

## Minutes Special Formal City Council Meeting June 19, 2008

Minutes of the Formal Council Meeting of Thursday, June 19, 2008, immediately following the Special Budget Meeting which began at 3:00 p.m., in the Harry E. Mitchell Government Center, Municipal Building, City Council Chambers, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

### COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Hugh Hallman  
Vice Mayor Hut Hutson  
Councilmember P Ben Arredondo  
Councilmember Barbara J. Carter  
Councilmember Shana Ellis  
Councilmember Mark W. Mitchell  
Councilmember Onnie Shekerjian

*Mayor Hallman called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.*

1. Councilmember Mitchell gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Hallman led the audience in the **Pledge of Allegiance**.
3. **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### A. Mayor's Announcements

Mayor Hallman clarified that there might have been confusion about Council action during the budget period to fund supplementals for Tempe Community Council (TCC). He asked the City Manager to clarify.

City Manager Charlie Meyer explained that this includes three parts. The item on this agenda concerns funds generated from seized assets and those programs have to meet the criteria of the federal RICO laws regarding how those programs can be run. In addition, the TCC, when preparing for the budget that the Council just acted on today, asked for an additional \$115K in supplementals. Last year, the Council was able to fund that \$115K in supplementals because there was funding available. This year, because the budget was tighter, the \$115K in supplemental grant requests was not included. However, the third piece is that there had been

a proposal from the owner of the Anaheim Angels to designate \$150K in funds generated by Diablo Stadium to these kinds of programs in Tempe. \$150K of revenue and a potential \$150K of expenditure were included as line items in the 2008-2009 budget. Staff's understanding was that those wouldn't be expended until the funds actually came in.

Mayor Hallman asked for clarification that the expenditures were to fund \$115K in supplementals or general revenues.

Mr. Meyer responded that his understanding was that they were not necessarily directly linked.

Mayor Hallman clarified that it's not that they are tied together. The sourcing of revenue wasn't done in this budget. We just know that \$150K or thereabouts will be coming in over a period of time rather than in one check.

Mr. Meyer responded that any money coming into the general fund could be spent for any purpose. The intent here was to not spend those monies except for programs that would be run through the TCC evaluation process. Some of the \$115K in supplementals might have been included in there, and he thought there is also a donor-direction component that also enters into it. He didn't know whether it can be said that all of the \$115K in supplemental requests would have been funded by the \$150K donation.

Mayor Hallman added that, as a matter of course, the agencies funded out of the TCC requests and supplementals actually get quarterly checks, so even the expenditure isn't all at once. Rather than dealing with this specifically, unless he could say that the City is planning to cash-flow the \$115K through the accounts we have and then replace that as the money comes in, he would just suggest a discussion at an Issue Review Session and then follow that with a formal action. What we are really talking about is quarterly payments of \$28,750, and in a City of this size, we should have a way to cash-flow that as we determine how that \$150K in revenues come forward.

Mr. Meyer agreed that would be an acceptable direction. That is not what staff would have intended nor is it what TCC would have intended. We were not intending to fund the \$115K in supplementals through this account. In the most extreme case, it might have been an entirely different \$150K worth of programs. If Council would like staff to do that, staff can do that, but there should be a clear understanding.

Mayor Hallman asked if the \$115K in supplemental expenditures was already planned for.

Mr. Meyer responded that it was not added to the budget.

Mayor Hallman suggested that for a future IRS agenda item, a discussion could be held so we can figure out how we are going to get that funded without further delay.

Councilmember Arredondo asked that it be put on the next IRS meeting.

Councilmember Carter stated that as long as staff is going to look at this, she had a different recollection. She understood that the \$150K had nothing to do with the TCC supplementals. She felt they were two different issues.

Mayor Hallman directed that staff agendize this for the July 22<sup>nd</sup> formal meeting.

B. Manager's Announcements - None

5. **AGENDA**

All items in these minutes identified with an asterisk (\*) **are public hearing items**. All items listed on the agenda are approved with one council action. Items scheduled for Introduction/First Public Hearing will be heard but not adopted at this meeting. Items scheduled for Second Public Hearing/Final Adoption will be voted upon at this meeting.

Mayor Hallman announced consideration of the **AGENDA**.

A. Miscellaneous

Mayor Hallman asked for Council consensus to allow members of the public to speak regarding Items #1 and #2. There was consensus.

**Steve Adolph, Superintendent of Tempe Union High School District.** As a 30-year employee of the Tempe Union High School District, he thanked this City Council and past Councils for the relationship between the district and the City. It is a fabulous relationship and it means a great deal to him. He also publicly supported the possibility of the Council using SACA funding to fund the JAG program (\$45K) at Marcos de Niza High School. As Superintendent and previously as Principal at Marcos de Niza, he has had experience with the JAG program and it is a wonderful program that does great things for the district's most at-risk students.

**Frank Mirizio, Tempe,** added his support of the JAG program. The program has been a huge success at Marcos de Niza and services 40 to 50 students who would no doubt drop out without that service.

**Jason Moore, Jobs For Arizona Graduates (JAG).** He is excited to have this opportunity to help the young people of the Tempe community. He read a letter from Martin Shultz, Board Chairman for Jobs For Arizona Graduates, who endorsed and encouraged Council's support for the funding request by the Tempe Union High School District, and cited the dramatic impact of the program on the lives of some of the community's most at-risk young people.

**Vinny Mirizio, Executive Director of Tempe Family YMCA and Vice Chair of Jobs For Arizona Graduates.** It is rare for someone from a non-profit to sit on another non-profit's board. When he joined the YMCA, he was asked to give up the JAG board because his job at the YMCA is to raise money for children. In getting involved

with the JAG board, he see the lives being touched. This program saves lives. Years ago when he presented the program to his brother, his brother stated that with limited funds, he had 400 students to help and he couldn't help just 40. He told him those 400 students would have an opportunity to live. The 40 JAG students would not. He read a letter from Congressman Harry Mitchell, who once sat on the board, stating this is the right thing for Tempe. Jim Buchanan sat on the committee for this board for four years. The Diablos have just given additional funding because they believe in the program.

1. Request approval of the 2008 Seized Asset for Community Action (SACA) Summer Grant Program.

**COMMENTS:** Total 2008 SACA Summer Grants in the amount of \$26,496.

Mayor Hallman stated that this item came before Council previously at an Issue Review Session. Out of excess precaution, Council decided to bring it back at a Formal meeting. He asked City Manager Charlie Meyer if these programs are in a position, if they receive the funding now, to still continue to support the program and that nothing has been lost by delay.

Charlie Meyer verified that was correct.

**Motion by Councilmember Ellis to approve Item #1. Second by Councilmember Carter. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0.**

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2. Request approval of the 2008 Seized Asset for Community Action (SACA) Special Collaborative Initiative (SCI) Grant Program.

**COMMENTS:** Total 2008 SACA SCI in an amount not to exceed \$98,000.

Mayor Hallman stated that two options have been presented.

**Motion by Councilmember Arredondo to approve Item #2, Option 2.**

Mayor Hallman clarified that Option 2 consists of:

- Boys & Girls Club of E.V. – Smart Moves - \$21,750
- Catholic Charities – Preventing Abuse and Violence through Education - \$5,833
- Chicanos Por la Causa, Inc. – Cultural Pride Linking Communities - \$21,750
- Community Bridges – Prevention Partnership - \$5,833
- EMPACT SPC – Building Resilient Youth - \$5,833
- Peer Solutions – Stand & Serve - \$7,000
- Tempe Union High School District – Jobs For Arizona Graduates - \$30,000

Mayor Hallman clarified that the grant request from Tempe Union High School District was actually \$25,000 for the coming year and \$25,000 for the following year. By funding \$30,000 in a lump sum, they can go forward with the program and the City or the district would have a year to find other resources.

**Second by Councilmember Shekerjian.**

Councilmember Shekerjian thanked the Tempe Union High School District for their concern for all students in the district--the gifted, the students in the middle 50 percent, and the students that are lost. Nationally, more and more cities are working with their school districts the way this City works with the Tempe Union High School District in terms of bringing the community together and working for youth. Tempe is ahead of the curve. We are doing many of the things the National League of Cities suggests. She serves on the Youth, Education and Families Council, and some of the suggestions they have developed are in line with Council awarding SACA grant money to programs like JAG. She is disappointed that the motion is for Option 2 because the original request was for two years at \$25K each, but she seconded the motion because time is of the essence to get this moving. The sad part of it is that for every dollar the SACA grant would fund the Marcos de Niza's program, JAG National will contribute a dollar. The \$30K will trigger \$30K from JAG National. Option 1 would award \$45K, so it would have generated another \$45K and would have allowed two years to find sustaining funding for the program. She is seconding the motion so that the \$30K can get the program started and she is hopeful that other ways can be found in the community to help support this great program.

**Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0.**

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**6. PUBLIC APPEARANCES – None.**

**7. CURRENT EVENTS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Councilmember Ellis stated that this will be the last formal Council meeting with Vice Mayor Hutson and Councilmember Carter and she thanked them for their years of service.
- Councilmember Mitchell added his thanks to Vice Mayor Hutson and Councilmember Carter. This City is better because of their service.

***Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.***

I, Jan Hort, the duly-appointed City Clerk of the City of Tempe, Maricopa County, Arizona, do hereby certify the above to be the minutes of the Formal City Council meeting of June 19, 2008, by the Tempe City Council, Tempe, Arizona.

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Hugh Hallman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jan Hort, City Clerk

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.