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**CITY OF SAFFORD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY
TUESDAY, November 12, 2013 @ 6:00 PM
Safford Library Program Room, 808 S. 7th Avenue, Safford, Arizona**

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

ABSENT: Gene Seale, Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT: William J. Sims, Interim City Attorney (participated by telephone conference) in Executive Session only; Sandra Findley, Executive Assistant; Ann Waite, Chief Finance Officer; Leanne McElroy, Library Director; Eric Buckley, Utilities Director; Randy Petty, City Engineer; Georgia Luster, City Clerk and Sam Napier IT Administrator who assisted with the audio/video recording of the meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT: Thomas Biggs, Adriana Munoz, Keith F. Greenberg, Erik Swanson, Glen Orr, Valarie Buckley, Jon Johnson, Eastern Arizona Courier; and others who did not sign in.

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gibbs called the meeting to order at 6:01:40 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:** Dustin Welker offered the opening prayer.
5. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.01, the Safford City Council will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of taking public comment relating to an Interim Permit/Person Transfer Liquor License; and recommendation to the state liquor board regarding a **#7 Beer and Wine** application submitted by Joel Hiatt Biggs, Local Flavor, LLC, on behalf of **El Charro of Safford** located at 601 West Main Street, Safford, Graham County, Arizona.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Comments will be accepted at this time. There were no public comments in the Public Hearing.

6. **ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING AND CONVENE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.** At 6:04:34 p.m. the Public Hearing was adjourned and regular session convened.

At 6:05:00 p.m. the Council adjourned regular session and entered into executive session regarding Item #18, to negotiate compensation of the Interim City Manager, Eric Buckley. Executive Session adjourned and regular session reconvened at 6:16:50 p.m.

7. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE
8. **The Mayor and Council may consider appointing Eric Buckley as Interim City Manager.** It was moved by Vice Mayor Bingham, seconded by Councilman Ortega, and carried unanimously to appoint Eric Buckley as the Interim City Manager with a monthly stipend of \$2,000 for additional duties.
MOTION ADOPTED
9. **Ken Strobeck, Executive Director, of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, provided the steps in the League's Executive Recruitment Service Process for recruiting a city manager for the City of Safford.**
10. **CONSENT ITEMS:** The Mayor and City Council may wish to consider approving Items 1 through 11 as Consent Agenda Items. **MOTION ADOPTED**
 1. October 14, 2013 Regular Council Minutes and November 5, 2013 Special Council Meeting Minutes
 2. Police Report
 3. Building Inspection Report
 4. Public Works Report
 5. Business License Report and Delinquent Business License Report
 6. Library Report
 7. Utilities Consumption Report
 8. Summary of Projects Planning and Grants Administration
 9. Prosecution Report
 10. Airport Report
 11. Expense Report over \$5,000
11. **Consider approving the Purchasing Card Report ending August 20, 2013**
MOTION ADOPTED
12. **SERIES #7 BEER AND WINE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION: Joel Hiatt Biggs, Local Flavor, LLC, applicant is requesting the City Council make recommendation to the state liquor board approving/denying an application for Interim Permit/Person Transfer, Series #7 Beer and Wine Liquor License on behalf of El Charro of Safford located at 601 West Main Street, Safford, Graham County, Arizona.**
MOTION ADOPTED
13. **The Mayor and Council may wish to adopt Resolution Number 13-033 and approve Amendment Number One to an Intergovernmental Agreement (ADOT File No.**

IGA/JPA 10-138I; ADOT CAR No.: 13-0000660; Amendment One No. P0012010004237) between the State of Arizona Department of Transportation and City of Safford for the multi-use pathway along 14 Avenue Highline Canal & Graveyard Wash to US 191 Stage VI. MOTION ADOPTED

14. The Mayor and Council may wish to adopt Resolution Number 13-034 and approve Amendment Number One to an Intergovernmental Agreement (ADOT File No. IGA/JPA 11-0391) between the State of Arizona Department of Transportation and City of Safford for the design and construction of downtown intersection improvements. ITEM PULLED

15. The Mayor and City Council may wish to adopt Resolution Number 13-038, pertaining to the submission of the Az GOHS Highway Safety Plan.

MOTION

ADOPTED

16. Consider approval to renew the existing lease agreement for playground facility between the City of Safford and Saint Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Parish - Safford for a term of five (5) years effective from the approval date.

MOTION ADOPTED

17. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

18. The Council may enter executive session, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.03(A)(4) to negotiate compensation of the Interim City Manager. The Council may take action in regular session. (Council entered executive session at the beginning of the meeting)

19. RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION:

20. MEETINGS/ ACTIVITIES HELD BY COUNCIL OR CITY STAFF:

21. COUNCIL OR STAFF REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:

22. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Tuesday, November 26, 2013 Pick-up Holiday Turkeys
- Monday, November 25, 2013 Council Work Session
- Thursday, November 28, 2013 - Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- Monday, December 9, 2013 - Last Council Meeting of the year 2013
- Tuesday, December 10, 2013 - All employee meeting

23. ADJOURN: 6:58:29 p.m