

CITY OF SOMERTON
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

Tuesday November 16, 2010

Recording System was not available.

Council Members:

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

Staff:

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

Mayor Porchas called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

The City Clerk took Roll Call. Council member Villalpando arrived at 7:08 P.M.

PETITION OR COMMENTS BY THOSE CITIZENS PRESENT

Call to the Public:

NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes for Regular Council Meeting of November 02, 2010.
2. Check Register for October 2010.
3. Cash Balance for October 2010.
4. Arizona's State Treasure's Report (LGIP) for October 2010.
5. Liquor License Application for Jamie Shaaia (Express Market).

Mayor Porchas requested a motion on the Consent Agenda. Vice-Mayor Magaña pointed out, on November 02 minutes, that there was a motion entered on the Tamale Festival. There was no motion entered for the approval of the minutes. Mayor Porchas moved to approve the Consent

Agenda as presented. Council member Anaya seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

All items are for discussion and possible action

1. Possible lease for Old Fire Station, Old Community Development Building and Old Senior Center.

Emma Torres-Requests to lease the Old Community Development Building and Old Fire Station. Campesinos is willing to pay \$300 per month for the Old Community Development Building and willing to pay \$750 per month for the Old Fire Station once the building is ready to be moved into. Campesinos requests the city a 5 year lease with rehabilitation costs to be applied towards lease payments.

Capt. Randy Hartt-Salvation Army is interested in leasing the Old Senior Center. Proposing to pay \$300 to \$400 per month. They would be paying the City .16 cents per square foot at \$400 per month. This will allow us to move The Salvation Army's Hispanic Corps (ministry) to Somerton and start a food box distribution program in the community to assist needy families in Somerton.

Mayor Porchas entered a motion for a general direction for the leasing of the under used buildings to work out a contract. All voted in favor. No motion taken.

1. Sales Tax & Status General Fund.

Gary Halford-There will be a monthly presentation on Sales Tax Revenue and will occur monthly as old business during the second City Council meeting of the month as decided by the Mayor & Council. Our goal is to drop below zero. We save money once it drops. Encourage employees to buy locally.

1. Monthly Construction Progress Report on the Expansion of the City Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Jim Conlee-Currently working on clarifiers and backfill. We are asking authorization to take advantage of credits for items already included in previous construction at the plant.

Mayor Porchas requested a motion on Expansion of the City Wastewater Treatment Plant to get a recommendation from Richard Wasser. Mayor Porchas moved to approve for a recommendation from Richard Wasser. Council member Villalpando seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

All items are for discussion and possible action

1. Public Safety Stabilization Program.

Paul De Anda-Enter an agreement between The Government's Office of Economic Recovery and Somerton / Cocopah Fire Department.

Mayor Porchas requested a motion on agreement. Council member Yepez moved to approve agreement. Council member Ramirez seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

2. Discussion and Possible Direction for Polling Site for the upcoming City Council and General Plan Elections.

Bill Lee-Suggested moving the Polling Site location from Library to Public Safety Facility.

Mayor Porchas requested a motion on Poll Site location from Library to Public Safety Facility. Mayor Porchas moved to approve Poll Site location. Council member Yepez seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

1. RESOLUTION 2010-021 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERTON, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN TO ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF ARIZONA AND A NON-PROGRAM CITY.

Gary Halford-The State of Arizona is currently collecting and disbursing City Sales Tax. It is recommended that the agreement be approved.

Mayor Porchas requested a motion on Resolution 2010-021. Council member Yepez moved to approve Resolution 2010-021. Council member Villalpando seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

2. RESOLUTION 2010-020 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERTON, ARIZONA, DECLARING AS A PUBLIC RECORD THAT CERTAIN DOCUMENT FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK AND ENTITLED "THE 2010 AMENDMENTS TO THE TAX CODE OF THE CITY OF SOMERTON RELATED TO SELF-COLLECTION."

Gary Halford-The city is required to modify the Model City Tax Code. As a result of a recent agreement between the city and RDS, approved by the City Council on November 2, 2010, RDS will start collecting city sales tax effective February 1, 2011.

Mayor Porchas requested a motion on Resolution 2010-020. Council member Villalpando moved to approve Resolution 2010-020. Vice-Mayor Magaña seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

3. ORDINANCE 2010-007 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOMERTON, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE TAX CODE CITY OF SOMERTON BY ADOPTING CHANGES TO CHAPTER 8A, AND REGULATIONS 8A RELATING TO THE PRIVILEGE LICENSE TAX; SELF-COLLECTION OF TAXES, BY REFERENCE; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEAL.
 - a.) First Reading by Title Only
 - b.) Approval of Ordinance

Gary Halford-Adopt changes by amending the tax code of the City of Somerton relating to the privilege license tax.

Mayor Porchas entered a motion on Ordinance 2010-007 with a First Reading by Title Only. Council member Villalpando entered a motion for the approval of Ordinance 2010-007. Vice-Mayor Magaña seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

ADDENDUM

6. Presentation of possible direction for staff for Josefina Yopez's Cancer Walk-A-Thon.

Agustin Tumbaga-Gave brief description and history of Josefina Yopez's Walk-A-Thon and when it started.

Agustin Tumbaga-Commented that the Walk-A-Thon will be held on December 11, 2010 at 8 A.M. from Gadsden to Somerton.

Agustin Tumbaga-Asking for the City's support.

Karla Tapia-A 15 year old girl diagnosed with cancer.

Mayor Porchas entertained a motion to approve \$800 dollars as support. Vice-Mayor Magana moved to approve the \$800 dollars. Councilman Galindo seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

7. Request for approval of liquor license for Tamale Festival for Dec. 18, 2010.

Mayor Porchas entertained a motion to approve liquor license. Councilman Villalpando moved to approve the liquor license. Vice-Mayor Magana seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

8. Presentation and possible award of engineering services to firms that would assist the City with current Enhancement Grants (3) and other street improvement projects.

Sam Palacios-Stated that the City of Somerton received approximately \$1.0M from the Arizona Department of transportation for the design and construction of two Enhancement Pathway Projects.

Sam Palacios-Commented that five engineering firm proposals were received.

Sam Palacios-Recommends CORE Engineering Group, Nicklaus Engineering and Yuma Territorial Engineering firms to enter into negotiations.

Mayor Porchas entertained a motion to approve the three selected firms. Councilman Villalpando moved to approve selected firms. Councilman Anaya 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.

NONE

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

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 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 of Tuesday, November 16, 2010.


CITY CLERK