



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF YOUNGTOWN, AZ
THURSDAY, August 17, 2017, TOWN CLUBHOUSE, 12033 N. CLUBHOUSE SQUARE

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor LeVault called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. immediately following the Board of Adjustment Hearing
2. **Roll Call:** Council present: Mayor Michael LeVault, Vice Mayor Chuck Vickers, Councilmembers Margaret Chittenden, Judy Johnson, June Miller and Susan Hout. Absent Councilmember Jack Duran.
Staff present: Town Manager Jeanne Blackman, Town Attorney Trish Stuhan, Community Development Manager Gregory Arrington, Public Works Manager Marty Mosbrucker, Chief Financial Officer James Alcantar, Library Manager Heidi Speed, and Citizen Services Specialist Nicole Smart.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:** The Pledge was led by Vice Mayor Vickers, and the Invocation was given by Councilmember Johnson.
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 Sun City Home Owners Association (SCHOA) created a flyer with the Town of Youngtown regarding the recent EPCOR wastewater consolidation. We partnered together and hired an attorney to file as an intervener to stand in regards to the five (5) districts owned by EPCOR. We lost the first round, and the commissioners' voted four to one, to go straight for a consolidation of the rates. So our rates will go up, and the other districts will go down. It's important that you know the next step is to consolidate the other five districts, and that will happen within the next year. SCHOA decided to appeal the Arizona Corporation Commissioner's decision, and they are doing a legal advisory to gather donations. This flyer gives you instructions on how to make a contribution.
- This is a comment to Councilmembers. One of my goals as a policy maker for the Town of Youngtown is to broaden the discussion and encourage input from many sources and I think to become better policy makers. Council, if you have something to say in a meeting, if it's at a Council meeting or any other meetings where I'm chairing that meeting and you want to say something, ask a question or make a comment about something that was discussed in the meeting, please make it a point to get my attention.

Councilmember Chittenden

- I would like the person from Parks and Sons to be recognized for helping the lady that was attacked. I would like to know how she is doing.

Councilmember Hout

- The lady is doing well and her family is with her. She is in rehab and has some additional appointments with the doctor, and she will be giving them a thank you gift.

B. Communications from Staff

Town Manager Blackman (see attached)

- Thank you to Town Attorney Trish Stuhan for stepping in and coming in the office while I was on vacation. She was available to answer questions in regards to Code Enforcement issuing parking citations, and to answer any questions.
- We will be starting to work on the Strategic Plan that was approved by Council, and we will bring forward updates throughout the year.
- On the 15th of the month, we will be giving you the financial report so you a chance to review it, and then we will bring the report back at the following Council meeting to present the report and to provide Council an opportunity to ask questions.
- Finance is using the Caselle program and it's going very well.
- Jernon Kelly was hired as our new Senior Accountant in the Finance Department.
- We will be starting the audit on September 18th.
- Gregory and I meet with Phoenix Precast and the planters will be delivered on September 20th for the beautification of 111th Avenue.
- The court is busy implementing a new system called AJACS.
- Public Works is very busy with the storm clean up.

Library Manager Speed

- We are celebrating National Get a Library Card month, and we welcome everyone that does not have a library card to come in to get one and they will receive a free gift.

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

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:** The Regular Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2017, with corrections.

Motion - Councilmember Johnson

2nd –Vice Mayor Vickers

Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote

8. **Business**

- A. **Presentation and/or Discussion Re:** Sun City Fire and Medical District (SCFD) Report, which may include discussion of inspections, fire prevention, staffing levels, response times, community needs, and ambulance services.

- Fire Marshall Jim Fox presented the Youngtown monthly report for June, 2017. For the Incident Response Summary there were two (2) rescue and EMS incidents, 104 service calls, and for the Prevention Inspection Summary, there were two (2) assembly, and (2) two mercantile and business inspections.
- New fire station update - The price of the project will not change unless the scope of the project changes. We split the project into two phases, and we approved all of the underground work, the plumbing, the connection to the utilities, and that should be completed in early September. The second phase of the construction of the building will start in October.

- B. **Presentation and/or Discussion Re:** Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Report, which may include discussion of crime statistics, prevention, staffing levels, community needs, and response times.

- Lieutenant Detrick presented the stats for June and July. Traffic stops 11, traffic arrests 1, traffic warnings 9, moving violations 1, accidents 7, misdemeanor arrests 5, felony arrests 6, drug charges 2, alcohol citations 2, criminal citations 6, charges that were submitted to the attorney for review 3, and there were 27 warrants because of the transient people coming in and out of Youngtown. Total calls for service for the month of June was 254, and July was 260.
- There is another matter that I would like to bring to your attention that is happening in other communities. There's a gang called the PMS and the age group is from 13 to 15 years old, and right now they have committed about a thousand crimes in the last month. They are hitting Phoenix, Glendale, Peoria, and some areas in Sun City as well. The good news is that Youngtown has not been affected. What is happening is that they are going around hitting about thirty cars at a time. They check to see if the vehicles are unlocked and if there are keys for another vehicle or even the garage door opener. They steal the vehicles; steal what is inside the cars, like wallets, money, and other items. They have entered the homes because they were able to get the garage remote that was left in the vehicle. If you could make a public announcement for people to lock their vehicles, and keep their valuable items in the house and not in their cars, that would help a great deal.

Town Manager Jeanne Blackman

Please send us the information so the Town can post it on our Facebook page and place the warning in the Village Reporter to assist in getting the word out.

Vice Mayor Vickers

Are they strictly hitting at night to gain entry into the homes?

Lieutenant Detrick

If the garage remote is left in the vehicle then they would gain entry to the home.

Council member Johnson

On your report, the Codes for 671 and 421, what is the difference between those two?

Lieutenant Detrick

Code 671 means we are patrolling the area, and 412 is the code for community relations. Last week we had some officers on a 412, and we went to check up on them, and they were playing football with a few kids. We took pictures of them playing football.

Town Manager Jeanne Blackman

Could you submit the pictures to us to post on our website?

C. Presentation and/or Discussion: Traditional Neighborhood Development District Guide second half.

- Community Development Manager Gregory Arrington presented
- On May 4th of this year, we presented the first part of the Traditional Neighborhood Development District.
- Part 2 describes the character of our community.
- Future development, public art, and other planning material will also be a part of the plan.
- Residential -- Ensure that homes fit within the character of the Town when they are planning a remodel.
- Landscaping in our community, business parking, changing our signage to what we currently have are also in the plan.
- Landscaping planters on 111th Avenue. The planters have been ordered and should be delivered within 30 days.
- Part 3 is for the Council to review and discuss at a later date, the different types of plants and bushes to be used for landscaping in Youngtown.
- Once this is approved, we will have a guide for the rollout of our Traditional Neighborhood Development District.

Councilmembers are to review the different type of trees and plants to be used and return to Gregory Arrington with their comments and feedback.

D. Presentation and/or Discussion Re: Parking Citation Update

- Community Development Manager Arrington
- Phase 1 - Paint and educate.
- Phase 2 -- Review the codes, work with the Court, Lieutenant Dowell/MCSO trained the Code Enforcement Officers.
- August 3rd, approval of the fee schedule.
- Phase 3 -- Citation books were issued.
- We've issued 22 citations and most of them were issued for parking on the wrong side of the street and blocking the driveway.
- Flyers will be handed out in the Northern part of Town in the next two weeks.
- We will give another update on September 21st.

Town Manager Jeanne Blackman

One of the concerns in Youngtown and also in Agua Fria Ranch is the late night parking. Code Enforcement has already reached out to MCSO, and they will be going out late at night or very early in the morning. This outing will be scheduled sometime next week. They will be going out at different times, and we will report the progress to Council at our next meeting.

Council member Miller

What if we see a violation?

Town Attorney Trish Stuhan

Call the Town Manager if you see a violation.

Vice Chair Vickers

Could you remind me where is the money going to when they pay for the ticket?

Town Attorney Trish Stuhan

If they voluntarily pay the amount it goes into the General Fund. If it goes to court, then it goes through a different process.

Councilmember Johnson

Are we tracking the money coming in?

Town Manager Jeanne Blackman

Yes, we are, and it goes under miscellaneous, with the new software we can track this line item.

E. Presentation and/or Discussion Re: G.A.I.N. Event Update

- Town Manager Jeanne Blackman - The G.A.I.N. event will be held on Saturday, October 28th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and will be sponsored again by Swell Pharmacy
- We will have Sun City Fire and Medical District, MCSO, Trunk or Treat, face painting, cakewalk, etc.
- We will be reaching out to Fulton Homes regarding pool safety.
- We are also reaching out to businesses and residents.

Mayor LeVault and Councilmembers discussed Block Watch and would like to have MCSO involved. Town Manager will work with the Mayor to set a date and time to have a Block Watch gathering.

Mayor LeVault called Council Member Duran on speakerphone to be in attendance for the discussion and/or Action for Item F.

F. Discussion and/or Action Re: To approve (1) Ordinance 17-07 declaring the Town of Youngtown's intent to participate in the Regional Public Transportation Authority in Maricopa County pursuant to A.R.S. § 48-5104; and (2) Resolution 17-16 electing from among the elected officials of the Town a member of the governing board of the Regional Public Transportation Authority in Maricopa County.

- Government Relations Officer John Farry from Valley Metro presented a power point of what Valley Metro offers to the community, and asked the Town of Youngtown be a member of the Regional Public Transportation Authority.
- Public transportation is multi-modal public transportation. When all those different types of transportation work together, then we have a great system in place and we are providing a great service to our customers. This was developed in 2012 during the recession. We have different types of transportation services available. (see attached)

Councilmember Chittenden

Isn't there a new route on Thunderbird and is that an express route?

Government Relations Officer John Farry

That is currently the local route.

Mayor LeVault

I asked for this item to be brought forward and let me explain why. We are a small town but we are in a middle of a huge Metropolis in the greater Phoenix area. In this region, we have pieces of a transportation system and not a fully functioning transportation system. The coming two decades will belong to the West Valley. You will see growth like you've seen in the East Valley. We have a landmass, and it's inevitable that the development is going to continue pushing west. We need to pull together for the economy, jobs, and the Valley Metro Board. In a moment we are going to ask Council to vote on a resolution and an ordinance and they deserve serious consideration. You will be asked to adopt an ordinance for Youngtown to take a seat on this Board, and to adopt a resolution appointing someone from Council to represent us at the Regional Public Transportation Authority. Initially, I would like for you to let me take that seat.

Town Attorney Stuhan

You will be able to re-evaluate this position every year.

Councilmember Johnson

Why is there a different amount of money listed on your chart for the Cities and Towns? If there is no amount listed, do they still have a representative from their Town or City on the Board? Is there a minimum amount of money that the Cities/Towns have to put in?

Mayor LeVault

Yes, they do have representation there.

Government Relations Officer John Farry

The only requirement is that you pass a resolution and an ordinance.

Tim Ayres resident of Youngtown

Why is there not a circular route for the Youngtown area?

Government Relations Officer John Farry

Those are funded through local funds.

Mayor LeVault

There is co-pay involved for transit.

Tim Ayres resident of Youngtown

Is there a possibility that this could be planned for the future?

Mayor LeVault

This is something we could look at, or we could reach out to Sun City and maybe partner with them.

Tim Ayres resident of Youngtown

There is the West Valley Connect and it is not advertised as well as it should be. There is no cost to it and it is run by volunteers. Could we place some information about West Valley Connect in the Youngtown Village Reporter?

Town Manager Jeanne Blackman

We will call Benevella for the information so we can add it to the Youngtown Village Reporter.

Motion to approve Ordinance 17-07

Motion – Councilmember Miller

2nd – Councilmember Chittenden

Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote

Motion to approve Resolution 17-16

Motion – Councilmember Miller

2nd – Vice Mayor Vickers

Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote

9. Call for Executive Session:

No call was made.

10. Future Agenda & Meetings:

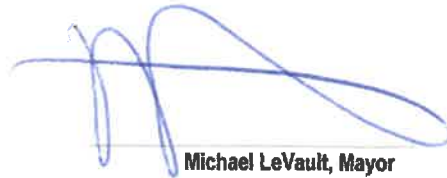
A. There may be a discussion of whether to place an item on a future agenda and the date, but not the merits of the item.

B. The announcement of Regular Council Meeting on September 7, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Councilmember Miller

Second – Vice Mayor Vickers

Meeting Adjourned 8:54 p.m.



Michael LeVault, Mayor

Attest:



Nicole Smart, Citizen Services Specialist

Minutes approved at August 17, 2017 regular meeting