TOWN OF PAYSON
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
March 15, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Edwards called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 303 North Beeline Highway, Payson, Arizona.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT: Mayor Bob Edwards, Vice-Mayor Tim Fruth, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Andy Romance, Council Member Mike Vogel, Council Member Su Connell, and Council Member John Wilson.

STAFF PRESENT: Fred Carpenter - Town Manager, Sam Streichman - Town Attorney, Gordon Gartner - Police Chief, and Robert Smith - Human Resources Director.

OTHERS PRESENT: Marcia Huffman, Chief Deputy Town Clerk; Tracie Bailey, Deputy Town Clerk; Sheila DeSchaaf, Planning Specialist; Diane Stoyer, Legal Department Office Manager; Commander Don Engler, Officer Mike Varga; Officer David Vaughn; and Officer John Huss.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

1. Receipt, discussion and review of the Findings and Recommendation of the Town of Payson Personnel Board in the matter of the termination of Christopher Harold.

2. Discussion/possible action pursuant to Rule 21, Section 6(6), regarding the affirming, revoking or modifying of the recommendation of the Town of Payson Personnel Board.

3. Discussion/possible action regarding the matter of termination of Christopher Harold, including discussion of portions or all of the record before the Personnel Board in such matter.

4. Motion to go into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A) (1) Personnel Matters. Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of any public body, except that, with the exception of salary discussions, an officer, appointee or employee may demand that the discussion or consideration occur at a public meeting. The public body shall provide the officer, appointee, or employee with written notice of the executive session as is appropriate but not less than twenty-four hours for the officer, appointee or employee to determine whether the discussion or consideration should occur at a public meeting.

5. Motion to go into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A) (3) Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the

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public body.

Sam Streichman, Town Attorney, explained the purpose of the meeting.

Mr. Martin Bihn, Attorney, representing Christopher Harold addressed the Council regarding this case.

Ms. Kim Alvarado, Attorney, representing the Town of Payson addressed the Council regarding this case.

Mr. Harold answered questions from the Council.

Following extensive discussion.

Motion: to approve to recess to exectuive session to receive legal advice.
Moved by Council Member Mike Vogel, seconded by Council Member John Wilson.

Vote: Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Bob Edwards, Vice-Mayor Tim Fruth, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Andy Romance, Council Member Mike Vogel, Council Member Su Connell, and Council Member John Wilson.

The Council recessed to executive session at approximately 5:24 p.m.

The Council returned from exective session with all members present at approximately 5:46 p.m.

Motion: to approve to uphold the termination of Officer Christopher Harold.
Moved by Council Member Ed Blair, seconded by Council Member John Wilson.

Vote: Motion carried 5 - 2

Yes: Mayor Bob Edwards, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Andy Romance, Council Member Su Connell, and Council Member John Wilson.
No: Vice-Mayor Tim Fruth, and Council Member Mike Vogel.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Edwards adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:48 p.m.

_____ Date:_____

Bob Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Marcia Huffman, Chief Deputy Town Clerk

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Payson held on this day the 15 of March, 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this ____day of _____, 2007.

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Tracie Bailey, Deputy Town Clerk