

**Action Minutes  
Regular City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers, Sedona City Hall,  
102 Roadrunner Drive, Sedona, Arizona  
Tuesday, June 28, 2016, 4:30 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/Roll Call**

Mayor Moriarty called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Mayor Sandy Moriarty, Councilor Scott Jablow, Councilor Tom Lamkin, Councilor John Martinez, Councilor Jon Thompson, Councilor Jessica Williamson.

**Staff Present:** City Manager Justin Clifton, Assistant City Manager Karen Osburn, City Attorney Robert Pickels, Jr., Finance Director Cherie Wright, Community Development Director Audree Juhlin, Interim Chief of Police Ron Wheeler, Lieutenant Lucas Wilcoxson, Sergeant James Pott, Patrol Officer Dane Scheckel, Police Officer Recruit Megan Brush, Magistrate Judge Lewis Levin, City Clerk Susan Irvine.

**2. City's Vision**

A video of the City's vision was played.

**3. Consent Items**

- a. **Minutes - June 14, 2016 City Council Special Meeting.**
- b. **Minutes - June 14, 2016 City Council Regular Meeting.**
- c. **Minutes - June 15, 2016 City Council Special Meeting.**
- d. **AB 2130 Approval of action to authorize the City's representative to the Verde River Basin Partnership to cast a vote in favor of the proposed organizational conversion from a member-governed body to a Board-governed body.**

**Motion: Councilor Martinez moved to approve consent items 3a, 3b, 3c, and 3d. Seconded by Councilor Jablow. Vote: Motion carried unanimously with six (6) in favor and zero (0) opposed.**

**4. Appointments**

- a. **AB 2134 Discussion/possible action on appointment of a Vice Mayor.**

**Motion: Mayor Moriarty moved to appoint Councilor Martinez to fill the office of Vice Mayor. Seconded by Councilor Jablow. Vote: Motion carried unanimously with six (6) in favor and zero (0) opposed.**

**5. Summary of Current Events by Mayor/Councilors/City Manager**

Councilor Jablow stated that all of money necessary to construct the World Trade Center Memorial at Station 6 has been raised. They have received \$80,000 in funds or pledges, and the \$911 donations are due not later than July 15<sup>th</sup> in order to be recognized on the plaque at the memorial. Councilor Williamson advised that the Sedona Arts Center & Verde Valley School have joined to host a summer school colony which is up and running. Locals are invited to Sunday potluck dinners to meet the participating artists, and interested people can sign up on the Sedona Arts Center website to participate. Councilor Thompson stated that Parks & Recreation is hosting several free events on July 4<sup>th</sup> including a laser light show at the Sedona Performing

Arts Center. There will be four showings of a half hour each at 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 p.m. There will also be a Wetfest event at the Sedona Community Pool and surrounding area from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Vice Mayor Martinez stated that there will be a hot dog eating contest, and participants can register at Senor Bob's. Mayor Moriarty stated that there will also be a watermelon eating contest. Vice Mayor Martinez stated that three artist receptions were held at City Hall last Thursday with the three artists currently exhibiting on campus. He also commended Councilor Jablow for his fundraising work on the 9-11 Memorial. Justin Clifton introduced new City employee Megan Brush who is a police officer recruit who is working as a Community Services Aide and will start at the Police Academy on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **6. Public Forum**

Brent Bitz, Sedona, thanked the City Council for approving the restructuring of the Verde River Basin Partnership board. He stated that the Walton Foundation is helping to fund many of their projects.

## **7. Proclamations, Recognitions, and Awards - None.**

## **8. Regular Business**

### **a. AB 2124 Discussion/possible direction resulting from the implementation of SB 1350 regarding short term vacation rentals.**

Presentation by Robert Pickels, Jr. and Justin Clifton.

Questions from Council.

Opened to the public at 5:26 p.m.

Steve Segner, Sedona, president of Sedona Lodging Council, spoke about the Lodging Council's concern with this new law including property tax differences, ADA requirements, and other perceived inequities.

Tawnia Funk, Sedona, owner of Foothills Property Management, stated that they have facilitated short-term rentals in Sedona for over 30 years. She advised that they did not see any more complaints after the new law prohibiting rentals for less than 30 days was implemented in 2008 than there were before the 30-day restriction was put into effect.

Brought back to Council at 5:31 p.m.

Comments from Council.

**By majority consensus, Council directed staff to develop a basic regulatory ordinance that would address items of immediate importance such as the identification of an emergency contact person. They also asked staff to monitor and evaluate short term rental activity following implementation of SB 1350 to determine what additional action by the City may be necessary. Council recommended that staff inquire about local appointments to the state committee. Any items should be brought back to Council when considered ready and appropriate.**

**Break at 5:44 p.m. Reconvened at 5:50 p.m.**

### **b. AB 2131 Discussion/possible direction regarding Docket E-01345A-16-0036, the rate case filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission by Arizona Public Service on June 1, 2016.**

Presentation by Robert Pickels, Jr. and Justin Clifton.

Questions from Council.

Opened to the public at 6:06 p.m.

Philip Allen, Sedona, stated that he appreciates that the Council recognizes the exorbitant charges proposed for manual meter reading of customers who chose to opt out. He believes these costs are unfair and unjust as APS saved substantial funds from firing meter readers and no longer needing so many trucks.

Barbara Litrell, Sedona, stated that smart meters and wireless technology are dangerous to people. She believes it is a pending health crisis in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. She thanked the Council for considering intervening and asked that they pursue this.

Brought back to Council at 6:12 p.m.

Comments from Council.

**By majority consensus, Council directed staff to move forward with gathering additional information on the specific matters included in the APS rate case so that a formal position by the City can be considered through the intervention process. Council asked for a presentation of that additional information (including the APS perspective and input from the City's technical experts) so that they can determine how to proceed with intervention. Council expressed a desire to at least intervene with respect to the smart meter fee increase, but wanted to further discuss other potential issues as well.**

**c. Reports/discussion on Council assignments**

Councilor Jablow stated that the Sedona Community Center is losing their director, John Tamiazzo, who is moving back to California. Councilor Thompson stated that there was a NACOG meeting and they approved their budget. He also attended a GAHRE meeting by phone and a number of issues were discussed which will be pursued further.

**d. Discussion/possible action on future meeting/agenda items**

Mayor Moriarty stated that there will not be work session tomorrow. Justin Clifton advised that he will miss all of the meetings in July as he will be attending the Harvard Executive Leadership Program for state and local executives, and he received one of two scholarships from the Arizona City and County Manager's Association to attend.

**9. Executive Session**

**Upon a public majority vote of the members constituting a quorum, the Council may hold an Executive Session that is not open to the public for the following purposes:**

- a. To consult with legal counsel for advice on matters listed on this agenda per A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).**
- b. Return to open session. Discussion/possible action on executive session items.**

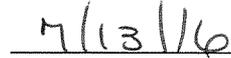
No Executive Session was held.

**10. Adjournment**

Mayor Moriarty adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m. without objection.

**I certify that the above are the true and correct actions of the Regular City Council Meeting held on June 28, 2016.**

  
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Susan L. Irvine, CMC, City Clerk

  
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Date