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a great place to live, work, and visit”**

**CITY OF SAFFORD – COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY  
MONDAY, August 13, 2012 @ 6:00 PM - PHELPS DODGE ROOM - LIBRARY**

**PRESENT:** Wyn “Chris” Gibbs, Mayor; Mary Bingham, Vice Mayor; Council Member’s Ken Malloque, Gene Seale, James D. Howes, Richard Ortega, and Arnold A. Lopez.

**STAFF PRESENT:** David Kincaid, City Manager; Sandra Findley, Executive Secretary; Christine Fisher, Personnel Director; John Griffin, Police Chief; John Morast, Public Works Director; Don Knight, Director Management & Budget; Ann Waite, Finance Director; Jan Elliott, Library Director; Randy Petty, City Engineer; Eric Buckley, Utilities Director; Tisha Clark, Accounting Specialist, and Georgia Luster, City Clerk. Dale Clark, IT Support Specialist, assisted with the audio/video recording of the meeting.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Deacon, Dr. Carl Vessels, Steve McGaughey, Kenny McKinney, Valerie Buckley, and Jacque Attaway. Kelly Van Shaar video recorded the meeting.

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gibbs welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 6:00:03 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** A quorum of the Council was present (7).
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. **OPENING PRAYER:** Deacon, Dr. Carl Vessels offered the Opening Prayer.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE
6. **CONSENT ITEMS:** The Mayor and City Council may wish to consider approving Items 1 through 11 as Consent Agenda Items.
  1. July 9, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes; and July 23, 2012 Council Minutes, and August 6, 2012 Special Council Minutes.
  2. Police Report
  3. Building Inspection Report
  4. Public Works Report
  5. Business License Report
  6. Library Report
  7. Utilities Consumption Report
  8. Summary of Projects Planning and Grants Administration
  9. Airport Report
  10. Prosecution Report
  11. Expense Report Over \$5,000

It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Vice Mayor Bingham, and carried unanimously to accept the Consent Agenda Items as presented. **MOTION ADOPTED**

7. **PURCHASING CARD REPORT:** Consideration and approval of Purchasing Card Report for May 2012. It was moved by Councilman Howes, seconded by Councilman Malloque, and carried unanimously (7) to accept the Purchasing Card report as published. **MOTION ADOPTED**

8. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-026, ADOPTION OF TAX LEVY:** Consider approving and adopting Resolution Number 12-026, a resolution of the City of Safford making levy for taxes at a rate of 0.4662 for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the Assessed Valuation of Property subject to taxation within the City of Safford for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013.

It was moved by Councilman Ortega, seconded by Vice Mayor Bingham, and carried 6-1 to approve and adopt Resolution Number 12-026, a resolution of the City of Safford making levy for taxes at a rate of 0.4662 for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the Assessed Valuation of Property subject to taxation within the City of Safford for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013. Councilman Malloque opposed. **MOTION ADOPTED**

9. **SALARY COMPETITIVENESS POLICY: (Request by Councilman Seale)** Discussion to review and possibly amend the wording in the Salary Competitiveness Policy. Directed staff to revise language in Policy for discussion in a council work session in September/October.

10. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-027, SUNZIA PROJECT:** Consider approving and adopting Resolution Number 12-027, a resolution of the City of Safford in support of the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project (SunZia). It was moved by Vice Mayor Bingham, seconded by Councilman Malloque, and carried unanimously to TABLE Item 10. **TABLED**

The Council asked the City Manager to invite representatives from Sunzia and BLM to provide a presentation of the proposed project at a September Council Work Session.

11. **MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES HELD BY COUNCIL OR CITY STAFF:** NONE

12. **COUNCIL OR STAFF REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:**

Vice Mayor Bingham: Review City Owned Properties in September or October Council Work Session

Councilman Lopez: Review Bidding Procedures

13. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE

14. **ADJOURN:** It was moved by Vice Mayor Bingham, seconded by Councilman Howes, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:43:36 p.m. **MOTION ADOPTED**