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

**CITY OF SAFFORD
COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY
Monday, December 14, 2015 @ 6:00 PM
Safford Library Program Room, 808 S. 7th Avenue, Safford, Arizona**

PRESENT: Wyn “Chris” Gibbs, Mayor; Richard Ortega, Vice Mayor; Councilmembers, Mary Bingham, Gene Seale, Kenneth Malloque, Arnold A. Lopez, and James D. Howes.

STAFF PRESENT: Horatio Skeete, City Manager; William J. Sims, City Attorney; Joe Brugman, Police Chief; Randy Petty, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Alma Flores, Interim Finance Director; Jenny Howard, Utilities Director; Dustin Welker, Community Development Director; Leanne McElroy, Library Director; Cliff Davis, Human Resources Officer; Sam Napier, I.T. Administrator; and Georgia Luster, City Clerk.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jay Cross (Force 360), Roger Simard (Force 360), Dean Krieg, Ernie Mennes (Force 360), Kathy Grimes, John Howard, Jonathon Stailey, Steve McGaughey, David Morse, Ron Green (Force 360), Jeff McCormick, Pima Town Manager, and others who did not sign in. Ken Showers with Eastern Arizona Courier.

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gibbs called the meeting to order at 5:55:54 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:** Elder Jonathan Stailey offered the opening prayer.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** The following individuals provided a comment form: Roger Simard (National Tech Center, Force 360); Ernie Mennes (Managing member – Military Technology Center); Jay Cross (National Tech Center, Force 360); Kathy Grimes (Social Host Ordinance #15-006). They will comment during the discussion of the item.
6. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**
 1. **Approve November 9, and November 23, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes. MOTION ADOPTED**
 2. **Approve November 23, 2015 executive session minutes. MOTION ADOPTED**
 3. **First Quarter Fiscal Year 2016 Financial Update.** Alma Flores, Interim Finance Director presented a Power Point presentation of a summary of the fiscal year 2016 quarter

financial status and local economic conditions for the City of Safford. The report is divided into five sections:

- Summary and analysis of the City's General Fund revenues
- Summary and analysis of the City's General Fund expenditures
- Analysis of the City's HURF and Street Fund revenue and expenses
- Summary and analysis of the City's Enterprise Funds
- Summary of the Grant Fund activity

4. **Accept resignation of Mary Bingham from the City of Safford City Council effective December 31, 2015. MOTION ADOPTED**

5. **Discuss and approve the process for filling the Councilmember vacancy created by Mary Bingham. MOTION ADOPTED**

7. **RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **Approve Resolution Number 15-033, hereby designating National Bank of Arizona, Safford, Arizona as a depository, and designating persons authorized to sign related documents for the AIRPORT RESERVE ACCOUNT. MOTION ADOPTED**

8. **ORDINANCES:**

1. **Review the progress of the Water Efficiency Ordinance and Graham County Plant List, and consider providing staff direction to present an Ordinance to the City Council for adoption in January.** It was the consensus of the Council to bring back the ordinance in January for adoption.

2. **Second Reading of Ordinance Number 15-006, amending Title 9, Public Peace, Morals and Welfare, adding Chapter 9-14, Providing a Location for an Unlawful Minor Party/Gathering, AKA the Social Host Ordinance, of the Municipal Code of the City of Safford. MOTION ADOPTED**

3. **First Reading of Ordinance Number 15-007, a proposed annexation of property to the east of the City of Safford Mesa Yard adjacent to Highway 191. The proposed annexation includes three parcels totaling 1.0 acre currently under the jurisdiction of Graham County.** Dustin Welker presented the information regarding the annexation.

9. **CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, BIDS:**

1. **Approve the SPPA WCF2 Project Agreement between the City of Safford, a WCF2 Project Member and the Southwest Public Power Agency, Inc. of which City of Safford is a voting member. MOTION ADOPTED**

2. **Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 38-4341(A) (3) and (A) (4), the Mayor and Council may enter executive session to discuss and consult with the attorney regarding negotiations of an MOU with Force Option 360 Tactical Training LLC and the City of Safford for approximately two hundred acres (200) acres at the Airport for the**

development of a Tactical Training Center without impacting the operations of the Airport. The Mayor and Council may reconvene to regular session to take possible action.

The council adjourned executive session and reconvened regular session at 8:12:34 p.m.

The Council supported the concept presented by Force Option 360 and directed the City Attorney and City Manager to continue negotiating the term and escalator of the proposed MOU and to bring back an MOU for the Council to consider.

Adjourned at 8:25:19 p.m.