

CITY OF SOMERTON  
**MINUTES**  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

Tuesday March 2, 2010

Council Members:

M. Porchas, Mayor  
A. Magaña, Vice-Mayor  
L. Ramirez  
G. Anaya  
M. Villalpando  
L. Galindo  
J. Yepez

Staff:

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

Mayor Porchas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Villalpando and recited in unison.

The City Clerk took Roll Call. Council member Galindo was absent.  
Council member Galindo arrived 7:04pm and left at 7:20pm.

**PETITION OR COMMENTS BY THOSE CITIZENS PRESENT**

**Call to the Public: NONE**

**COMMENTS: NONE**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes for Special Council Meeting February 23, 2010.
2. Liquor license for Somerton Greater Days March 13, 2010.
3. IGA between Yuma County (Bomb Disposal Unit) and the City of Somerton.
4. Check Register for February 2010.

Mayor Porchas requested a motion on the consent agenda. Council Member Yepez moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Council Member Villalpando seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **All items are for discussion and possible action**

1. Discussion and possible adoption of Downtown Redevelopment Area, Building Conditions and Property Survey for the City of Somerton.

Bill Lee- advised council that the above item is missing a Resolution so this item will be tabled and brought back to council on the next council meeting.

2. RESOLUTION 2010-003 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERTON, YUMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, DESIGNATING A PORTION OF THE CITY OF SOMERTON AS A CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT AND AREA DETERMINED TO BE IN NEED OF TAX INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF SUBSTANTIAL NEW IMPROVEMENTS.

Dave Fackler- This resolution is designating a portion of the area as a central business district, we have recommended in your HW 95 corridor that the commercial and industrial properties on either side of the HW from City limit to City limit be included within this district it is the business district of this community as it expands in outline shopping area. The purpose is to abate property taxes.

Mayor Martin Porchas requested a motion to approve Resolution 2010-003. Council Member Villalpando moved to approve Resolution 2010-003. Council member Ramirez seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion Passed

3. RESOLUTION 2010-004 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERTON, YUMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, ADOPTING AN INFILL INCENTIVE PLAN AND ESTABLISHING AN INFILL INCENTIVE DISTRICT WITHIN THE DESIGNATED CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT AREA OF THE COMMUNITY.

Dave Fackler- Resolution 2010-004 this allows the lessening of its individual fees, process and allows to take special zoning actions, waive development fees, fees for building permits things of that nature.

Mayor Martin Porchas requested a motion to approve Resolution 2010-004. Council Member Villalpando moved to approve Resolution 2010-004 adding Exhibit "A". Council member Ramirez seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion Passed

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **All items are for discussion and possible action**

1. Presentation from APS Representatives Greg Bernoshy and James Valenzuela on line siting activities within Yuma County.

Greg Bernoshy- explained the new substations that are in the process of being building and how some of the construction by me coming thru Somerton. Will be keeping us informed on how the siting is coming along.

2. Discussion and possible approval of Phase II Main Street Redevelopment Project.

Dave Fackler – explained that realizes that the City is going thru a difficult time spending dollars but if council chooses to adopt the Redevelopment area plan staff will have the ability to offer one of the economic development tools but will not have all the tools available to them to assist the community.

Mayor Porchas- advised Mr. Fackler that at this time due to financial situations we cannot approve Phase II of the Main Street Redevelopment Project.

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 6-0.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P. M.**

  
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**MAYOR MARTIN PORCHAS**

## **CERTIFICATION**

**I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday March 2, 2010.**

  
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**CITY CLERK**