

MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL
SPECIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION / REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1314 11th STREET
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2012 5:10 P.M. / 6:00 P.M.

CALL EXECUTIVE SESSION TO ORDER Mayor Beaver called the special executive session to order at 5:10 P.M.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL: Present: Mayor Beaver, Council Members Boatwright, Duran, Savino, Shontz, and Yackley
Others Present: Town Manager Wedemeyer, and Town Clerk Cockrell

PURPOSE:

1. Discussion and possible action to convene into an Executive Session pursuant to **A.R.S. § 38-431.03A (1)** for the purpose of:

- a. Discussion or consideration of the employment, assignment, or appointment to fill the Vice-Mayor Council Member position
Convene into Executive Session

MOTION: Convene into an executive session
BY: Council Member Shontz
SECOND: Council Member Boatwright
VOTE: All in favor, Mayor called the executive session to order as he gave all present notice that all dialogue is confidential and is to be kept private with only those attending.

“Note, Executive Session are not open to the public, matters discussed in Executive Session must be kept confidential by those attending”

Adjourn the Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: The executive session is adjourned and convenes into the regular meeting
BY: Council Member Boatwright
SECOND: Council Member Duran
VOTE: All in favor, Mayor Beaver adjourned the Executive Session at 5:50pm.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor asked all present to please turn off all electronic devices during the Council Meetings

CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Beaver called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL:

Present: Mayor Beaver, Council Members Boatwright, Duran, Savino, Shontz, and Yackley

Others Present: Town Manager Wedemeyer, Town Clerk Cockrell, Police Chief Mendoza, Senior Center Director Tilley, John Gutkunist, David Boatwright, Evan Nelson, DL Wilson, Della Gray, Merritt Beckett, Jose Garcia, Lee Lomax, Randy and Vivian Hartless, Christine Shaffer, Roberta Hoffman, Eldred Enas, Steve Madoneczky, Mary Hamilton and Tammy Thorn

INVOCATION:

Given by Council Member Savino

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Given by all lead by Mayor Beaver

PROCLAMATION:

Week of the Young Child – April 22-28, 2012

Pastor Jose Garcia read aloud and accepted the proclamation declaring April 22 through April 28th as the Week of the Young Child

PRESENTATION:

NurseWise (Tribal Warm Line)
Project Coordinator – Janel Striped-Wolf

Evan Nelson was present and explained to council that NurseWise is a Tribal warm telephonic line for all community members that is served by and associated with the Cempatico Behavioral Health for help with emotional support, relationship issues, anxiety, depression, and are able to provide referrals for both tribal and non tribal LaPaz County residents. Council Member Boatwright added that in her job Art Awakening, she has used the warm line to help with various crisis calls. Mayor Beaver gave the Town thanks for the services that the group provides.

PRESENTATIONS:

Quarterly Presentations by the Outside Agencies

LaPaz Economic Development Corporation * Parker Area Chamber of Commerce
Parker Area Tourism

DL Wilson from the LaPaz Economic Development Corporation began the outside entities 3rd quarter presentation. The three entities receive funding from the Town of Parker's hotel/motel bed tax collected by the State. Mr. Wilson reported since the group's last presentation to Council the corporation has co-sponsored and attended economic development roundtables in Lake Havasu City. Upcoming in August there would be a rural policy forum doing a type of speed-dating type of meetings for non-profit businesses to attract similar type of businesses. Getting the word out about the LaPaz Gateway has been slow. Council inquired what would help bring business to the town; Mr. Wilson replied having existing buildings that are lease or

rental ready and big enough for industrial businesses would help. He added that most companies are looking here and not finding are then turning to other cities and towns. June 13th would be the date for the next Focus Future Forums. Printed information was provided to Mayor and Council on the strategic plan.

Randy Hartless the Executive Director of the Chamber also provided Council with a written report of the chambers 2011-2012 events and accomplishments. He thanked everyone that participated in the Centennial Days Parade and the Downtown Experience during the week of the 425 off road race. The Chambers next big event is the June Tube Float; last year there was a major trash concern but it is hoped that would not happen this time. The Chamber would also be hosting a Meet the Candidates night for the open County positions. Council commented that they appreciated the downtown events and would like to see more planned.

Mary Hamilton the Chambers Tourism Director attempted to give a live internet presentation; however, not being able to connect she vocally explained that by having the broadband internet within the town it opens the doors and is essential to attract all types of progress. The "Cloud" is only one of the social media internet tools needed to market our area. Parker is unique; visitors come here for the dirt and water sports. By having all your communities information available on the web it allows the seeker to be direct. No longer is there the need to advertise in books or magazines, travel to and setup at trade shows. Everyone now has a Smart Phone, can tweet or uses Face Book – The internet is the going market tool.

Mayor and Council thanked the three for their presentations and for what each provides for our community.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approve the April 3, 2012 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION: The minutes are accepted and approved as presented
BY: CM Boatwright
SECOND: CM Savino
VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

REGULAR AGENDA:

Discussion and possible action on the following item(s)

1. Elect a Vice-Mayor from within Council to complete the remaining term of resigning Council Member Steve Madoneczky.

Town Manager Wedemeyer explained during council's last meeting Steve Madoneczky tendered his resignation thus leaving the post of vice-mayor open to be refilled until the 2013 elections and opened the floor to nominations.

MOTION: Council Member Boatwright is nominated to fulfill the remaining term as the Town Council's Vice-Mayor
BY: CM Shontz
VOTE: With no other nominations the council unanimously approved Christine Boatwright as the new Vice Mayor.

2. Approve/Deny appoint Council Liaisons to the Colorado River Joint Venture and the Parker Area Alliance for Community Empowerment (PAACE) Boards.

Town Manager Wedemeyer explained that due to the exiting of then Vice Mayor Madoneczky council needed to appoint a replacement to his post; additionally, at the last meeting CM Boatwright suggested the need for a liaison at PAACE, staff then recommends the new Vice Mayor for that seat and CM Yackley to the other board.

MOTION: Recommend that Council Member Yackley replace then Vice-Mayor Madoneczky on the Colorado River Joint Venture Board and newly Vice-Mayor Boatwright be appointed as the Council Liaison to the PAACE Board

VOTE: The recommendations passed unanimously

3. Approve/Deny a Special Event Liquor License for the Senior Center Committee to host their annual “Cinco de Mayo” nutrition program fundraiser. This event will be held at the 1115 12th Street Town of Parker Senior Center beginning at 2:00pm on Friday, May 4, 2012 going until 11:00pm. (Brought back)

Senior Center Director Tilley deterred to Christine Shaffer the Senior Committee President who read her presented letter for council that explained since implementation of selling alcohol the events attendances have more than doubled. All the insurance requirements are in place, and those that handle its sale are very versed in the rules and regulation put in place by the State Liquor Board. The Center is not just for seniors and the support from the community goes directly for the Senior Nutritional Meals Program.

MOTION: The Friday, May 4, 2012 2:00 – 11:00pm annual Special Event Liquor License from the Senior Center Committee is approved

BY: CM Savino

SECOND: CM Shontz

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed.

COUNCIL MEMBER/LIAISONS REPORTS WITH POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

Chamber of Commerce-Mayor Beaver * Tourism-CM Shontz *
Enterprise Zone-CM Duran * Joint Venture-VM Madoneczky & CM Savino*
Tribal Committee-VM Madoneczky, CM Savino, & CM Boatwright *
Parks & Recreation-CM Yackley * Senior Center-CM Savino *
Streets & Traffic-Mayor Beaver, VM Madoneczky, & CM Savino *
Library Board-CM Duran * La Paz County Fair Board-Mayor Beaver
* WACOG/WAEDD-CM Boatwright *

VM Boatwright reported attending the last WACOG meeting along with CM Yackley who added the meeting was very interesting. One of the main topics of discussion that day was grants that were or weren't awarded and the reasons why. Head Start implemented an internal audit recently which is hoped its results will prove to help the town to get its own Head Start in the area.

CM Savino reported there would be a special Joint Venture Board meeting on the 30th and that everything else is going well there.

CM Duran thanked those that were able to attend the Sieberts honoring and the dedication of the “Siebert’s Corner” in the lounge at the Parker Public Library. Off and on they have given over 50-years of volunteering and support to the library with many of the shelves and walls built

by Fred's own hands. Many of the attendees reported being taught in school by Mr. Seibert and she added the BTOP grant program is going well.

Third Quarter Financial Reports

Town Manager Lori Wedemeyer

Town Manager Wedemeyer provided the Council with information printed from the 3rd quarter Town of Parker budget report as they discussed first the general fund balances which showed the revenues are higher than this time last year; however, the sales tax revenue is down. It is during the 4th quarter the town sees its best reports. The State is behind in its reporting for February which showed the bed tax down also. CM Shontz asked Ms Wedemeyer research this, as with the bridge work she is aware all the town motels are booked and that is concerning to her. Expenditures are down due to the staff watching their spending. In other news this would be the towns last year in its debt payment which ended would put that fund back into the general fund balance. Overall the town is financially in good shape was agreed upon by all.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: There was none

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wed. April 18	Board of Adjustments regular meeting	4:30pm
Thurs. April 19	Chamber Mixer @ the Casino	5:30 – 7:30pm
Sat. April 21	Rabies Clinic @ the Western Park	9:00am – 2:00pm
Thurs. April 26	Streets and Traffic regular meeting	5:30pm
Sat. April 28	Desert's Best Musical Extravaganza @ Pop Harvey Park	starting at 10:00am
Mon. April 30	"Special" Joint Venture Meeting @ the Senior Center	2:00pm
Tue. May 1	Regular Council Meeting	6:00pm
Thurs. May 3	Youth Day Festivities	8:30am – 12 noon
Fri. May 4	"Cinco de Mayo" dinner and fiesta @ the Senior Center	2:00pm– 11:00pm

April 22nd through May 6th Town of Parker annual spring maintenance program at the Parker Cemetery

Diamond Back tickets for the June 23 Chicago Cubs game are available for sale for \$40.00, transportation is available – see Tim Edwards or Jackie Johnson in Public Works

Unless so noted, all meetings are held in the Council Chambers located at 1314 11th Street.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: The regular meeting is adjourned
BY: CM Yackley
SECOND: VM Boatwright
VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed and Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.

Approve

Dan Beaver, Mayor

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Executive Session/Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Parker Common Council, which was held on April 17, 2012. I further certify the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

Candy Cockrell, CMC Town Clerk

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