

CITY OF SOMERTON
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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Tuesday, May 04, 2010

Council Members:

Staff:

M. Porchas, Mayor	(P)	Bill Lee, City Manager	(P)
A. Magana, Vice-Mayor	(P)	Louie Galaviz, Park & Rec Dir	(P)
J. Yepez	(P)	B. Cotman, Chief of Police	(P)
G. Anaya	(A)	S. Palacios, Interim Public Works Dir	(P)
M. Villalpando	(A)	G.W. Hunt, City Attorney	(P)
L. Ramirez	(P)	M. Figueroa, City Magistrate	(P)
L. Galindo	(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 7:01 P.M.

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

All Council Members were not present. Council members M. Villalpando and G. Anaya were absent.

Call to the Public

NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Check Register for April 2010.
2. Work Session Minutes for March 23, 2010.
3. Work Session Minutes for April 13, 2010.

Mayor Porchas entertained a motion to approve Consent Agenda. Vice-Mayor Magana moved to approve Consent Agenda. Councilman Galindo seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

All items are for discussion and possible action.

1. *Presentation and Discussion with RDS related to collection of local City Sales Tax.*

NEW BUSINESS

All items are for discussion and possible action.

1. *Presentation on Arizona Proposition 100 by Somerton School District Superintendent Dr. Frank Reed.*
2. *Presentation on proposed rate increases for City of Somerton utilities. Mr. Dan Jackson of Economist.com.*
3. *Discussion and possible action to direct staff to apply to the Arizona Department of Commerce Energy Division for \$100K for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. Funds to be used for purchase of equipment to develop a curbside recycling program.*

Bill Lee-Stated that Somerton continues working in finding ways in becoming more energy efficient with its operations of the various departments within the City.

Bill Lee-Mentioned that the State of Arizona provided funds up to \$100K through a grant process.

Bill Lee-Explained that City staff has been conducting a curbside recycling program with the neighborhood of Dove Valley Estates.

Bill Lee-Recommends Council's approval to submit an application requesting \$100K for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

Bill Lee-Asking Council to commit an additional \$2K for advertizing and promotion from the budget of administration for Community Development.

Mayor Porchas entertained a motion to approve the submission of the application. Councilwoman Ramirez moved to approve the submission. Councilman Galindo seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

4. *Discussion and possible direction to staff to pursue \$1.4M in Conservation Bonds. Funds to be used to place renewable energy (pv solar) on City facilities.*

Bill Lee-Commented that City staff is working with Mark Reader of Stone and Youngberg and Bond Council Mike Cafiaso of Greenberg & Traurig LLP to explore the best use of the funds and what to expect in fees associated with the sales of the bonds and repayment schedule.

Bill Lee-Recommends Council to direct staff to pursue the QEBCs bonds of \$1.4M and work with Yuma County to relieve them of any reporting and financial responsibilities associated with the bonds.

Mayor Porchas entertained a motion to approve the acquirement of bonds from APS. Mayor Porchas moved to approve the acquirement. Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

5. **RESOLUTION 2010-010** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERTON, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ENERGY OFFICE FOR FUNDS AVAILABLE THRIUGH THE ARIZONA BALANCE OF STATE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (ABS-EECBG) PROGRAM. THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED IS \$100K.

Mayor Porchas entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2010-010. Vice-Mayor Magana moved to approve Resolution. Mayor Porchas seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

6. *Discussion on new Senate Bill 1070 Arizona's new Immigration Law.*

7. *General Plan minor text Amendment GP01-10.*

Bill Lee-Stated that amendments to the general Plan will be reviewed and considered as the community changes.

Bill Lee-Seeks approval to have the Minor Text Amendment # GP01-10 done to the General Plan.

Mayor Porchas entertained a motion to approve the Minor Text Amendment # GP01-10. Mayor Porchas moved to approve the Minor Text Amendment. Councilman Galindo seconded the motion. Councilman Yepez abstained. Motion passed.

8. **RESOLUTION 2010-009** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERTON, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE 2001 CITY SOMERTON GENERAL PLAN, AS AMENDED IN 2004, SECTION 2.3 GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES AS ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 930 LIMITING THE LOCATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THE AMENDMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE GENERAL PLAN, AS ADOPTED.

Mayor Porchas entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2010-009. Mayor Porchas moved to approve the Resolution. Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion. Councilman Yepez abstained. Motion passed.

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 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 P.M.



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 for Tuesday, May 04, 2010.



CITY CLERK