

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CASA GRANDE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
510 E. FLORENCE BOULEVARD, CASA GRANDE, AZ 85122
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

- A. Call to Order:** Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Invocation:** Rev. Ray Jackson, First Assembly of God's Church, delivered the invocation.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Pro Tempore Kortsen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- B. Roll Call:**

The following Council Members were present:

Ralph Varela	Council Member
Lisa Fitzgibbons	Council Member
Matt Herman	Council Member
Karl Montoya	Council Member
Dick Powell	Council Member
Mary Kortsen	Mayor Pro Tempore
Robert Jackson	Mayor

Also Present:

James Thompson	City Manager
Larry Rains	Deputy City Manager
Brett Wallace	City Attorney
Remilie S. Miller	City Clerk
William Schwind	Community Services Director
Doug Sandstrom	Finance Director
Paul Tice	Planning & Development Director
Chris Vasquez	Interim Police Administrative Director
Dawn Jett	Human Resources Director
Kevin Louis	Public Works Director
Scott Miller	Fire Chief

C. Minutes:

Council Member Powell moved to approve the following minutes:

City Council Regular	February 2, 2015
Fire Personnel Retirement Board	October 6, 2014
Planning & Zoning Commission	December 4, 2014
Industrial Development Authority	December 17, 2014
Arts & Humanities Commission	January 7, 2015

Mayor Pro Tempore Kortsen seconded the motion and was carried with a 7-0 voice vote.

D. Claims:

D.1 Claims Dated February 5, 2015

Council Member Herman declared a conflict of interest and did not participate in the discussion or voting on this item.

Council Member Varela moved to approve and pay the reported claims dated February 5, 2015. Council Member Fitzgibbons seconded the motion and was carried with a 6-0 voice vote, with Council Member Herman abstaining as stated above.

D.2 Claims Dated February 10 & 12, 2015

Council Member Fitzgibbons moved to approve and pay the reported claims dated February 10 & 12, 2015. Council Member Montoya seconded the motion and was carried with a 7-0 voice vote.

E. Meeting Agenda Approval:

Council Member Montoya moved to approve the meeting agenda. Mayor Pro Tempore Kortsen seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

F. Special Presentation: None

G. Consent Agenda:

Mayor Jackson announced consideration of the Consent Agenda and explained that all items listed preceded by an asterisk (*) would be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Council, unless some member of the Council or member of the public asked that specific items be removed from the Consent Agenda, discussed and voted upon separately.

Member of Council requested to remove Agenda Items G.5 and G.6 from the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Montoya moved for passage of the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Agenda Items G.5 and G.6. Council Member Fitzgibbons seconded the motion and the following roll call vote was recorded:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
Council Member Varela		
Council Member Fitzgibbons		
Council Member Herman		
Council Member Montoya		
Council Member Powell		
Mayor Pro Tempore Kortsen		
Mayor Jackson		

Mayor Jackson then declared that all items in these minutes identified by an asterisk (*) preceding the title of that item were passed and adopted.

G.1 *Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 2900
Accepting a Bid from MHQ of Arizona
Purchase of Eight (8) Up-Fits for Police Patrol Sedans

By a 7-0 roll call vote under the Consent Agenda, Council passed and adopted Ordinance No. 2900, which appeared before Council for a second reading, accepting a bid from MHQ of Arizona for the purchase of Eight (8) Up-Fits for Police Patrol Sedans; authorizing the expenditure of public funds in an amount not to exceed \$196,471.00; and authorizing execution of a contract.

G.2 ***Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 2901**
Accepting a Bid from Pierce Manufacturing Inc.
Purchase of a 2015 Pierce Quantum Pumper

By a 7-0 roll call vote under the Consent Agenda, Council passed and adopted Ordinance No. 2901, which appeared before Council for a second reading, accepting a bid from Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. for the purchase of a 2015 Pierce Quantum Pumper; authorizing the expenditure of public funds in an amount not to exceed \$652,528.07; authorizing execution of a contract with, or purchase order to, Pierce Manufacturing, Inc.; and authorizing the transfer of budget authority between accounts.

G.3 ***Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 2902**
Accepting the Sole Source Provider Offer from
Westnet to Provide Three (3) First-In Alerting Core Systems

By a 7-0 roll call vote under the Consent Agenda, Council passed and adopted Ordinance No. 2902, which appeared before Council for a second reading, accepting the Sole Source Provider offer from Westnet to provide Three (3) First-In Alerting Core Systems; authorizing expenditure of public funds in an amount not to exceed \$74,498.84; and authorizing the execution of a contract.

G.4 ***Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 2903**
Accepting the Proposal for Professional Services
from Armstrong Consultants, Inc. to Provide
Preliminary and Final Design Services for Taxiway E

By a 7-0 roll call vote under the Consent Agenda, Council passed and adopted Ordinance No. 2903, which appeared before Council for a second reading, accepting the proposal for professional services from Armstrong Consultants, Inc. to provide Preliminary and Final Design Services for Taxiway E; authorizing expenditure of public funds in an amount not to exceed \$85,463.52; and authorizing the execution of a contract.

**G.9 *Consider Accepting a Resignation and Approve
 Appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission**

Mayor Jackson recommended in his Request for Council Action form that Mayor and Council accept a resignation from Dr. Joel Braunstein to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Additionally, approve appointment of Paul F. Zalewski to the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term to extend through February 3, 2017.

Currently, there is one (1) board opening on the Planning and Zoning Commission as a result of the resignation of Dr. Joel Braunstein. The board opening was advertised on the City’s Website and posted at both City Hall and the Police Dispatch Center. Three (3) applications were submitted for consideration, which included: Dennis H. Early, Paul F. Zalewski and Gordon Beck. Mr. Paul Zalewski will take over the remaining term of Dr. Braunstein. Other members serving on the Board include the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Terms Extend Through</u>
David Benedict	2/03/2017
Fred Tucker	2/03/2017
Stephen Gentzkow	3/07/2016
Ruth Lynch	3/07/2016
Hayden Henderson	4/06/2015
Jeffrey Lavender	4/06/2015

By a 7-0 roll call vote under the Consent Agenda, Council accepted Dr. Joel Braunstein’s resignation to the Planning & Zoning Commission, additionally, appointed Mr. Paul Zalewski to the Planning and Zoning Commission, with term to extend through February 3, 2017.

H. Public Comments:

Mayor Jackson called for public comments. No comments were offered.

I. Award of Contracts:

**I.1 Ordinance No. 2904
Accepting a Bid from B & F Contracting, Inc. for the
Design and Construction of a Traffic Signal (Intersection of
East Florence Boulevard and North Camino Mercado)
and the Construction of an Additional Traffic Signal
(West McCartney Road and North Casa Grande Avenue)**

Public Works Director Louis recommended that Mayor and Council award a Contract to B & F Contracting Inc. through interagency cooperative use of the City of Peoria Job Order Contract (P14-0019B) for Traffic Systems for a guaranteed maximum price not to exceed \$562,911.

Director Louis conveyed that if approved, this contract would provide for the design and construction of a traffic signal at the intersection of E. Florence Boulevard and N. Camino Mercado (Project #1552), as well as the construction of a traffic signal at the intersection of W. McCartney Road and N. Casa Grande Avenue (Project #1553). A signal warrant and prioritization study was conducted on 12 intersections in the City, and these two intersections were ranked in the top four as priority intersections in need of signalization. The City street system in the vicinity of the McCartney Road / Casa Grande Ave. intersection experiences severe congestion during peak traffic periods due to traffic related to nearby schools. This congestion causes backups and delays in traffic, resulting in safety issues and concerns. The proposed traffic signal at this intersection is expected to enhance traffic safety, provide gaps for entering and turning traffic, and minimize current congestion issues.

Similarly, the City street system in the vicinity of the Florence Boulevard / Camino Mercado experiences considerable congestion at frequent intervals throughout the day, resulting in significant safety issues and concerns at this location as well. New development on the north side of the intersection, including the CST Convenience Store, will further exacerbate the safety issues and congestion being experienced in the corridor. The proposed traffic signal at this intersection will mitigate the effect of current and proposed traffic and enhance traffic safety in the area.

Design work for the signal at McCartney Road / Casa Grande Avenue has previously been completed, and would be utilized for the construction of this signal under this contract. The design needed for the second signal would be provided for under this contract.

The City of Peoria has in place a Job Order Contract with B&F Contracting Inc. to provide services for the design and construction of Traffic Systems such as traffic signals. This contract allows for cooperative use by other agencies for procurement of these services. Through cooperative use of this contract procurement periods for design services, construction bidding, and time required for long-lead items can be eliminated. This is estimated to reduce the overall schedule of these projects by six to nine months over typical design-bid-build project delivery methods. This expedited project delivery method is expected to allow completion of these projects in late summer, prior to the start of the school year. In accordance with the terms of the Peoria contract, fair and competitive cost has been negotiated by Staff with the Contractor for all work to be provided for under this contract.

The total contract amount is \$562,911. Camino Mercado and Florence Boulevard cost is \$302,440 for construction and design with the CST development paying for 25%. Casa Grande and McCartney is \$260,471 for construction only, the design has already been completed. These funds are available in account number 204-35-405-4710-50 with a total budgeted amount of \$600,000. Upon approval, the budget amounts will be transferred into two separate projects (Project #1552 and #1553). The cost of the signal design for McCartney and Casa Grande Ave. was funded last fiscal year for approximately \$28,000.

DISCUSSION

In response to Council Member Varela, Director Louis conveyed that when the design process of the traffic signal started for the Jimmie Kerr Boulevard and Sunland Gin Road, it was determined that Union Pacific Railroad requires approval of the design since Sunland Gin intersects with the railroad tracks. This process has added about six months to the design process and will not be ready this year. Staff decided to move forward with the other signal due to this delay.

Council Member Herman thanked Public Works Director Louis, Duane Eitel and their crew for getting the traffic signal project done efficiently with the target completion by the end of summer this year.

In response to Council Member Montoya and Mayor Pro Tempore Kortsen, Director Louis conveyed that the design of the traffic signal will be similar to others found throughout the city.

City Clerk Miller read by title only Ordinance No. 2904, accepting a bid from B & F Contracting, Inc. for the Design and Construction of one (1) Traffic Signal and the Construction of a Second Signal; authorizing the expenditure of public funds in an amount not to exceed \$562,911.00; and authorizing execution of a contract with, or purchase order to, B & F Contracting, Inc.

Council Member Powell moved for passage of Ordinance No. 2904. Council Member Fitzgibbons seconded the motion and the following roll call vote was recorded:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
Council Member Varela		
Council Member Fitzgibbons		
Council Member Herman		
Council Member Montoya		
Council Member Powell		
Mayor Pro Tempore Kortsen		
Mayor Jackson		

Mayor Jackson then declared Ordinance No. 2904 passed to a second reading.

J. <u>Boards and Commissions:</u>	None
K. <u>Ordinances, Resolutions, and Other Matters or Subjects Requiring Action by the Council:</u>	None
L. <u>Public Meetings, Public Hearings, Open Record Review, and Closed Record Reviews:</u>	None
M. <u>Executive Session:</u>	None

N. Reports:

Council Member Powell highlighted the results of the competition held during the first weekend of the Casa Grande Cowboy Days and Tohono O’Odham Tash events and announced that the parade is scheduled for Saturday, February 21st starting at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Pro Tempore Kortsen expressed appreciation to Council Member Powell and organizers for bringing back to the community the Cowboy Days and Tohono O’Odham Tash event.

Council Member Montoya reported the following:

- Welcomed the 2015 Leadership Academy participants on Thursday, February 5th.
- Requested for Staff to improve the link to report graffiti on the City’s Website for citizens to easily access and complete a report.

Council Member Herman reported on the following:

- Participated with the Casa Grande Youth Commission’s field trip to Maricopa Copper Sky Recreation Center.
- The Casa Grande Youth Commission is planning their 2015 County-Wide Leadership Training Day and Day of Shredding.
- Announced that the Rotary Auction is scheduled for May 2, 2015 at The Property Conference Center.

Council Member Fitzgibbons reported on the following:

- Invited everyone to support the Seeds of Hope annual dinner and fundraising event scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 2015.
- Announced that the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Committee of Pinal County will hold their 9th Annual Celebration Dinner on Friday, March 6, 2015 at The Property Conference Center.

Council Member Varela reported on the following:

- Attended and read the Mayor’s Proclamation for the 100th Birthday Celebration of Sylvia Lucille Ettner, held on Saturday, February 14th.
- Announced to invite everyone to the Casa Grande Arts & Humanities Commission Plein Air Painting Event scheduled for Saturday, February 21, 2015 at the Woman’s Club. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m., reception and announcement of winners at 5:00 p.m.

- Announced the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Committee of Pinal County Celebration Dinner is on Friday, March 6, 2015, 5:30 p.m. at The Property Conference Center. The Committee will be awarding \$50,000 scholarship funds to 54 students of Pinal County.

Mayor Jackson reminded the City Council of the Cowboy Days and Tohono O’Odham Tash parade for Saturday, February 21st starting at 10:00 a.m.

O. Adjournment:

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:29 p.m.

Robert M. Jackson
/s/Robert M. Jackson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Remilie S. Miller
/s/Remilie S. Miller, MMC
City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of Casa Grande, Arizona held on the 17th day of February 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 2nd day of March, 2015

Remilie S. Miller
/s/Remilie S. Miller, MMC
City Clerk