



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF YOUNGTOWN, AZ
THURSDAY, November 19, 2015, TOWN CLUBHOUSE, 12033 N. CLUBHOUSE SQUARE

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor LeVault at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Council present: Mayor Michael LeVault, Vice Mayor Jacob Duran, Councilmembers Margaret Chittenden, Dorena Mello, Judy Johnson, June Miller and Charles Vickers
Staff present: Town Manager Jeanne Blackman, Town Attorney Trish Stuhan, Public Works Manager Marty Mosbrucker, Chief Financial Officer James Alcantar, Citizen Services Specialist Nicole Dubé and Town Clerk Stacy Anderson.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:** The Pledge was led by Councilmember Mello and the Invocation was given by Vice Mayor Duran.
4. **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
 - The Town Manager and I have been reviewing the financials for the first four months of Fiscal Year 15-16 (FY 15-16). I am happy to report that the expenditures are well below the projected budget. Revenues are exceeding our projections and I can tell you that the Town is in the best fiscal shape that it has ever been its history. We did a ten year look back and we are really in very good financial shape. It didn't happen accidentally. We have worked hard to get where we are today. We have a healthy reserve and we are projected to build a surplus in the next five years.
 - The Peoria Avenue Straightening Project is underway. The construction has the westbound lane open as a one way until the project is complete in March, 2016. It will not only make the intersection safer for our residents; it will increase the response time of first responders because the dog leg will be straightened for easier access to Agua Fria Ranch.
 - The Town Manager and I met with the Thunderbird School of Global Management team and spoke to them about the project that they are working on for the Town. They will bring a presentation to Council in December.
 - Sun City Fire and Medical District (SCFD) have assembled an ad hoc committee to look at rolling out a bond to the voters in the November, 2016 election. If the bond passes, the proceeds will be used for capital improvements such as a new fire station on 111th Avenue in Youngtown and new fire trucks to replace the existing aging apparatus.
 - Councilmember Chittenden
 - Announced that the Youngtown Methodist Church will host a free Thanksgiving dinner.
 - I would like to thank Public Works for resolving a problem that was reported to me from a resident.
 - Councilmember Miller
 - Thanked Public Works for all the decorating on the buildings for the holidays.
 - B. **Communications from Staff:**
 - Town Manager Blackman
 - The following staff is excused from the Council Meeting this evening: Heidi Speed, Mike Kessler, and Gregory Arrington.
 - Town Manager Blackman presented the Staff Report to Council (see attached)
 - Staff is working hard on the application for the Community Block Grant Development (CDBG) for the street light improvements. We will be bringing our presentation before Councilmembers Mello and Chittenden prior to submittal.
 - On December 4th, staff will be having their annual Christmas tree decorating contest.
 - Mayor LeVault, Councilmember Mello, Councilmember Vickers, Community Development Manager Arrington and I met with the Thunderbird School of Global Management team regarding the Traditional Neighborhood Development District (TNDD).
 - At the December 3rd Council meeting we will have the first quarter financial wrap-up for FY 15-16.
 - I would like to thank Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) for the extraordinary trip in the helicopter.
 - Just a reminder that the Youngtown Winter Miracle presented by Swell Farmacy is on Saturday, December 5th from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
5. **Response to Call to the Community:**
 - Public Works Manager Mosbrucker
 - Staff requested that an extension be granted until January, 2016 to complete a traffic study regarding the placement of a four-way stop sign at the intersection of 113th and Wisconsin Avenues. The extension was granted and staff will report their findings at the January 7, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.
6. **Citizen Comments/Appearance from the Floor:**
 - There were no appearances from the floor.

7. Consent:

A. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2015

Motion - Councilmember Johnson

2nd – Councilmember Vickers

Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote

8. Business

A. Presentation and/or Discussion Re: Sun City Fire and Medical District (SCFD) Report

Fire Marshall Fox

- Gave the September, 2015 monthly report (see attached)
- The bond that will be brought forward to the voters in November of 2015, in addition to the new fire station, will propose replacing our existing apparatus. The apparatus is aged except for the truck out of Station 3 which services the Youngtown area. We would like to purchase a new ladder truck and a new fire truck. The ladder truck is the oldest piece of apparatus that SCFD has in our fleet and is twenty-three years old and the fire engine is nearing twenty years old. Although the apparatus does not get a lot of miles, they get a lot of use and things start to break down. Maintenance on the old equipment is very expensive. The yearly budget for maintenance of the fleet was spent in the first three months of the year and the budget needed to be increased to maintain the rest of the fleet for the remainder of the year.
- We performed a fire drill at Discover U. The entire school was evacuated in just under three minutes. This was a very successful drill.
- I visited the Peoria Avenue project for the last two days and with the improvements of the road it will increase our response time to the south end of Town.

Mayor LeVault

- It is very important that you have modern equipment for fighting fires because response time is critical.

Councilmember Miller

- When would we get the new fire station?

Fire Marshall Fox

- The grant that we just got was for additional personnel. To replace the ladder and pumper trucks it will cost in excess of \$1.7 million. The bond would have to pass in order for us to start designing and building the new fire station. The bond will appear on the November, 2016 ballot. We have a bonding capability of \$18 million, but we are not going to propose using the entire amount and hope to be in the \$10 - \$12 million range.

B. Presentation and/or Discussion Re: Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Report

Lt. Chris Dowell

- Gave the October, 2015 summary report (see attached)
 - Last month there were 86 assist beat cars. This means that there were 86 additional cars in Youngtown for the month of October. That averages almost three a day.
 - There were 262 calls for assistance. This number continues to increase because we believe that the community trust is returning.
- We hosted Coffee with a Cop last month. This was the most successful turn out that we have ever had.
- We have Deputies attending bike and quad school so that the bike and quad patrols will be coming back to Youngtown.
- We have been doing a proactive patrol in Youngtown by planting items just waiting for them to be stolen in an attempt to curb some of the crime.

Mayor LeVault

- We appreciate the proactive approach that MCSO has taken. There is a frightening trend across the Nation where law enforcement has been asked to cut back with enforcement of low level crimes. I believe that this is a bad trend. I believe by doing this it leads to bigger, more serious, and more frequent crimes. This is not the direction that we want our Town to move towards.

Vice Mayor Duran

- Inquired as to what the issue was on 113th Avenue.

Lt. Chris Dowell reported that it was an aggravated assault from a domestic violence call.

Councilmember Johnson stated that she was very proud to have MCSO in our Town.

C. Presentation and/or Discussion Re: Update on the Cox Communications operational services and future plans in the West Valley

Michael Stull gave an update on the Cox Communication presence in the Town of Youngtown (see attached presentation).

D. Discussion, Presentation and/or Action Re: Presentation from the White Tank Mountains Conservancy in regards to possible mountain preservation and efforts to preserve land from further development and approve a Municipal Charter Membership with the White Tank Mountains Conservancy in the amount of \$25,000

The City of Buckeye's Mayor Jackie Mack and Todd Hornback from DBM Development gave a presentation on the White Tank Mountains Conservancy and took Council questions (see attached)
Mayor LeVault

- Spoke about an article in the Arizona Republic Newspaper regarding the development of the West Valley.

Councilmember Johnson

- How many acres will this encompass?

Todd Hornback

- Our best estimate is that it is 80,000 acres which includes 30,000 acres for the Maricopa County Parks, 9,000 acres for the City of Buckeye, 9,000 acres for Verrado and 30,000 for the Conservancy. The Conservancy is more than just the preservation of lands; its mission is to provide smart growth, preservation, accommodation for wildlife and flora and fauna systems; we will include education, stewardship, and research.
- We currently have commitments for Charter Memberships from DMB-Verrado, Arizona Public Service – Palo Verde Nuclear Plant, City of Surprise, City of Buckeye, and Mayor and Mrs. Meck.

Council had a discussion on where the membership fee would be taken out of the budget. The membership fee would be paid out of the Contingency Fund.

Motion - Councilmember Miller

2nd – Vice Mayor Duran

Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote; 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions

Motion to pass the four findings concerning the White Tank Mountains Conservancy

1. Youngtown has limited recreational spaces
2. Preservation of the White Tank Mountains is vital for recreation, education, exercise, tourism, and economic development in the Town of Youngtown
3. It is for the public benefit and in the interest of Youngtown to preserve the White Tank Mountains and for Youngtown to have a voice in how to preserve the mountains
4. The \$25,000 contribution to the White Tank Mountains Conservancy for membership is proportionate to the benefit received from membership

Motion - Councilmember Johnson

2nd – Councilmember Miller

Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote

E. Presentation and/or Discussion Re: Presentation from Greg Eisert from the Sun City Homeowners Association on the EPCOR Water Company water/sewer rates

Greg Eisert gave a presentation to the Council on the Sun City Homeowners Association's (SCHOA) position against Option #1 for consolidation of the EPCOR Water Company's five Wastewater Districts that would result in an increase of \$18.00 to \$34.00 a month for wastewater rates for each customer (see attached).

F. Discussion and/or Action Re: Revision of Business License fees

1. Repeal of the Town Code provision exempting non-profit organizations from business license requirements;
2. Setting the fee for non-profit organizations to obtain a business license at zero; and
3. Increasing late fees for delinquent business license renewals.

Town Clerk Anderson gave a presentation on the proposed rate increase for the business license late fees and the requirement for non-profit organizations to obtain a business license at no charge (see attached).

Council expressed concerns on the proposed late fee rates and recommended to more forward very carefully. Council recommended that staff do research on providing an on-line payment option for the business license annual fee and bring back the findings and the revision of the business license fees at a later date.

9. Call for Executive Session:

No call was made.

10. 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 Regular Council Meeting on December 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

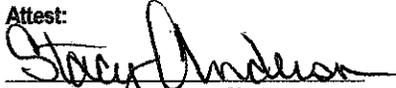
Motion to Adjourn: Councilmember Chittenden

Second – Vice Mayor Duran

Meeting Adjourned 9:38 p.m.


Michael LeVault, Mayor

Attest:


Stacy Anderson, Town Clerk

Minutes approved at December 3, 2015 regular meeting