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CITY OF SAFFORD - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY
MONDAY, October 8, 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, and Arnold A. Lopez.

ABSENT: Richard Ortega, Councilman

STAFF PRESENT: David Kincaid, City Manager; Sandra Findley, Executive Secretary; Christine Fisher, Personnel Director; John Griffin, Police Chief; Don Knight, Director Management & Budget; Ann Waite, Finance Director; Randy Petty, City Engineer; Eric Buckley, Utilities Director; Jan Elliott, Library Director; Jenny Howard, Projects Management Specialist; Dustin Welker, Planner/Downtown Manager; Kim Larkey, Information Processing Supervisor; Clark Bingham, Fire Chief; and Georgia Luster, City Clerk. Sam Napier, Lead IT Specialist and Dale Clark, IT Assistant assisted with the audio/video recording of the meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT: Patrick Anderson, Valerie Buckley, Kenny McKinney, Jeffrey Hitchcock, and a representative from Eastern Arizona Courier. A representative with Van ShaarProductions, video recorded the meeting.

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gibbs called the meeting to order at 6:01:12 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** A quorum of the Council was present (6-1).
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. **OPENING PRAYER:** Councilman Seale 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. **ADOPTED**
7. **PURCHASING CARD REPORT:** It is recommended that the City Council approve the Purchasing Card Report ending July 2012. **ADOPTED**
8. **SALARY COMPETITIVENESS POLICY:** It is recommended that the City Council approve the amended Salary Competitiveness Policy. **MOTION ADOPTED**

9. **SAFFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief Bingham will present the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 of the Safford Fire Department. **PRESENTATION**

10. **UTILITIES RATE STUDY & IMPACT FEE PROPOSAL:** The City of Safford accepted Proposals to conduct a Utilities Rate Study and Impact Fee Schedule for the City's water and wastewater systems. Four proposals were received. It is recommended that the City Council consider awarding the contract to Tischler Bise to conduct a Water Rate Study and Wastewater Impact fee Study. **ADOPTED**

11. **MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES HELD BY COUNCIL OR CITY STAFF:**
 - Internal Service Fund Council Subcommittee met last week. Another meeting will be scheduled soon.
 - Participate in Graham County Fair Events on Friday, October 12th. Mayor Bingham, Gene Seale, Jim Howes and Arnold Lopez will ride in the Parade.
 - Mayor Gibbs provided an update on the Salsa Event held last weekend.
 - Paperless agenda - Councilman Lopez inquired about.

12. **COUNCIL OR STAFF REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE

13. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Jeffrey Hitchcock, 1207 West Drive, Safford, AZ: Mr. Hitchcock addressed the Council regarding response to complaints; and rumor of zoning change on West Drive.

14. **ADJOURN:** It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Councilman Howes, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:32:02 p.m. **MOTION ADOPTED**