



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF YOUNGTOWN, AZ**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 12033 N. CLUBHOUSE SQUARE**

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor LeVault called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Council present: Mayor Michael LeVault, Councilmembers Margaret Chittenden, Dorena Mello, Judy Johnson, June Miller, and Charles Vickers. Excused: Vice Mayor Jacob Duran  
Staff present: Town Manager Jeanne Blackman, Town Attorney Trish Stuhan, Library Manager Heidi Speed, Citizen Services Specialist Nicole Dubé, Chief Financial Officer James Alcantar, and Public Works Manager Marty Mosbrucker.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:** The Pledge was led by Councilmember Mello and the Invocation was given by Town Manager Blackman.

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**

- Reported that the Community Garden Open House and the Peoria Avenue Realignment Dedication on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> were both successful events and well attended.
- Announced that the Mayor's Town Hall will be on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.
- Reported that the SCFD Bond for capital improvements is moving forward with a preliminary survey that showed a 70% approval rating. A company called High Ground will run the campaign for the bond election. This largest portion of the bond will entail the construction of a new firehouse on the Youngtown side of 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Councilmember Johnson** announced that Agua Fria Ranch (AFR) will hold a community yard sale on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and the Parks and Sons bulk trash pick-up starts on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Councilmember Mello** thanked staff and residents for the great turn-out for the Community Garden Open House and the Peoria Realignment Dedication.

**Councilmember Chittenden** congratulated Library Manager Speed on her presentation to the Sun Cities Historical Society, thanked the Public Works Department for the repairs in the Dog Park, received positive comments on the new sign and the benches, and announced the next Dog Park Committee meeting on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and 9:00 a.m. at the Methodist Church.

**Councilmember Vickers** wanted to thank staff and volunteers for helping to make the Community Garden Open House a success and estimates that approximately 70 – 80 people were in attendance.

- Announced that Channel 5 Pay It Forward program will feature Larry Wise for assisting Youngtown resident, Tom Vickery, in his recent move. The segment will air on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 p.m. and March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**B. Communications from Staff:**

Town Manager Blackman gave the staff report (see attached)

- Announced that nine (9) staff members were in attendance for the Peoria Avenue Realignment Dedication and the grand opening of the Community Garden.
- Budget meeting are just around the corner and everyone is working hard to prepare for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget.
- Luke Air Force Base will be holding the Air Show on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

5. **Response to Call to the Community:**

There was no Response to Call to the Community.

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

There were no appearances from the floor.

7. **Consent**

**A. Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes for March 3, 2016.

Motion –Councilmember Johnson

2<sup>nd</sup> – 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 (attached)

Fire Marshall Fox gave the January 2016 monthly report and that the one fire reported in January was a dumpster fire.

- Fire Marshall Fox reported that the Certificate of Necessity (CON) has been forwarded and is awaiting signatures.
- SCFD has purchased a used ambulance from Oklahoma City and due to arrive on March 16, 2016. Interviews for paramedics will begin soon.
- The twelve (12) firefighters that were hired will graduate April 1, 2016 from the Fire Academy and on April 4<sup>th</sup> will report for duty on the ladder truck.
- SCFD and Rural Metro have come to an agreement that when their ambulance is out on a call that Rural Metro will then respond.
- Currently the fire truck will go out of service to go to the hospital. We will staff the SCFD ambulances with paramedics and they will be called to the scene and they will transport the victim to the hospital; thus freeing the fire truck for service.

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

Lt. Chris Dowell gave the February 2016 monthly report.

- Lt. Dowell cautioned the Council that the three (3) sexual assaults reported were from Southwest Keys. Anytime that there is an alleged sexual report from one of their juvenile residents, MCSO responds, takes a report, and it gets put into the system as a Youngtown crime whether the alleged sexual report occurred in Youngtown or somewhere.
- Of the ten (10) property thefts four were from the bait bicycle. The bait bike program has been very successful in Youngtown.
- Three of the five thefts were from the same house.
- Youngtown has had a decrease in gang activity with the help of other agencies.

Councilmember Chittenden expressed her concerns with the number of early morning traffic violations in the intersection of 113<sup>th</sup> and Alabama Avenues.

Mayor LeVault inquired about the Youngtown radar trailer. Town Manager Blackman assured that Lt. Dowell and her are discussing the possibility of turning the speed trailer over to MCSO and hopefully to start using it here in Youngtown soon.

### C. **Presentation and/or Discussion Re:** Presentation of the February 2016 Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer Alcantar gave the February 2016 financial report (attached).

Mayor LeVault would like to see year over monthly figures on the monthly financial report so that he can see what the prior year's figures were compared to current year figures.

The Mayor and Council had a discussion about the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) unfunded liability for Youngtown.

### D. **Presentation and/or Discussion Re:** Presentation of the Sidewalk Improvement Program (attached)

Public Works Manager Mosbrucker presented the Sidewalk Improvement Program.

- Staff is recommending moving forward with the Sidewalk Improvement Program.
  - Series of public meetings and Council updates.
  - Submission of a grant application to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Councilmember Mello would like to see added to the Sidewalk Improvement Program is the input of a secondary project; construction of a new community center. She expressed her concerns about limiting the CDBG grant application just to sidewalks.

Mayor LeVault stated that he was aware of some discussion of a new community center and would like to discuss it more at the budget meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmembers Chittenden and Johnson expressed their concerns about the safety of sidewalks and motorized scooters for the handicapped.

Resident Tom Vickery spoke about the safety of sidewalks and wheel chair/motor scooter safety.

## 9. Call for Executive Session:

No call was made.

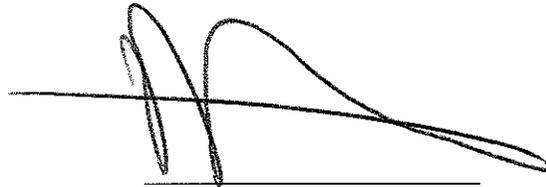
## 10. Future Agenda & Meetings:

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.

1. Councilmember Chittenden would like to have the Library Manager Speed present to Council the PowerPoint presentation that she gave to the Sun Cities Historical Society.
2. Councilmember Mello would like to have a new Community Center discussion put on a future meeting.

B. Announcement of Regular Council Meeting on March 30, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Councilmember Mello  
Second – Councilmember Miller  
Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote  
Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 p.m.

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Michael LeVault, Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Stacy Anderson', written over a horizontal line.  
Stacy Anderson, Town Clerk

Minutes approved at April 7, 2016 regular meeting