TOWN OF PAYSON
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
January 10, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Edwards called the meeting at order at approximately 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

INVOCATION

Lynn Richie, Chaplain, RTA Hospice, lead the meeting in an invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ABSENT: Vice-Mayor Tim Fruth.

STAFF PRESENT: Sam Streichman, Town Attorney, Jerry Owen, Community Development Director, Rick Manchester, Parks & Recreation Director, Silvia Smith, Town Clerk, Debra Galbraith, Interim Town Manager, Cameron Davis, OETV Manager, Marty deMasi, Fire Chief, Donald Engler, Police Chief, Colin P. Walker, Water Superintendent, and LaRon Garrett, Town Engineer.

Vice-Mayor Fruth arrived at approximately 6:30 p.m.

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS (SPEAKER'S REQUEST FORM SUBMITTED)

Halle Overman and Cindy Kofile thanked the Council for their support of the decorating for the holidays at Green Valley Park. They also thanked those who sponsored trees and the Parks & Recreation Department for their help.

B. CONSENT AGENDA Items listed on the agenda with an asterisk which are considered to be routine in nature and which will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items shall be held unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered in its normal sequence on the main agenda.

Clmn. Vogel asked K.3 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion: to approve the CONSENT AGENDA with the removal of Item K.3.

Moved by Council Member Mike Vogel, seconded by Council Member John Wilson.

Vote: Motion carried 6 - 0

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

Mayor Edwards explained the Consent Agenda approval process and introduced those new Committee appointees present.

Mayor Edwards and the Council wished Clmn. Wilson a happy birthday.

C. CURRENT EVENTS PRESENTATION BY THE TOWN MANAGER, MAYOR, AND/OR COUNCIL MEMBER

Interim Town Manager Debra Galbraith announced that the Parks & Recreation activity guides were available, that the Building Department will host a construction energy conservation seminar to be held in the Council Chambers, that the Police Department is implementing a silent witness program and that the Library's "Taste of the Rim Country" event is coming up in February.

D. CEREMONIAL; ANNOUNCEMENTS; PRESENTATIONS; INTRODUCTIONS

1. Comments, Commendations, and Presentations by Mayor, Council Members, and/or Town Staff.

   Mayor Edwards moved item K.3 to the beginning of the agenda and pull I.8 from the agenda.

K.3 Appointment of Susan McIntyre to the Design Review Board, replacing Levi Amon, term to expire 12/31/09. Removed from the Consent Agenda. Clmn. Vogel voiced his concern that there were qualified applicants who lived within the Town limits, where Ms. McIntyre did not. The Design Review Board allows for two members to live outside the Town limits if they own businesses within Town boundaries.

Motion: to Approve the appointment of Susan McIntyre to the Design Review Board, replacing Levi Amon, term to expire 12/31/09.
Moved by Mayor Bob Edwards, seconded by Council Member John Wilson.

Vote: Motion carried 5 - 1

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

Clmn. Connell announced the opening of the Rim Country Dialysis Center.

Clmn. Romance announced that Vice-Mayor Fruth would be delayed because he was watching his daughter play basketball but would join the meeting shortly.

Clmn. Vogel announced that the Literacy Program had suffered a loss of books from flooding and needed book donations.

Mayor Edwards commended Daniel Connelly for winning national bike races, the

Planet Payson website's video on Blue Ridge and the In-and-Out Cleaning service for their cleanup work around the 'Welcome to Payson' sign.

2. Status Report regarding PATS given by Mary McMullen, Trails and Outdoor Recreation Coordinator.

   Mary McMullan introduced Dave Rutter, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. He reported on PATS activities. The Gila County trail head and Peach Loop trail have both been prepared. Volunteers have donated their time and equipment to help.

3. Status Report regarding the YMCA given by Rick Manchester, Parks and Recreation Director.

   Mr. Manchester said he continues to meet with representatives from the YMCA to resolve questions and issues. Current discussions include a possible 60/40 split in maintenance/operational costs. There would be a board appointed to manage the facility. YMCA representatives are still working with the Taylor Pool site in mind. George Scobis, Executive Vice-President of the YMCA, Valley of the Sun was present. Clmn.Vogel asked that at least half of the management board be from Payson.

4. Presentation of the Office of Tourism and Economic Vitality (OTEV) Website by Cameron Davis, Tourism/Economic Vitality Director.

   Cameron Davis, OTEV Manager, presented the tourism website.

   Vice-Mayor Fruth arrived at approximately 6:30 p.m.

E. MINUTES

1. * Council Meeting Minutes:
   . 12-13-07 Regular Meeting Pages 1-13
   CONSENT APPROVED

   BOARDS/COMMISSIONS MEETING MINUTES (Note: Minutes of various boards/commissions/committees are for Council information only and may or may not have been approved by the respective board/commission.

2. * Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes:
   . 09-10-07 Regular Meeting Pages 1-11
   . 10-08-07 Regular Meeting Pages 1-8
   CONSENT

3. * Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes:
   . 11-14-07 Regular Meeting Pages 1-2
   CONSENT

4. * PSPRS Fire Department Local Board Minutes:
   . 12-13-07 Annual Meeting Page 1
   CONSENT

5. * PSPRS Police Department Local Board Minutes:
. 12-13-07 Annual Meeting Page 1
CONSENT

I.2. Council Decision Request filed by LaRon Garrett, Town Engineer, to approve the contract with Roundabouts & Traffic Engineering for the design of a modern Roundabout at the intersection of Highway 260 and Mud Springs Road for a fee of $42,025.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary contract documents. OR To approve the contract with Roundabouts & Traffic Engineering for the design of a modern Roundabout at the intersection of Highway 260 and Mud Springs Road for a fee of $42,025.00; to authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary contract documents; to direct staff to investigate traffic calming measures that could be implemented along Mud Springs Road-Phoenix Street route between Highway 260 and Highway 87; and for staff to report back to the Town Council concerning proposed traffic calming measures to discourage through traffic along Phoenix Street and Mud Springs Road corridor prior to beginning construction on Mud Springs Road Phase 2.

Suzanne Covert, Joanie King (representing Rim View Heights residents), Marie Sumegi, Caroline Baltz, Maggie McCarey, Shirley Dye, Bill Gilham, Gary Bedsworth, Tom Loeffler (Chair of STAC), Patty Montgomery, Tom Milton, Lew Levinson, Ron Waugh, Mike McGuire, Lee Norman, Bob Dye, Roger Freeman, Randy Loman, Nancy O'Roark, Kenny Evans, Chuck Gorn, Sue Yale, Leon Keddington and Al Poskanzer opposed the project because of safety concerns and the opportunity it posed for Beeline Highway traffic to use it as a 'bypass'. It was suggest that the project go to the STAC for review. Ginger Henry supported the extension for fire protection and emergency response and safety. Bob Klaus, bus driver for Frontier Elementary School, liked the roundabout and extension of Mud Srpings Road for easier access.

Clmn. Blair asked for a future Council Work study on the project.

Motion: to postpone a Council Decision Request filed by LaRon Garrett, Town Engineer, to approve the contract with Roundabouts & Traffic Engineering for the design of a modern Roundabout at the intersection of Highway 260 and Mud Springs Road for a fee of $42,025.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary contract documents. OR To approve the contract with Roundabouts & Traffic Engineering for the design of a modern Roundabout at the intersection of Highway 260 and Mud Springs Road for a fee of $42,025.00; to authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary contract documents; to direct staff to investigate traffic calming measures that could be implemented along Mud Springs Road-Phoenix Street route between Highway 260 and Highway 87; and for staff to report back to the Town Council concerning proposed traffic calming measures to discourage through traffic along Phoenix Street and Mud Springs Road corridor prior to beginning construction on Mud Springs Road Phase 2 **and Item I.6,** a Council Decision Request filed by LaRon Garrett, Town Engineer, to direct Staff to remove the existing Stop signs on Phoenix Street at the intersection of Phoenix Street and Ash Street allowing the Phoenix Street Traffic to flow unimpeded and to investigate the installationo f any traffic calming devices that may be warranted after the Stop signs are removed **and Item I.7** a Council Decision Request filed by LaRon Garrett, Town Engineer, to direct Staff to remove the existing Stop signs on Mud Springs Road at the intersection of Mud Springs Road and Cedar Lane allowing the Mud Springs Road traffic to flow unimpeded **be reviewed by the STAC to include review of traffic calming and signage and to receive**

more public input and for the STAC to bring its findings back to Council at the earliest possible time.
Moved by Mayor Bob Edwards, seconded by Council Member Ed Blair.

Vote: Motion carried 4 - 3

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