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**CITY OF SAFFORD - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012 @ 6:00 PM
PHELPS DODGE ROOM - LIBRARY**

PRESENT: Wyn “Chris” Gibbs, Mayor; Jason Kouts, Vice Mayor; Council Member’s Ken Malloque, Mary Bingham, Jacque Attaway, Gene Seale, and Arnold A. Lopez.

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; Jan Elliott, Library Director; Randy Petty, City Engineer; Dustin Welker, Planner/Downtown Manager; Eric Buckley, Utilities Director; Marion Gauna, Lead Staff Accountant; Kim Larkey, Information Processing Supervisor; and Georgia Luster, City Clerk. Sam Napier, IT Lead Specialist, and Dale Clark, IT Support Specialist, assisted with the audio/video recording of the meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve McGaughey, Kenny McKinney, Raymond Lonser, Jeff Hitchcock, Valerie Buckley, Chad Crockett, James Bryce, Ed Ragland, James D. Howes, and Richard Ortega. Kelly Van Sharr video recorded the meeting.

- 1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gibbs called the meeting to order at 6:02:47 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:** Vice Mayor Kouts offered the opening prayer.
- 5. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Jim Howes and Richard Ortega submitted forms to address the council. Mayor Gibbs said he would call on them during the discussion of the item(s) they wish to address.
- 6. CONSENT ITEMS:** The Mayor and City Council may wish to consider approving Items 1 through 11 as Consent Agenda Items. **MOTION ADOPTED**

1. April 9, 2012 Council Minutes, April 16, Work Session/Special Council Minutes, April 23 Work Session Minutes, and May 7, 2012 Council Meeting/Work Session Minutes.
 2. Police Report
 3. Building Inspection Report (March amended & April)
 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 (March & April)
 11. Expense Over \$5,000 Report
7. **PURCHASING CARD REPORT:** Consideration and approval of Purchasing Card Report for 1/21/2012 through 2/20/2012.
MOTION ADOPTED
8. **(AMRRP) AWARD:** Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool Award of Excellence In Recognition of Outstanding Achievement and continued Excellence in Risk Management and Control of Losses.
INFORMATION
9. **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:** Recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission to appoint Chad Crockett to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill the vacancy left by Chairman Ray Tuttle. Chairman Tuttle's term was due to expire on 3-30-2013 and Mr. Crockett would be expected to fill the term until that date at which time he would be eligible to seek reappointment. **MOTION ADOPTED**
10. **ANNUAL AUDIT AZPOST REPORT:** Safford Police Department received successful Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Annual Audit.
INFORMATION
11. **RESOLUTION NO. 12-015 - JOINT USE OF FACILITIES:** The Mayor and City Council may wish to consider, approve and adopt Resolution Number 12-015, a Resolution of the City of Safford extending an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Safford and the Safford Unified School District for Joint Use

Facilities and authorizing the Mayor execute such.

MOTION ADOPTED

12. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-016:** Consider approving and adopting Resolution Number 12-016, a resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Safford, dissolving the Mayor's Historic Restoration and Preservation Committee and rescinding resolution number 06-009.

MOTION ADOPTED

13. **LIBRARY POLICIES:** The library advisory board and staff are requesting the consideration and approval of the following two revised library policies: Interlibrary Loan and Claims Returned or Claims Never Had; and, one new policy: Petitions, Leafleting, Solicitation.

MOTION ADOPTED

14. **OFF TRACK PARIMUTUEL WAGERING LICENSE FOR CHALO'S LA CASA REYNOSO:** Consider and approve a request by Turf Paradise to renew its Off-Track Parimutuel Wagering license for Chalo's La Casa Reynoso at 611 6th Avenue, Safford, Arizona. The term of the license for Chalo's La Casa Reynoso will be valid from June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2015.

TABLED

15. **LINE ITEM BUDGET:** Discussion of converting to a Line Item Budget. It was moved and amended by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Vice Mayor Kouts and carried 5-2 to proceed with the current budget process; after presenting the FY 2011/2012 budget to the State, form a council/staff committee to review and change the budget process to a line item budget. Mayor Gibbs and Councilman Seale opposed. **MOTION ADOPTED**

16. **MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES HELD BY COUNCIL OR CITY STAFF:** Governor Brewer signed House Bill 2826, Consolidated Elections. The city's election cycle will change sooner than expected. This change will extend the terms of office to November of 2014 for those councilmembers and the mayor who currently have two years left to their term.

17. **COUNCIL OR STAFF REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:**
Vice Mayor Kouts - Place the Boys and Girls Club on a work session to present issues they are having.

- 18. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Jeff Hitchcock, 1207 West Drive, Safford, AZ: Mr. Hitchcock addressed the council concerning giving consideration to changing Municipal Code to allow citizens to opt out of trash collection fees in non-occupied dwellings.

Richard Ortega, 1795 S. 2nd Avenue: Mr. Ortega commented about Item No. 18 - He stated that he held an informal evaluation and review with Mr. Kincaid a couple weeks ago. He felt the discussion was necessary because he was on the previous council and had worked with Mr. Kincaid. He stated the discussion was a frank discussion. Additionally, he believes Mr. Kincaid is doing a good job and is impressed with his management of the City.

It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Council Member Bingham, and carried 6-1 to adjourn to executive session at 7:01:45 p.m. Vice Mayor Kouts opposed. **MOTION ADOPTED**

- 19. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Mayor and City Council may enter executive session, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute **§38-431.03(A)(1)** for discussion of employment and performance evaluation of City Manager, David Kincaid. The City Council may adjourn executive session to enter regular session to take action regarding performance evaluation of City Manager, David Kincaid.

The council adjourned executive session and reconvened regular session at 7:27:55 p.m.

There was no action taken in open session after adjourning executive session.

- 20. ADJOURN:** It was moved by Vice Mayor Kouts, seconded by Councilman Malloque, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:28:03 p.m. **MOTION ADOPTED**