

CITY OF SOMERTON
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, April 05, 2011

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	(P)	S. Palacios, Interim Public Works Dir	(P)
M. Villalpando	(A)	G.W. Hunt, City Attorney	(P)
L. Ramirez	(P)	M. Figueroa, City Magistrate	(A)
L. Galindo	(P)	G. Halford, Admin. Svcs. Dir	(P)
		VACANT, Interim Com. Dev. Dir	(A)
		P. De Anda, Fire Chief	(P)

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Anaya and recited in unison.

All members of the Council were not present. Councilman Villalpando was absent.

Call to the Public

Louie Galaviz-Invited Council to help out throughout the first pitch at a new program at the Parks & Recreation, The Girls Softball League. The opening ceremony will be held on Monday, April 11th at 5:30 P.M. at the Little League Park.

Oscar Sanchez-Commented that abandoned vehicles in front of houses is a growing problem in Somerton.

Ofelia Mendoza-Complained on vehicles parked on sidewalks. Sight if limited and is concerned that, when she steps onto the street to go around the vehicle parked on the sidewalk, she might get injured. Would like to seek help and support with this issue.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes for Regular Council Meeting of May 05, 2009.
2. Minutes for Regular Council Meeting of March 15, 2011.
3. Check Register of March.
4. Liquor License Application for Jamie Shaaia (Express Market).

Mayor Porchas entertained a motion to approve Consent Agenda. Councilman Anaya moved to approve Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion. Vice-Mayor Magana and Councilman Yepez abstained. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

All items are for discussion and possible action.

1. *Review and presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 2010 by Chad Atkinson, CPA and Partner of Hinton Burdick.*

Doug Bradley-Explained that he had just gotten word that Council wanted to see Chad Atkinson present at the meeting. Chad wasn't available to appear at the meeting. Item is going to be arranged according to Chad's schedule and see when he's available to come down.

2. **ORDINANCE 2011-003** *AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, AMENDING THE SOMERTON ZONING ORDINANCE BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW APPENDIX C ENTITLED "MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES AND CULTIVATION SITES; CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUIRED": REPEALING ANY AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREOF.*

- a.) *Second Reading by Title Only*
- b.) *Approval of Ordinance*

Mayor Porchas entertained a motion to approve the Second Reading by Title Only. Councilman Yepez moved to approve the Second Reading. Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Mayor Porchas entered a motion for the Approval of Ordinance. Councilman Yepez 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. *Update presentation by Arizona Public Service on proposed electrical transmission project in the Yuma Area.*

Bill Lee-Paul Hernding, Representative from Arizona Public Service, will address Council.

Paul Hernding, Senior Sighting Project Manager for APS-Gave brief update presentation in regards to a 230KB Transmission Line Project that APS is currently working on.

Paul Hernding-Stated that there is a Stake Holder Briefing Public Open House scheduled for April 27, 2011 in Yuma at the Hampton Inn Suites at 16th. Street from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

2. *Discussion and possible direction to staff with regards to possible annexation of property into the City limits of Somerton. Property requesting annexation is located at 2689 W. County 16th. Street.*

Bill Lee-Staff has been approached by a business owner in Yuma County that would like to locate within the City of Somerton and would have to annex that property.

Bill Lee-Would like to know if Council is interested in moving along with the annexation.

Barry Olsen, Local Attorney-Represents Jesse Oropeza, who owns a company called FIRMS.

Barry Olsen-Stated that his client, Mr, Oropeza is looking for annexation into Somerton, with an existing Use Allowance and have the same zoning to start operations as soon as possible.

Barry Olsen-Added that Mr. Oropeza loves to work and he would like to do it within the City of Somerton.

Barry Olsen-Stated that all that's being asked for is for the City's help and staffs' assistance in getting this project annexed into the City and the allowance to open up and start employing between 20 to 25 additional people to provide jobs for Yuma County.

Jerry Hunt, City Attorney-Commented that in order to annex there has to be more than 50% as far as the property owners. Can't annex areas that don't consent.

Jerry Hunt-Suggested to Council forcing those properties to annexing into the City, if there is an odd-shaped parcel.

Mayor Porchas gave direction into annexing the property on County 16th, Jesse Oropeza's property.

Mayor Porchas-Thanked Jesse Oropeza for back in 2004 or 2005 for Mr. Oropeza's firm donation of a grill to the Little League.

3. *Presentation by Chicanos Por La Causa on Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Program.*

Esperanza Gonzalez-Gave brief presentation of programs offered by Chicanos Por La Causa.

Esperanza Gonzalez-Asked Council to continue their support by providing the building and space and in-kind contribution to the centers.

Mayor Porchas-Believes it's a good program for the community and will continue to support the program.

4. *Subgrantee Agreements between the Arizona department of Homeland Security and the City of Somerton:*

A. *Operation Stonegarden #10-AZDOHS-OPSG-777432-01 (Overtime and Mileage)*

B. *Operation Stonegarden #10-AZDOHS-OPSG-777432-02 (Equipment)*

B. B. Cotman, Chief of Police-Stated that it's the same contract that City of Somerton has been signing for the past 4 or 5 years.

Mayor Porchas entertained a motion to approve both Subgrantee Agreements.

Councilman Yepez moved to approve both contracts. Councilman Anaya seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

5. **RESOLUTION 2011-008** *A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERTON IN SUPPORT OF WESTERN ARIZONA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AS THE REGION IV COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA, AND CERTIFYING THAT WESTERN ARIZONA COUNCIL*

OF GOVERNMENTS IS ADDRESSING THE WELL-BEING OF LOW-INCOME AND VULNERABLE POPULATION S IN AN EFFORT TO END POVERTY. THESE EFFORTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE REGION IV COMMUNITIES' GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, AS DESCRIBED IN THE REGION IV COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN.

Bill Lee-Stated that this resolution was requested by Western Arizona Council of Governments.

Mayor Porchas entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2011-008. Councilman Yopez moved to approve Resolution 2011-008. Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

6. *Discussion and possible direction to staff related to the Arizona's 9-1-1 system related to funding concerns.*

Paul De Anda-Concerned that the State is taxing the taxpayers twice.

Paul De Anda-Requested that all members of the Yuma Regional Communication System to please return to their respective City Council or Board of Supervisors and ask to speak at state level in regards to this issue and maybe get the Leagues of Cities in Towns involved and have this pursued this legally.

Paul de Anda-Asks for permission to talk to the Leagues of Cities in Towns regarding this issue.

Mayor Porchas-Sees no problem with Mr. De Anda talking to League of Cities in Towns and other entities in regards to this issue.

7. *Discussion and possible direction related to trash and recycling containers on City sidewalks.*

Councilman Yopez-People need to do their parts to help people with disabilities like Ofelia Mendoza, who is legally blind.

Councilman Yopez-Suggests to direct City Chief and staff to notify and warn residents that the City will start monitoring the sidewalks.

Bill Lee-Commented that a campaign can be put together to address the issue.

8. *Request to fill vacant Communications Specialist position.*

B. B. Cotman-Stated that the City Police is losing a dispatch to retirement who leaves April 22, 2011.

B. B. Cotman-Asks to replace the position after April 22, 2011.

Mayor Porchas entertained a motion to approve the filling of the Communications Specialist position. Councilman Yopez moved to approve the filling of the position. Councilman Galindo seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

9. *Discussion and possible direction to the restructuring of Somerton's Public Safety retirement system.*

B. B. Cotman-Stated that Doug Bradley was appointed for a 4-year term and Lucia Armas was appointed for a 2-year term.

Mayor Porchas entertained a motion to approve the Local Board Mayor's appointees, Doug Bradley for a 4-year term and Lucia Armas for a 2-year term. Councilwoman moved to approve the appointees. Councilman Galindo seconded the motion. All voted in favor. 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 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 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, April 5, 2011.


CITY CLERK