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

**CITY OF SAFFORD
COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY
Monday, June 9, 2014 @ 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 Gene Seale, Arnold A. Lopez, Kenneth Malloque, James D. Howes, and Richard Ortega.

STAFF PRESENT: Horatio Skeete, City Manager; Sandra Findley, Executive Assistant; Ann Waite, Chief Financial Officer; Christine Fisher, Human Resources Director; Dennis Whisman, Interim Police Chief; Leanne McElroy, Library Director; Jenny Howard, Public Works Director; Dustin Welker, Planning & Community Development Director; Eric Buckley, Utilities Director; Don Knight, Director FlexNet Meter Renewal Project; Randy Petty, City Engineer; and Georgia Luster, City Clerk. Dale Clark assisted with the audio/video recording of the meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT: Gale Hedges, James Bryce, Kelly Owens, Jay Wright, Bill Peck, Rodney Gillion, Royce Hunt and Marie Freestone representing Chamber of Commerce, Louisa Cabrera, Norman LaRue, Michael Faunce, Sam Napier, Glen Orr, Gary Thompson, Lance Scarborough, Stan Medford, Sally Holguin, Jonathon Stailey, Erik Swanson, Dean and Mary Lou Krieg, Bill Harmon and Steve Wilson representing ADOT. Kelly Van Shaar video-taped the meeting.

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gibbs called the meeting to order at 6:00:20 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. **OPENING PRAYER:** Jonathon Stailey offered the opening prayer.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None
6. **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:**
 1. **Recognize Brandon Nite for receiving his Library Practitioner Certification.**
7. **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**
 1. **Approve three new Library Advisory Board members and approve continuing the terms of two existing members David Morse and Bryon Wiley for three years until June 30, 2017.** It was moved by Councilman Ortega, seconded by Councilman Howes, and carried unanimously to approve three new Library Advisory Board members (Janet Berry, Sue Rasmussen and Monica Medina) and approve continuing the terms of two existing members David Morse and

Bryon Wiley for three years until June 30, 2017.

MOTION ADOPTED

8. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Mayor Gibbs opened a Public Hearing in compliance with Arizona Revised Statutes §38.431.02 to hear public comments considering a rezone regarding the Case Z-03-14, a rezone from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential) to C-MH (Conventional and Manufactured Home) on Graham County parcel #101-09-057; 613 16th Street, Safford, Arizona. There were no public comments or questions from members of the public. Mayor Gibbs closed the Public Hearing at 6:16:30 p.m. and reconvened regular session.

9. NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

City Manager Skeete explained the agenda was reclassified to reflect new and old business. He asked Randy Petty, City Engineer to address Item #1.

1. Consider ADOT's "No-Parking proposal along US 191 (1st Avenue) from 11th Street to US 70 to take effect after the completion of their proposed project in this area. It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Vice Mayor Bingham, and carried unanimously to support ADOT's "No-Parking" proposal along US 191 (1st Avenue) from 11th Street to US 70 as presented.

MOTION ADOPTED

2. Provide an update to the Mayor and Council about the status of Gila Valley Economic Development Corporation. The Council supports the concept of developing and organizing an economic development organization. However, they want to understand and be involved in the process. They requested Mr. Skeete to work with the current members to assess and develop a plan to go forward with.
3. Continue discussion of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget. City Manager Skeete summarized the proposed balanced budget.
3. Approve a request for the City Manager to serve on the Board of Directors of Southeastern Arizona Community Action Program (SEACAP). **MOTION ADOPTED**

It was moved by Councilman Ortega, seconded by Councilman Lopez and carried unanimously to approve of the City Manager serving on the Board of Directors of Southeastern Arizona Community Action Program (SEACAP).

10. **CONSENT AGENDA:** The Mayor and City Council may wish to consider approving Items 1 through 12 as Consent Agenda Items. **MOTION ADOPTED**

11. CONSENT RESOLUTIONS: MOTION ADOPTED

1. Resolution #14-026 authorizing investment monies in the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP).

2. Resolution #14-027, designating depository account and persons authorized to sign related documents at National Bank, Safford, Arizona.
3. Resolution #14-028, designating depository account and persons authorized to sign related documents at Chase Bank, Safford, Arizona.
4. Resolution Number 14-029, approving and authorizing purchases from the Mayor and members of the Council.

12. ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance Number 14-008, Case Z-03-14 effectuating a map amendment to the Zoning Map of the City of Safford, Graham County Assessor's Parcel #101-09-057, a rezone from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential) to C-MH (Conventional and Manufactured Home). **FIRST READING**

13. CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND BIDS: APPROVED

1. Consider approving Agreement for Contracted Services between the Boys and Girls Club of the Gila Valley and the City of Safford for a three year term, July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. Per Section 7 of the Agreement, the Director will provide a written report and provide a presentation of the Club's activities and accomplishments for FY 2013-2014.
2. Consider extending Agreement for Contracted Services between the City of Safford and Graham County Chamber of Commerce effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Per Section 9 of the Agreement, a written report and presentation of the Chamber's activities and accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 will be presented.

**14. MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES HELD OR TO BE HELD BY COUNCIL OR CITY STAFF:
NONE**

15. COUNCIL OR STAFF REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

16. FUTURE MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- June 23, 2014 - Public Hearing on FY Budget 2014-2015 and Tax Levy Adoption
- July 14, 2014 - Regular Council Meeting - Tax Levy Adoption
- July 21, 2014 - Council Work Session

17. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

18. ADJOURNED: 7:46:30 p.m.