



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF YOUNGTOWN, AZ**  
**THURSDAY, June 29, 2015, TOWN CLUBHOUSE SQUARE, 12033 CLUBHOUSE SQUARE**

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor LeVault at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Council present: Mayor Michael LeVault, Councilmembers Margaret Chittenden, Dorena Mello, Judy Johnson and June Miller.  
Excused: Vice Mayor Jacob Duran  
Staff present: Town Manager Jeanne Blackman, Town Attorney Trish Stuhan and Town Clerk Stacy Anderson.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:** Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Chittenden and the Invocation was given by Mayor Mike LeVault

4. **Citizen Comments/Appearance from the Floor:**

There were no appearances from the floor.

5. **Business**

**A. Discussion and/or Action Re: Approval of Resolution 15-19 approving an intergovernmental agreement between the Town and the Arizona Department of Revenue regarding the uniform administration, licensing, collection, and auditing of transaction privilege tax, use tax, severance tax, jet fuel excise and use tax and rental occupancy taxes imposed by the State or cities or towns. (Blackman)**

Town Manager Blackman

- This Resolution is for the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Town and the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR). The IGA is a requirement from ADOR for the collection of the Town's shared revenue and Transactional Privilege Tax (TPT). The current agreement that we have expires on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Town Attorneys have reviewed the agreement and we feel that this is cut and dry. The new agreement is state wide and all municipalities will have their taxes collected by ADOR.

Mayor LeVault

- Will every city and town now have the same agreement?

Town Attorney Stuhan

- Every city and town in the State will now have the same agreement. There was some negotiation between ADOR and the League of Cities and Towns. The cities fought to leave some form of auditing capabilities for verification. The Legislature decided that ADOR will handle all the tax collection for the State. This left the cities and towns without a choice. The verbiage states that each city or town shall enter into an intergovernmental contract or agreement pursuant to A.R.S. 11-952.
- We will have discussions with our auditors on whether we can continue to have our independent audit as well.
- There will be a transitional period and the long-term goal is to be doing standard audits so that all cities and towns go through the same ADOR process.

Mayor LeVault

- With the independent auditor that we are currently using, the process has been quite successful. Our experience in the past when ADOR was running the audits is that we are considered a small account and they never get around to us. All the municipalities are in the same boat on this.

Councilmember Miller

- Who authored this bill?

Town Attorney Stuhan

- A committee was formed that included finance managers, tax advisors, and attorneys to partner with the League and ADOR to negotiate this agreement. This agreement was the end result from this collaboration. All Program and Non-program cities are all included in this agreement. If we want our taxes to continue to be collected, we must legally pass Resolution 15-19 and sign the IGA. You do have the choice not to pass this Resolution, but you will no longer be receiving any taxes from the State.

Mayor LeVault

- The non-program cities are Phoenix, Glendale, Mesa, etc. and we are now all under this IGA.

Councilmember Johnson

- How will they implement this IGA without the staff?

Town Attorney Stuhan

- They will be hiring additional personnel.

Councilmember Mello

- I see jobs being lost in the non-program cities in the tax departments. Possibly entire departments will be eliminated.

Motion – Councilmember Johnson

Second – Councilmember Mello

Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

**6. Call for Executive Session:**

Call was made to go into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

Motion – Councilmember Miller

Second – Councilmember Mello

Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. and the Special Meeting was reconvened.

**7. Future Agenda & Meetings:**

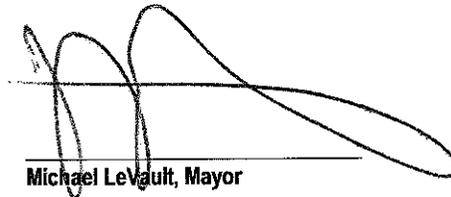
A. There may be discussion of whether to place an item on a future agenda and the date, but not the merits of the item.

B. Announcement of the next Regular Council Meeting: Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn: Councilmember Miller

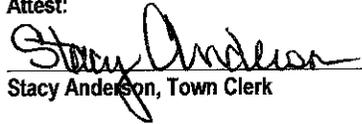
Second – Councilmember Mello

Meeting Adjourned 8:35 p.m.



Michael LeVault, Mayor

Attest:



Stacy Anderson, Town Clerk

Minutes approved at July 2, 2015 regular meeting.