

CITY OF WILLIAMS CITY COUNCIL

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JUNE 11, 2008  
COUNCIL ACTION

**I. PROCEDURES:**

- A. Call to Order Mayor Edes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Roll Call Present were Mayor Ken Edes and Councilmen Andrew Hamby, John Moore, James Wurgler and Kevin Young.  
Present from City Staff were Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Joe Duffy, Police Chief Herman Nixon, Water Superintendent Ron Stilwell, Public Works Director Glenn Cornwell, Personnel Director Susan Kerley and City Planner/Interim City Clerk Harry Holmes.  
Also present was City Attorney Lat Celmins.
- C. Pledge and Invocation Mayor Edes led the pledge of allegiance and offered the invocation.
- D. Adoption of Agenda Councilman Young moved to adopt the agenda. Councilman Moore seconded and the motion carried 5-0.
- E. Approval of Minutes Councilman Wurgler moved to approve the minutes of May 22, May 27 and May 29, 2008. Councilman Hamby seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**II. PRESENTATIONS:** Judge Bill Sutton presented plaques to departing Council members -

- A. Mayor Ken Edes received a standing ovation. He commended Mayor-elect Moore for his passion during the campaign and encouraged him to lead the Council with that same passion.
- B. Mayor-elect Moore accepted a plaque on behalf of Vice-Mayor Hiemenz, who was unable to attend but who was also loudly applauded by all.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Ruth Sanzari thanked the Council for the Country Club Drive reconstruction project.

**IV. OATHS OF OFFICE:**

- C. Judge Bill Sutton swore in Councilmen Frank McNelly, James Wurgler and Bill Miller
- D. Judge Sutton then administered the oath to Mayor John Moore. A standing ovation followed both swearing-in ceremonies. Mayor Moore commented on being in the same chamber 21 years ago swearing the same oath as Police Chief.

**V. NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS SEATED:** The four duly-sworn officials took their seats. Mayor Moore asked the clerk for a roll call: Present were Mayor John Moore and Councilmen Bill Miller, Andrew Hamby, Frank McNelly, James Wurgler and Kevin Young.

- E. Election of Vice-Mayor Mayor Moore nominated Councilman Don Dent as Vice-Mayor and called for a motion. Councilman Young so moved, Councilman Hamby seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

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**VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

- F. Approval of Purchase Orders: J. Duffy
- G. Approval of Check Register for the month ended May 31, 3008: J. Duffy
- H. Approval of \$300 sponsorship of Arizona State Environthon, Western Night: R. Newbold
- I. Approval of \$700 sponsorship of Arizona State Mounted Posse Association, two-day roping event at Bob Dean Rodeo Arena: R. Newbold

Councilman Young and Mr. Duffy discussed the library door replacement cost. Councilman Young then moved to approve the consent agenda items, Councilman Wurgler seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

**VII. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

- J. Discussion and decision regarding approval, location and scheduling of fireworks: Fire Chief Jeff Dent  
Chief Dent said that the Fire Department had not been able to find a safe location for fireworks. He said that the Gonzales Lake area is the only suitable site but is not currently available. Council and Chief Dent discussed other possible sites but none was deemed safe because of the close proximity of structures. Even after a good monsoon season, Gonzales Lake is the only site he would recommend. Councilman Wurgler moved to postpone the fireworks display indefinitely, Councilman McNelly seconded and the motion carried 6-0
- K. Discussion and decision on F.A.A. Grant 21: G. Cornwell  
Mr. Cornwell briefed Council on the recently-awarded taxiway paving bid. Councilman Young then moved to approve the A.I.P Application, Councilman Hamby seconded and the motion carried 6-0.
- L. Discussion and decision on Amendment #3 for CDM Construction, Inc.: R. Stilwell  
Mr. Stilwell reviewed the amendment, stating that it was needed for closure of portions of the City's existing wastewater facility following completion of the new Waste-Water Treatment Plant. After a brief discussion, Councilman Miller moved to approve the amendment, Councilman Wurgler seconded and the motion carried 6-0.
- M. Discussion and decision regarding Fiscal Year 08-09 insurance benefit package renewal: S. Kerley  
Mayor Moore noted that the package had been discussed at the May 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Kerley then explained the new package, listing seven key points: 1) move to United Health Care; 2) continue paying 99% for employees & 61% for dependents; 3) increase to 99% dependents' coverage under \$2500-deductible HSA option; 4) "gap" exception to treat "out-of-network" services as "in-network" when not available within the network (possible \$1000 subsidy if gap denied); 5) reimburse for Medicare supplemental premiums and pay City's savings therefrom to employees; 6) change to Delta Dental; and 7) recommend VSP renewal. Council and Staff discussed the package further, especially key points 3 and 4 and issues relating to the drug formulary. Councilman Miller then moved to approve the 08-09 insurance benefits package, Councilman Wurgler seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

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- N. Discussion and decision to adopt the tentative budget for FY 2008-09: J. Duffy  
Mayor Moore reminded Council that the tentative budget sets the maximum spending levels but that the budget can be revised downward. Mr. Duffy said that the proposed tentative budget included the savings resulting from the change to United Healthcare. Councilman Miller moved to approve the tentative budget, Councilman Wurgler seconded and the motion carried 6-0
- O. Discussion and decision regarding approval of Resolution 1224 for a Transportation Enhancement Grant to construct the Railroad Museum Turntable Pit: Al Richmond  
Mayor Moore advised that this item had been tabled at the last Council meeting. Mr. Richmond said that Phoenix Philanthropy Group (PPG) would try to help the City raise the \$68,500 needed to start the fundraising effort. He noted that Council had previously approved Resolution 1223 for a Historic Preservation grant to construct the turntable and that Resolution 1224 was needed for a grant application to secure a Transportation Enhancement grant to construct the turntable pit. Mr. Richmond said that if PPG raised sufficient funds, those monies would pay for the City's obligations; if not the City would have no liability. Attorney Celmins said that if the obligations in Resolution 1224 were made conditional, there would be no need for Resolution 1227. Councilman moved and Councilman seconded the motion to have Resolution 1224 read by number and title only. Mr. Holmes then read the resolution. Councilman Wurgler then moved to approve Resolution 1224 on the condition that PPG raise funds sufficient to satisfy the City's obligation. Councilman Miller seconded and the motion carried 6-0.
- P. Discussion and decision on Resolution 1227 authorizing an application and matching funds for the TE Grant: L. Celmins  
Councilman Young moved to read Resolution 1227 by number and title only, Councilman Wurgler seconded. Mr. Holmes then read the resolution. Councilman Wurgler moved to approve Resolution 1277; the motion died for lack of a second.
- Q. Discussion and decision on Resolution 1226 stating the City Council's concerns about the proposed Forest Service Transportation Management Plan: H. Holmes/Charlie Bassett  
Mayor Moore called on Mr. Bassett to introduce the resolution. Mr. Bassett said that the Roads Committee had reached the upper limits of its effectiveness and asked that the City of Williams pass Resolution 1226 to express its position regarding the proposed plan. He also asked Council to invite Senator Karen Johnson and Bruce Olson to the next meeting to present their views, and to also invite County Supervisor Matt Ryan. Councilman Wurgler expressed concern that the Senator's and Mr. Olson's positions were unknown. Mr. Bassett asked that Staff contact them. Attorney Celmins said that could be part of Council's decision. Councilman Wurgler said that Senator Johnson had stated that the U.S. Government was responsible for the 9-1-1 attacks.

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Attorney Celmins was asked to look into Senate Bill 1264 and Mr. Duffy was directed to contact Senator Johnson and Mr. Olson to determine whether they should be on a future agenda. Councilman Miller commended the Forest Service for doing a good job.

Councilman Hamby moved to approve Resolution 1226 with the above directions to Staff. Councilman Wurgler seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

- R. Discussion and decision on Ordinance 896 adopting 2008 tax code amendments: H. Holmes  
Mr. Holmes explained that Ordinance 896 adopted by reference the tax code amendments previously made a public document by resolution. Councilman Miller moved to read the ordinance by number and title only, and Councilman Wurgler seconded. Mr. Holmes then read the ordinance by number and title, Councilman Miller moved, Councilman Wurgler seconded and the motion to approve Ordinance 896 carried 6-0.

**VIII. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- A. Mayor and Council  
Mayor Moore directed that each future agenda be made final no later than noon on the Friday preceding the Council meeting, and that backup documentation be submitted no later than noon Monday. The Mayor stressed the importance of communication between the City and the public and said that the agenda should be published in the Williams-Grand Canyon News. He also directed Staff to advertise for applicants to appointed boards, committees and commissions.
- B. City Manager and Staff Reports  
There were no staff reports.  
Rich Millard then rose and asked to address Council concerning Resolution 1226. He cautioned to beware of federal government intrusion and spoke of how the Forest Service had eliminated cattle grazing in the Okanagan National Forest in the state of Washington. He added that the Sierra Club had instigated that action.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The meeting recessed at 8:31 for five minutes prior to the executive session Pursuant to A.R.S. #38-431.03 (A) (3) and A.R.S. #38-43103 (A) (7), Council received an update from City Attorney Lat Celmins on pending legal and real estate issues.

- X. **ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m. following the Executive Session.

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Mayor John Moore

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City Clerk