

Action Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers, Sedona City Hall,
102 Roadrunner Drive, Sedona, Arizona
Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 4:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

Mayor Jablow called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Scott Jablow, Vice Mayor Holli Ploog, Councilor Melissa Dunn, Councilor Brian Fultz, Councilor Pete Furman, Councilor Kathy Kinsella, and Councilor Jessica Williamson.

Staff Present: City Manager Karen Osburn, Deputy City Manager Andy Dickey, City Attorney Kurt Christianson, Arts & Culture Specialist Nancy Lattanzi, Transit Administrator Robert Weber, Housing Manager Shannon Boone, Community Development Director Steve Mertes, Executive Assistant Karen Kwitkin, Deputy City Clerk Marcy Garner, and City Clerk JoAnne Cook.

2. Roll Call/Moment of Art

Nancy Lattanzi introduced the Sedona Community Youth Orchestra the *Prelude Orchestra* members. 1st Violin: Sierra Barringer, Lindsey James, Elisabeth Kraus, Libby Maher, Sacha Waddell, 2nd Violin: Anish Ali, Arantza Esquer, India Flores, Karis Naaktgeboren, and Cello: Ruth Naaktgeboren. They performed *A French Folk Life*, arranged by Roderick Royce, and *Sparkle*, arranged by Kathryn Griesinger.

3. Consent Items

- a. **Minutes - November 28, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.**
- b. **Minutes - November 29, 2023 City Council Special Meeting - Executive Session.**
- c. **AB 3000 Approval of the Tourism Advisory Board Rules of Procedure.**

Motion: Councilor Williamson moved to approve consent items 3a-3c. **Seconded** by Councilor Kinsella. **Vote:** Motion passed with seven (7) in favor (Jablow, Ploog, Dunn, Fultz, Furman, Kinsella, Williamson) and zero (0) opposed.

4. Appointments - None.

5. Summary of Current Events by Mayor/Councilors/City Manager

Councilor Kinsella stated the Meals on Wheels program is in need of volunteer drivers and that volunteers are also needed at Verde Valley Caregivers, she encouraged all interested to volunteer. Vice Mayor Ploog stated the Breakfast with Santa was well attended and gave a special thanks to Athea Church, registration is open for the Your Basketball League and Winter Swim Lessons Program. Swim lessons begin on December 16th and are open to children ages 0-16 years of age. Councilor Fultz recognized the Parks and Recreation Department and Police Department for the exceptional execution of the Breakfast With Santa Event. Councilor Williamson said a couple of councilmembers spoke with students in the Government Class at the Sedona

Red Rock High School. Councilor Williamson said a report will be forthcoming from Sedona Recycles regarding their Strategic Plan. Vice Mayor Ploog stated the Sedona Historical Society & Museum have some fabulous holiday gifts and invited all to attend their performance of *A Christmas Carol* on December 23rd from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

6. Public Forum - None.

7. Proclamations, Recognitions & Awards - None.

8. Regular Business

a. Reports regarding Council assignments.

Councilor Furman advised that the Plateau Water Partnership and Advisory Council approved their budget and updated their Strategic Plan, and the Department of Water Resources will be doing a Supply and Demand Study of the Verde River Basin in 2024. Mayor Jablow advised that he and Vice Mayor Ploog met with Cory Christians, Yavapai County Library Director, and also met with representatives from the Hopi Nation to discuss the devastation of the OHVs on forest land. Vice Mayor Ploog stated the Hopi Nation has been having conversations with the Forest Service regarding the value of juniper trees.

b. AB 3018 Presentation/discussion on the status of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process and award made to Steps to Recovery Homes for the 2023 City of Sedona CDBG grant cycle.

Presentation by Damien Browning, Chief Executive Officer for Steps To Recovery Damien and Shannon Boone.

Questions and comments from Council.

For presentation and discussion only.

Item 8d was moved ahead of item 8c.

c. AB 3022 Discussion/possible action regarding approval to purchase Stormy Bay, a steel horse sculpture, in the amount of \$25,000, to be installed at the Ranger Station Park and authorization of a transfer of contingency funds of \$25,000.

Presentation by Nancy Lattanzi and Steve Mertes.

Questions and comments from Council.

Opened to public at 6:05 p.m.

Nate Meyers, Sedona, Al Comello, Sedona, and Isabelle Cozart, Sedona spoke in favor of the purchase of the sculpture.

Brought back to Council at 6:10 p.m.

Motion: Vice Mayor Ploog moved to approve a budget transfer of \$25,000 from the contingency account to cover the cost and approve the Agreement to Acquire Artwork to purchase the horse sculpture, *Stormy Bay* from Peggy Lanning in an amount not-to-exceed \$25,000. Seconded by Councilor Kinsella. Vote: Motion

passed with seven (7) in favor (Jablow, Ploog, Dunn, Fultz, Furman, Kinsella, Williamson) and zero (0) opposed.

Item 8d was moved up prior to item 8c.

- d. AB 3016 Discussion/possible action regarding approval of a Land Lease Option Agreement and a \$2.25 million loan to the Villas on Shelby, LLC for development of a 30-unit apartment complex.**

Presentation by Shannon Boone and project developer Matt Schoemacher.

Questions and comments from Council.

Motion: Councilor Fultz moved to approve Land Lease Agreement and a \$2.25 million loan to the Villas on Shelby, LLC for development of a 30-unit apartment complex. Seconded by Councilor Kinsella. Vote: Motion passed with seven (7) in favor (Jablow, Ploog, Dunn, Fultz, Furman, Kinsella, Williamson) and zero (0) opposed.

Break at 6:19 p.m. Reconvened at 6:42 p.m.

- e. AB 2995 Discussion/possible action regarding authorization of a proposed fare and fare policy for the city's MicroTransit (Sedona Shuttle Connect) service.**

Presentation by Robert Weber.

Questions and comments from Council.

By majority consensus, Council directed staff 1) that there be no free fare zones established for the Sedona Shuttle Connect service ; and 2) no priority trips shall be provided to / from the trailhead shuttle park & ride lots for the Sedona Shuttle Connect service.

Motion: Councilor Fultz moved to approve an initial fare of \$2 regular one-way and \$1 discount one-way with the following persons eligible for the discount fare: 60+ Years of age (Proof of age may be required), Medicare Cardholders, Veterans (With ID), Persons with Disabilities, and AZ Residents with a valid ACCCHS card and free fare for children under the age of five. Seconded by Councilor Williamson. Vote: Motion passed with seven (7) in favor (Jablow, Ploog, Dunn, Fultz, Furman, Kinsella, Williamson) and zero (0) opposed.

- f. Discussion/possible action regarding future meeting/agenda items.**

Mayor Jablow advised the Council Retreat will be held in Council Chambers on Wednesday and Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

9. Executive Session

Upon a public majority vote of the members constituting a quorum, the Council may hold an Executive Session that is not open to the public for the following purposes:

- a. To consult with legal counsel for advice on matters listed on this agenda per A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).**


- b. **Return to open session. Discussion/possible action on executive session items.**

No Executive Session was held.

10. Adjournment

Mayor Jablow adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m. without objection.

I certify that the above are the true and correct actions of the Regular City Council Meeting held on December 12, 2023.


JoAnne Cook, CMC, City Clerk

1/9/2024
Date