



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF
YOUNGTOWN, AZ

THURSDAY, September 17, 2009, TOWN CLUBHOUSE, 12033
CLUBHOUSE SQUARE

1. Call to Order Mayor Michael LeVault called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call Council present: Mayor Michael LeVault, Vice Mayor Jacob Duran,
Councilmembers Margaret Chittenden, Dorena Mello, Shirley Oglesby,
Susan MacKay, and Judy Johnson.
Staff present: Town Attorney Susan Goodwin, Police Lt. Duren Robertson,
Public Works Manager Mark Hannah, Town Clerk/Treasurer Letty Goldberg
3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation Councilmember MacKay led the Pledge. Invocation was
offered by Vice Mayor Duran.
4. Communications:
 - A. Communications from Council
Mayor LeVault
 - Fire Marshal Ken Rice, Sun City Fire Department, has delivered a report which includes Incident Response Summary, Prevention Inspection Summary, and Prevention Violation Summary for the Town of Youngtown for the month of August, 2009.
 - Part of the plan for paving Peoria Avenue includes correcting the curve at the top of the hill. We have met with the neighbors on the corner that would be affected.
 - Public Works Manager Hannah is working on a grant that would allow a 5-mile loop pedestrian-bicycle path through Youngtown and along the Agua Fria River.Vice Mayor Duran
 - Youngtown Charter School has received an A+ rating. Wal-Mart has selected the school as School of the Year. On September 24 representatives of Wal-Mart will be at the school to present each teacher with a \$100 gift certificate.Councilmember Chittenden
 - Councilmember Oglesby and I took a tour of the school. We are proud of our Youngtown students.Councilmember Oglesby
 - We attended the 9/11 program at the school.
 - My friends Gloria Thornton and Keith Kline of Sun City are visiting us this evening.
 - B. Communications from Staff
Lt. Robertson
 - The Department would like to thank Vice Mayor Duran for inviting us to the 9/11 program.
 - For Council I have a report of the results of the Police Department's Community P.R.I.D.E. survey. Neighborhood events are being planned for this fall.Mayor LeVault
 - Council would like a list of the neighborhood events.Public Works Manager Hannah
 - Survey forms for community needs to be included in the Town's Community Development Consolidated 5-year plan are still available for residents to offer their input.

C. Dr. Allan Hoffman, Ed. D and CHES, Campus Executive Officer, Ottawa University Arizona Campuses - Presentation "Ottawa University Implications for Education in Youngtown and the West Valley".

Dr. Hoffman

- Ottawa University was founded in Ottawa, Kansas in 1965 with a mission to serve the Ottawa Indian Nation. It is a Liberal Arts institution in a Christ-centered community. The University is affiliated with the American Baptist movement but accepts all faiths. It is accredited and accepts transfer degrees and certification from other accredited institutions.
- Education transforms communities. Research shows that the higher the education the more employment opportunities and higher incomes. These translate to more home ownership and neighborhoods with less crime.
- The University has campuses in Phoenix, Chandler and Surprise offering classes in an accelerated 8 week format. Student median age is 36; range is from 19 to 79 years of age. We offer in-class, on-line and combination classes to meet student needs.
- Demographics are changing. In 1990 University had 7,100 students. By 2020 we expect to have 268,000. With new levels of unemployment, students are returning for re-careering. The University offers Master degrees in several education specialties, MBA, Health Care, Behavioral Science, and BS and MS in Nursing. We also offer a Christian counseling program and we work with several seminaries.

5. Consent

No items.

6. Business

A. Public Hearing Re: Second of two public hearings to solicit the public's input into the Town of Youngtown's five-year CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2011 through 2015 (HANNAH).

Public Works Manager Hannah

- Maricopa County Community Development asks us to prioritize the needs of the community in a consolidated 5-year plan. We held the first public hearing and are now holding the second public hearing to solicit input from the residents as to needs they see as important to the Town of Youngtown. Surveys are still being accepted for this plan. After this hearing Staff will develop a 5-year plan and make recommendations to Council

Mayor LeVault

- Through the Community Development Block Grant program, the Town has been able to put in sidewalks and streetlights and build park restrooms. Fire flow remains a critical need.

1. Hearing open

Mayor LeVault opened the public hearing.

Councilmember Johnson

- Resident Nina Ramsey would like to see completion of sidewalks.

Mayor LeVault

- Resident Mike Fehlig called me to say that he would like to see Fire Flow improved in the older part of Town.

Dr. Kathryn French, Resident

- Town needs to continue developing sidewalks and streetlights. These are nice amenities.

2. Hearing closed

Mayor LeVault closed the public hearing.

7. Call for Executive Session

Not needed.

8. Citizens Comments/Apearances from the floor

Betty Alston, Resident/Manager Youngtown House Apartments

- Youngtown Police Bicycle Patrol. In the past Patrol Officer rode bicycles so they were out where they could see activities and make arrests. Would like to see the bicycle patrol reactivated.

Councilmember Mello

- I think Council should take the survey forms to our neighbors to encourage more participation.

Mayor LeVault

- City of Peoria has a database of cell phone numbers for notification. They can get a text blast out to those people quickly.

Lt. Robertson

- There is a cost for the program that allows them to do that. I will check on the associated costs.

Announcement of next Work Session and Regular Meeting: Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn - Councilmember Mello

Second - Councilmember Oglesby

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

/s/ Michael LeVault

Michael LeVault, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Letty Goldberg

Letty Goldberg, Town Clerk

Minutes approved at the October 1, 2009 Regular Meeting.