

CITY OF SOMERTON
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, March 01, 2011

Council Members:

M. Porchas, Mayor (P)
A. Magana, Vice-Mayor (P)
J. Yepez (P)
G. Anaya (P)
M. Villalpando (P)
L. Ramirez (P)
L. Galindo (P)

Staff:

Bill Lee, City Manager (P)
Louie Galaviz, Park & Rec Dir (P)
B. Cotman, Chief of Police (P)
S. Palacios, Interim Public Works Dir (P)
G.W. Hunt, City Attorney (P)
M. Figueroa, City Magistrate (P)
G. Halford, Admin. Svcs. Dir (P)
VACANT, Interim Com. Dev. Dir (A)
P. De Anda, Fire Chief (A)

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Martin Porchas called meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Ramirez and recited in unison.

All members of the Council were present.

Call to the Public

Mayor Porchas-Commented about negative comments that came out on the newspaper on behalf of some candidates running for City Council. One in particular caught his attention about the City spending over \$200K that hasn't benefit the city. Stated that every cent that has been approved, since he's being in office, has benefited the city. Lines of communication has been open for quite some time. We need to focus on what the Chamber of Commerce has done for the city. Feels sad and surprised to see those types of comments on the newspaper.

Councilwoman Ramirez-Added that she'd being going every way possible to establish communication ever since she's been in Council. Feels insulted that everything that she's done to keep the lines of communication opened hasn't been taken into account.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes for Regular Council Meeting of February 1, 2011.
2. Minutes for Joint work Session Meeting of January 26, 2011.
3. Minutes for Regular Council Meeting of July 20, 2010.
4. Arizona's State Treasure's Report (LGIP) for January 2011.

Mayor Porchas entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Villalpando moved to approve Consent Agenda. Councilman Anaya seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

All items are for discussion and possible action.

1. **ORDINANCE 2011-001** *AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOMERTON, ARIZONA CREATING SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR AQUIFER PROTECTION PERMIT FROM THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.*
 - a.) Second Reading by Title Only
 - b.) Approval of Ordinance.

Bill Lee-Asks for the Second Reading of this ordinance be approved.

Mayor Porchas entertained a motion to approve Second reading by Title only. Vice-Mayor Magana moved to approve Second Reading by Title Only. Councilman Yopez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Mayor Porchas entered a motion for Approval of Ordinance. Vice-Mayor Magana moved to approve the Approval of Ordinance. Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

All items are for discussion and possible action.

1. *Discussion and possible direction to have staff apply for Qualified Energy Conservation bonds to be used to purchase solar for our Water Plant, Waste Water Plant and Public Safety Building.*

Bill Lee-Stated that the City has currently \$1.425M in reserve in Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds which is being considered being used to purchase solar for the Water Treatment Plant and Public Safety Building.

Bill Lee-Recommends for Council to direct staff to proceed with the application for acquiring the funding.

Bill Lee-Stated that the Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds currently has \$15M available for reissuance.

2. **RESOLUTION 2011-005** *A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERTON, YUMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING CITY OF SOMERTON CITY STAFF TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR FUNDING AVAILABLE THROUGH QUALIFIED ENERGY CONSERVATION BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,265,884.*

Mayor Porchas entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2011-005. Councilman Villalpando moved to approve Resolution. Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

- 3. Discussion and possible action to partnering with Arizona Game & Fish to stock Council Park and allow for daily fishing activities.*

Louie Galaviz-Asked for permission to open up the pond for fishing year-round.

Mayor Porchas-Will a fishing license be required for anybody who fishes in the pond? **Russ Ingle**-Stated that people 14 years of age and older will be required to have a fishing license and anyone under 14 years of age will not be required to have one.

Louie Galaviz-Stated that by opening the pond that will open a lot of resources available for the City.

Mayor Porchas-Likes the idea.

Bill Lee-Is there going to be stocking of the pond? **Louie Galaviz**-We're going to be working with Arizona Game & Fish and as funds are available to them they will be helping us with that.

Russ Ingle-Stated that Arizona Game & Fish is not allowed to stock a pond that's not open to the public. Promised to seek funding to stock the pond if it's opened to the public.

Mayor Porchas entertained a motion to approve the opening of the pond for residents to fish from dusk to dawn. Mayor Porchas moved to approve the opening of the pond. Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

- 4. Discussion and possible direction to seek possible lease options for City owned property located at 144 W. Main Street.*

Bill Lee-Campeños Sin Fronteras informed the City that they were no longer interested in leasing the building located at 144 W. Main Street.

Bill Lee-Need to investigate a termite issue on the building and fix the problem to lease it again.

Bill Lee-Would like to put a sign up and ask for proposals for that building and bring back to Council for consideration.

Mayor Porchas-Figure out how much it'll cost to get the issue fixed. I would prefer for people to approach us instead of setting up a sign.

Bill Lee-Will bring this back to you.

- 5. Discussion and possible direction to amend recently approval lease with Salvation Army for city owned property located at 239 W. Canal Street.*

Bill Lee-Stated that Salvation Army requested for the lease amount be increased and is asking for the City to be responsible for HAVC system.

Vice-Mayor Magana-Commented that \$100 additional is a reasonable price.

- 6. Engineering Design for Cano Street and Congress Avenue.*

Sam Palacios-Stated that the engineering firms that submitted their proposals for engineering services was presented to Council on November 2010 and CORE Engineering Group, Nicklaus Engineering and Yuma Territorial Engineering are

recommended to be the selected engineering firms to enter into negotiation for future ADOT and Street Improvements Project.

Sam Palacios-Recommends Council's approval of the Yuma Territorial Engineering proposal for the design of Cano Street and Congress Ave. for the amount of \$21,575.00.

Mayor Porchas entertained a motion to approve Engineering Design for Cano and Congress. Councilman Villalpando moved to approve Engineering Design. Vice-Mayor Magana seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

7. *Employment Agreement for Chief of Police Benjamin B. Cotman.*

Councilman Yepez-Concerned with the reading on Section A of the agreement.

Mayor Porchas entertained a motion to approve Employment Agreement for Chief of Police. Councilman Yepez moved to approve Employment Agreement. Councilman Villalpando seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

8. *Discussion (only) of possible projects for upcoming round of Community Development Block Grants. Estimated amount of funds the City to receive in this next round to be \$591,000.*

Bill Lee-Stated that this last cycle funds were used by the City to hire a consultant to assist with the development of the new General plan and the purchasing of a new ambulance.

Bill Lee-Recommends for Council to provide staff with suggestions of projects to be considered during the upcoming public hearing process.

Councilwoman Ramirez-Would like to see more amenities in the parks.

Councilman Anaya-Would like for park armadas to electricity available.

Councilman Anaya-Maybe we could look into upgrading around the pond by putting benches, concrete, and educational stuff.

Councilman Anaya-Would like to see about 20% or 30% of the CDBG funds committed to parks or activities.

Councilwoman Ramirez-Would like to see more lighting on Sanguinetti Park.

Summary of current events by Mayor, Council Members and or City Manager, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02(K). Provided that the public body does not propose, discuss, deliberate or take legal action on any matter in the summary.

A motion to ADJOURN was made by Mayor Porchas. Motion approved 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 P.M.


MAYOR MARTIN PORCHAS

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Council Meeting for Tuesday, March 1, 2011.



CITY CLERK