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

**CITY OF SAFFORD – SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY
MONDAY, MAY 29, 2012 @ 6:00 PM
PHELPS DODGE ROOM - LIBRARY**

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

ABSENT: Jason Kouts, Vice Mayor;

(Mayor Gibbs, Ken Malloque, Jim Howes, and Richard Ortega officially took their seats once they were sworn into office at this meeting– elected March 13, 2012 Primary Election).

STAFF PRESENT: David Kincaid, City Manager; Christine Fisher, Personnel Director; Don Knight, Director Management & Budget; Ann Waite, Finance Director; Jan Elliott, Library Director; Eric Buckley, Utilities Director; Marion Gauna, Lead Staff Accountant; Jenny Howard, Special Projects Manager; Reed Larson, Engineer; Gale Hedges, Water Division Manager; 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.

STAFF ABSENT: Randy Petty, City Engineer; John Griffin, Police Chief; Sandra Findley, Executive Secretary.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve McGaughey, Kenny McKinney, Mary Jo Howes, William Wilson, Dalton Overstreet, and Kevin Johnson.

- 1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gibbs called the meeting to order at 6:02:31 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:** Kevin Johnson offered the opening prayer.
- 5. RECEPTION TO SWEAR IN NEW MAYOR AND COUNCIL:** Recognition and swearing in of the new Council Members. Recognize outgoing Council Members, Jacque Attaway and Jason Kouts.

Mayor Gibbs called the new council members forward; Kenneth Malloque, Richard Ortega James Howes.

Georgia Luster, City Clerk, provided the Oath of Office and presented Certificate of Election to Wyn "Chris" Gibbs, Mayor; Kenneth Malloque, Richard Ortega and James Howes. The Mayor and Council took their seats at this time.

Mayor Gibbs expressed his appreciation to Councilmember Attaway for serving on the Council. He provided her with a clock indicating years of service and a photo of the council group she served with.

Mrs. Attaway expressed her appreciation to the citizens of the City of Safford, the staff, and to her working group of council.

A short reception was called at this time (6:09:41 p.m.) to honor the incoming and the outgoing council. Punch and cookies were served.

Mayor Gibbs reconvened the meeting at 6:18:52 p.m. Council seated are: Wyn "Chris" Gibbs, Mayor; Councilmembers, Kenneth Malloque, Arnold Lopez, Mary Bingham, Gene Seale, Richard Ortega and Jim Howes.

6. **SELECT VICE MAYOR:** Pursuant to *Section 2.16.020 of the City of Safford Municipal Code*, the Mayor and Council Members shall select a vice mayor from among its members who shall serve at the pleasure of the Council.

Mary Bingham was selected to serve as vice-mayor.

7. **COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:** The Mayor and Council Members may appoint council members to various community committees and boards.

Mayor Gibbs provided a proposed list of additional Council duties to boards and commissions. The following members were appointed to the listed boards/committees.

Airport	Ken Malloque
PAC Committee for the development of Safford Regional Airport Master Plan Update	Ken Malloque
Boys and Girls Club	Arnold Lopez
Chamber of Commerce	Chris Gibbs
Development Review	Jim Howes
Downtown Association	Arnold Lopez
Fire Department/Firemen's Pension Board	Chris Gibbs
Graham County Community Foundation	TBD

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League of Arizona Cities and Towns –
Executive Committee
Resolutions Committee
Library Board
Loss Control and Safety
Mt. Graham Safe House
Pride of Safford
SEAGO
Transportation Issues Group

Chris Gibbs
Gene Seale
Gene Seale
Jim Howes
Mary Bingham
Mary Bingham
Richard Ortega
Chris Gibbs

The Council was in agreement to open the lines of communication with other entities within the City such as the Hospital, Schools, FMI, EAC, and etc.

It was moved by Councilman Ortega, seconded by Councilman Malloque, and carried unanimously to accept the additional duties as presented. **MOTION ADOPTED**

8. **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT:** Consider adopting Resolution Number 12-017, a resolution of the City of Safford, Arizona authorizing the execution and delivery of a settlement agreement (Application No. 2008-173) (“Settlement Agreement”) among the United States of America, the Gila River Indian Community, the San Carlos Apache Tribe and the City of Safford.

It was moved by Councilman Lopez, seconded by Councilman Malloque and carried unanimously 7-0 to approve and adopt Resolution Number 12-017, a resolution of the City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona authorizing the execution and delivery of a settlement agreement (Application No. 2008-173) (“Settlement Agreement”) among the United States of America, the Gila River Indian Community, the San Carlos Apache Tribe and the City of Safford. **MOTION ADOPTED**

9. **ADJOURN:** Adjourn Special Council Meeting and enter a Council Work Session.

It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Councilman Seale and carried unanimously to adjourn the Special Council Meeting and enter into a Council Work Session at 6:18:52 p.m. **MOTION ADOPTED**

WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:18:52 P.MM.

3. **LANDFILL:** Recognize Landfill Staff for a successful ADEQ Landfill inspection. ADEQ conducted a compliance inspection of the Landfill and Waste Tire Collection Site. The Landfill was found to be in compliance with ADEQ’s solid waste regulations.

4. **UTILITIES BUDGET PRESENTATION:** Presentation and discussion of the Utilities budget and discussion of rates beginning July 1, 2012.
5. **CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE:** Jenny Howard provided a presentation regarding status of all active Capital Utility Projects.
6. **TRUCK BRAKE RETARDING SYSTEMS:** Discussion prohibiting the use of compression brakes.
7. **ADJOURN:** The work session was adjourned at 8:20:05 p.m.