of the study:
 - Develop a multimodal Transportation Master Plan, which includes bicycle & pedestrian paths for short term (10 year) and long-term (20 year) investments.
 - Address regional mobility, (within the Town) access management and non-motorized transportation.
 - Incorporate community values and transportation needs.
- The Study built upon previous efforts:
 - Incorporated in Youngtown's General Plan 2025 (up for voter approval in 2014).
 - Youngtown General Plan 2003.
 - Northwest Valley Local Transit System Study (June 2013).
 - Commuter Rail System Study (May 2010).
 - US-60/Grand Avenue COMPASS (currently underway).
 - Maricopa County Regional Trail System Plan (August 2004).
- Study Area Focus: US-60/Grand Avenue to the north; 111th avenue to the east; Agua Fria River to the west; and Olive Avenue to the south.
- An overall picture of the Town, a comprehensive inventory of existing conditions within the study area was completed and included: land use; physical, natural & cultural environments; socioeconomic conditions; population; roadway inventory; pedestrian facilities; bicycle facilities; golf cart facilities; public transit; rail; crash data; and traffic volumes.
- Identifying future condition needs throughout the project were studied which included: congestion and access on Grand Avenue; safety on Grand Avenue and 111th Avenue; east-west and north-south roadway regional and local connectivity; dedicated non-motorized transportation (bike & ped); connectivity to transit facilities on the eastern Town perimeter; growth and redevelopment (Valley Metro coming through 111th Avenue).
- There were two open houses for public and stakeholder input. We gathered comments from residents; businesses; Town officials and emergency responders.
- Planned improvements in the works within or near the Town are planned by other agencies, including: Arizona Department of Transportation; MAG; Maricopa County and Valley Metro. Additional improvements are planned for the Town to initiate. The planned improvements by others are:
 - Commuter Rail along Grand Avenue
 - Maricopa Trail (bike path) along the Agua Fria River.
 - Olive Ave Roadway widening
 - Bus Route 90 extension to come all the way to Olive Avenue, currently goes to Peoria Avenue.
 - Increase Bus Route 106 service frequency through Peoria Avenue
 - New circulator bus service on 107th Avenue (Sun City/Youngtown Circulator Bus)
 - Access management improvements along Grand Avenue.

Planned Improvements from a driver's perspective:

- New right-turn lane at 111th Avenue
- New Town Gateway (113th & 111th Avenues)
- Agua Fria Ranch Road Extension
- Olive Avenue bridge and roadway widening
- New Peoria Avenue bridge and roadway (interim two-lane low-flow roadway)
- New right-turn lane at 113th Avenue.

Planned Improvements from a pedestrian, bicyclist & transit user perspective:

- Marking on the road way called "Sharrows", sharing the road with bicyclists; sharrows will be implemented along 113th Avenue, Peoria Avenue; around Maricopa Lake; west of 114th Avenue and Kansas.
- Sidewalks and Street Lighting down along Peoria Avenue; along 114th Drive and east of 112th Avenue and Greer.
- Proposed Policies and Design Standards for implementation: suggested revisions to the Youngtown General Plan 2025 Circulation and Transportation Element; future designs to mostly follow Maricopa County and MAG standards, with modifications to accommodate older drivers and establish minimum roadway service levels.
- Potential Funding Sources: Identified potential funding opportunities from Federal, State, County, Local and other sources; encouraged partnering with strategic agencies.
- Moving forward with implementation: incorporate into existing and future studies; coordinate with stakeholders and developers; develop intergovernmental agreements; obtain project funding and conduct additional studies and refinements as necessary.

Motion made by Councilmember Johnson to approve Youngtown Small Area Transportation Study (SATS) and its recommendations for future transportation improvements, policies, and design criteria.

Second – Councilmember Gustafson

Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

B. Discussion and Action Re: CliftonLarsonAllen LLP Agreement for the scope of work for the annual audit and internal controls.

Town Manager Blackman

- The annual audit cost with CliftonLarsonAllen was approved during the budget approval process. We are seeking approval of the scope of work and internal controls with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP for year ended June 30, 2015.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Duran to approve CliftonLarsonAllen LLP Agreement for the scope of work for the annual audit and internal controls.

Second – Councilmember Mello

Motion passed unanimously by a voice call.

C. Discussion and/or Action Re: Approval of Resolution 14-08, ordering that an ad valorem tax be fixed, levied and assessed on the assessed value of all real and personal property in the Agua Fria Ranch Street Lighting Improvement District in amounts specified in the filed Statements and Estimates; and providing for certified copies of this Resolution and Order to be delivered to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and the Arizona Department of Revenue; and providing that this Resolution shall be effective after its passage and approval according to law.

Town Clerk Cordova

- Approval of Resolution 14-08 ordering that an ad valorem tax be levied for the AFR SLID and ordering delivery to the Arizona Department of Revenue and the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors.

Motion made by Councilmember Gustafson to approve Resolution 14-08, ordering that an ad valorem tax be fixed, levied and assessed on the assessed value of all real and personal property in the Agua Fria Ranch Street Lighting Improvement District in amounts specified in the filed Statements and Estimates; and providing for certified copies of this Resolution and Order to be delivered to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and the Arizona Department of Revenue; and providing that this Resolution shall be effective after its passage and approval according to law.

Second – Councilmember Johnson

Motion passed unanimously by a voice call.

D. Discussion and/or Action Re: Approval of Resolution 14-11, ordering that an equal apportionment tax be fixed, levied and assessed on all real and personal property in the North Youngtown Street Lighting Improvement District in amounts specified in the filed Statements and Estimates; and providing for certified copies of this Resolution and Order to be delivered to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and the Arizona Department of Revenue; and providing that this Resolution shall be effective after its passage and approval according to law.

Town Clerk Cordova

- Approval of Resolution 14-11 ordering that an equal apportionment tax for the North Youngtown SLID be levied and ordering delivery to the Arizona Department of Revenue and the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors.

Motion made by Councilmember Miller to approve Resolution 14-11, ordering that an equal apportionment tax be fixed, levied and assessed on all real and personal property in the North Youngtown Street Lighting Improvement District in amounts specified in the filed Statements and Estimates; and providing for certified copies of this Resolution and Order to be delivered to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and the Arizona Department of Revenue; and providing that this Resolution shall be effective after its passage and approval according to law.

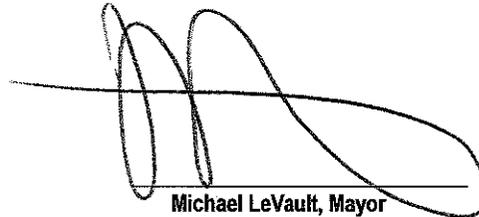
Second – Vice Mayor Duran

8. Call for Executive Session:

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Councilmember Mello
Second – Councilmember Johnson
Meeting Adjourned 8:12 p.m.



Michael LeVault, Mayor

Attest:



Diane Cordova, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes approved at July 24, 2014 regular meeting.