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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

June 1, 2011 7 pm

Town Hall

425 Paper Mill Road, Taylor, Arizona

PUBLIC HEARING

The Taylor Town Council will take public comment on proposed text changes to Town Code 18.20.060, 18.70.030, 18.75.050 and 18.75.060 on June 1, 2011 starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Taylor Complex, 400 block Paper Mill Road, Taylor, Az.

The purpose of these hearings is to take public comment on:

1. A Text Amendment to Ordinance 18.20.060; Subdivision Lot Development Standards
2. A Text Amendment to Ordinance 18.70.030; Board of Adjustment
3. A Text Amendment to Ordinance 18.75.050; Site Plan Review Procedures
4. A Text Amendment to Ordinance 18.75.060; Conditional Use Permit Procedures

- **Open Public Hearing:** The Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Debbie Tuckfield at 7:00
- **Receive public comment:** There was no public comment
- **Close Public Hearing:** 7:03

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Debbie Tuckfield at 7:03
ROLL CALL: Council present: Mayor Debbie Tuckfield, Councilman Mark Reed, Councilman Jay Whipple, Councilman Robin Palmer, Councilwoman Jane Lee and Councilman Jared Hatch who arrived at the meeting at 8:00

Council absent: None

Council Elect present: Gary Solomon, Fay Hatch and Shawn Palmer

Attorney: Sterling Solomon present

Staff present: Manager Eric Duthie, Finance Director Gus Lundberg, Building Official/Planning-Zoning Administrator Jeff Johnson, Engineer Stu Spaulding, Police Chief Jerry VanWinkle and Town Clerk Kelly Jones

Visitors present: “See List”

PLEDGE: Led by Councilwoman Jane Lee

INVOCATION: Offered by Councilman Robin Palmer

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **Approve minutes of the May 4, 2011 Town Council mtg.**

A motion was made by Councilman Robin Palmer, seconded by Councilman Jay Whipple

To approve the Consent Agenda

The vote was unanimous (5-0)

ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion/Action: Approve/Deny text changes to Town Code section 18:
 - Text Amendment to Ordinance 18.20.060; Subdivision Lot Development Standards;
 - Text Amendment to Ordinance 18.70.030; Board of Adjustment;
 - Text Amendment to Ordinance 18.75.050; Site Plan Review Procedures;
 - Text Amendment to Ordinance 18.75.060; Conditional Use Permit Procedures

Planning & Zoning Administrator Jeff Johnson explained that the Planning & Zoning Commission has identified new codes that were adopted but not added to the Town Code. The Commission recommends approval of these text amendments;

Code 18.20.060 (Subdivision Lot Development Standards) *from SIX* or more lots *to FOUR* or more lots

Code 18.70.030 (Board of Adjustment) *from* the Council of the town aggrieved or affected by the decision of the **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR** *to* the Council of the aggrieved or affected by the decision of the **PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**.

Code 18.75.050 (Site Plan Review Procedures) *from* the **COUNCIL** shall consider oral or written statements from the applicant... *to* the **PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION** shall consider oral or written statements from the applicant...

Code 18.75.060 (Conditional Use Permit Procedures) *from* **THE TOWN COUNCIL** considerations and findings *to* the **PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION** considerations and findings

Councilwoman Jane Lee made a correction to 18.75.060, Part E, Number 4 which should be the Planning & Zoning Commission not the Town Council. .

A motion was made by Councilwoman Jane Lee, seconded by Councilman Mark Reed To approve the text amendment changes to Town Code 18.20.060, 18.70.030, 18.75.050 and 18.75.060 with correction to 18.75.060, Part E, Number 4 changing to Planning & Zoning Commission not Council.

The vote was unanimous (7-0)

2. Discussion: Farewell remarks from Mayor Tuckfield, Council members Robin Palmer and Jay Whipple, Mayor Tuckfield

Mayor Debbie Tuckfield made a public statement of gratitude and thanks to the entire community of Taylor and Snowflake for their support during the recent loss of her Grandson Houston. She said friends from both communities were there to embrace them and bring strength through words of comfort. She specifically thanked the Snowflake-Taylor Police Department for taking Houston home by a horse drawn carriage, this would have been impossible without them and she thanked all officers involved stating that it will never be forgotten. She thanked citizens of Taylor for the 17 years she has been able to serve adding that those that serve know what a wonderful community they are serving. She said this is a town that protects its heritage and has shown love and caring to all. She hopes that part of our legacy would be that we were always open hearted and accepting and always welcome those who come here to live or pass through. She said she could never live anywhere else.

3. Discussion/Action: Recognition of former Council members Debbie Tuckfield, Jay Whipple and Robin Palmer for their service.

Manager Eric Duthie presented plaques of appreciation to the out-going Council members, Debbie Tuckfield, Jay Whipple and Robin Palmer thanking them for their years of service. He said they have done their jobs extremely well and with the best interest of the community.

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4. Discussion/Action: Administration of Oath of Office to Council members-elect John Fay Hatch, Shawn Palmer and Gary Solomon by Judge Fred L. Peterson, Justice of the Peace.

Judge Fred Peterson administered the Oath of Office to incoming Council members, Fay Hatch, Shawn Palmer and Gary Solomon.

5. Discussion/Action: Accept nominations to fill Town Council vacancy; Approve appointment to fill vacancy of Town Council Member (created through the resignation of Jordy Fuentes) and administer Oath of Office.

At this time Councilman Jared Hatch arrived at the meeting (8:00)

Town Clerk Kelly Jones reported that 4 letters of interest have been submitted to fill the Council vacancy left by Jordy Fuentes' resignation; they are Erin Amos, Barbara Bruce, Greg Cardita and Alan Ramage. She noted that all 4 candidates meet the requirements to run for town Council. The Council has received copies of these letters and has had time to review them.

Attorney Sterling explained the legal process for filling the vacancy.

Clerk Jones opened the floor for nominations.

Councilman Mark Reed noted that we have been fortunate to have 4 good individuals interested in this appointment. After reviewing the letters of interest he feels there is someone who is the most qualified to step in and function because of his degree in business with an emphasis in finance.

A motion was made by Councilman Mark Reed, seconded by Councilwoman Jane Lee To nominate Alan Ramage to fill the vacant Council seat left by Jordy Fuentes' resignation

Councilman Gary Solomon stated there is another candidate that is very qualified adding that all those interested are appreciated. Councilman Jared Hatch concurred stating he has read the letters and we have wonderful candidates. He said that Greg Cardita has been willing to serve and ran in the recent election. Councilman Shawn Palmer stated that he sees a lot of talent and he likes everything he knows about all of the candidates and was impressed with the letters. Of the four the most acquaintance he has had is with Erin Amos and he knows she has great views, is a strong person, a great leader and a person of great integrity. Councilman Fay Hatch mentioned that he has worked with Erin and appreciates her dedication; everything she does is to the best of her ability. She has great qualities. He is sure any of the candidates would be a good Council member the letters of

interest could not be better.

**Call for the vote to the motion on the floor: “Yes” vote from Councilwoman Jane Lee, Councilman Jared Hatch and Councilman Mark Reed “No” votes from Councilman Fay Hatch, Councilman Gary Solomon and Councilman Shawn Palmer.
The motion failed due to a tie vote.**

The Council was in agreement that they would like to hear from the candidates;

Alan Ramage: Stated he has lived in Taylor for ten years and will stay here as long as there is employment. He teaches at the high school and coaches the girls volley ball team. He oversees the NAVIT program and has a degree in business law with an emphasis in finance.

Barbara Bruce: Stated she came to Arizona in 1994. She made her home in Show Low and was the president of the Show Low Chamber of Commerce starting in 2002. She went to the US States Chamber Institute and was on the Governor’s Council. She has worked as a County Court Clerk, sits on the Snowflake-Taylor Chamber Board, is a HOSPICE advisor and works with Catholic Charities. During the Rodeo/Chedski fire she realized what an incredible community this is. Barbara said she is a hard worker and likes to contribute and give. She cares about this community and always gives a lot to her community. She is impressed with the service of people here who care about each other. Barbara found a house in Taylor and it felt like home. She would be happy to sit on the Council if offered. She sees the issues before us and sees how the economy is and feels she could do a good job.

Erin Amos: Said she understands how government works and sees misuse of resources that need change. Through her experience she moves up quickly and takes initiative to get things done. She loves to work, cares about people sees the good in them. She likes to help them work together to accomplish something. She does not get offended easily and would love to be on the town Council. Erin said she feels privileged to be among the candidates and if she does not get in she can run at the next election but appreciates the opportunity.

Greg Cardita: Stated he ran in the election and participated in the “Candidate Forums”. He served in the US Navy for 5 years and the Marine Corp for 6 years with 2 years of combat and tours of duty in Iraq. Greg has been awarded two metals and he has gained a strong work ethic through his military service. He understands being on the Council is a tough spot to be in. The things he has been through and the things he has learned have helped mold him and he can bring this to the Council. Greg stated ge got out of the military 2007 and build his home in Taylor. He works for the Navajo County Medical Examiner and plans on being here until his children are gone from home and probably forever. He understands how local government runs.

**A motion was made by Councilman Shawn Palmer, seconded by Councilman Mark Reed To reconsider the nomination of Alan Ramage to fill the vacant Council position left by the resignation of Jordy Fuentes.
The vote was unanimous (6-0)**

A motion was made by Councilman Shawn Palmer, seconded by Councilman Mark Reed

To nominate Alan Ramage to fill the vacant position on the Taylor Town Council left by the resignation of Jordy Fuentes
The vote was unanimous (6-0)

The Oath of Office was administered to Alan Ramage by Judge Fred Peterson

6. Discussion/Action: Accept nominations to fill position of Mayor; Approve appointment of Mayor.

Nominations for the Office of Mayor were made by Town Clerk Kelly Jones.

Councilman Mark Reed stated that the office of Mayor can be time consuming and it is important to appoint someone who can bring sides together.

A motion was made by Councilman Mark Reed, seconded by Councilman Gary Solomon
To nominate Fay Hatch for the Office of Mayor for the Town of Taylor

Fay said he is willing and will accept this position. He feels an obligation to serve and represent those who elected him.

The motion carried with Fay Hatch obtaining from voting. (6-0)

7. Discussion/Action: Accept nominations to fill position of Vice Mayor; Approve appointment of Vice Mayor.

Mayor Fay Hatch said he appreciates the confidence put in him and what has been said tonight. His desire is to do what is best for this town. He added things that happened in the past will be in the past and we need to work together just like tonight. He promises he will try to do his best and if he cannot he will step aside.

Mayor Fay Hatch opened the floor for nominations for the Office of Vice Mayor.

Councilman Gary Solomon said there is one member that has been here longer than the others and he hopes they can learn a lot from her and he believes she would make a good Vice Mayor.

A motion was made by Councilman Gary Solomon, seconded by Councilman Shawn Palmer
To nominate Jane Lee for the Office of Vice Mayor for the Town of Taylor

Jane said she has learned a lot being on the Council and stated she will accept the nomination and that it will be good to work with Mayor Fay Hatch.

The motion carried with Jane Lee obtaining from voting. (6-0)

8. Discussion/Action: Approve/Deny intergovernmental agreement between Navajo County and the Town of Taylor for court collection and criminal justice services in the amount not to exceed \$6,739.50 for FY 2011-2012.

Navajo County Assistant Manager Dusty Parsons was present regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Navajo County regarding collection and criminal justice services. Eric explained that for the last three years Taylor and Snowflake have each paid the county \$15,000 per year to support staffing to process court cases involving misdemeanors within their corporate limits initiated through the Snowflake-Taylor Police Department. The other communities in the county also pay \$15,000 for their cases through their individual police departments but only for their single court. The latest annual review of costs for the Snowflake Justice Court for cases they hear for Taylor and Snowflake is \$13,479. Taylor's share at 50% is \$6,739.50. This amount will be the measure used for the agreement for the coming year. Mr. Parsons stated that figures are based on charges they have for a 5 year period on all actions in the Snowflake Justice Court. Changes will come back each year but they typically do the IGA which will begin on July 1, 2011 for 5 years. Manager Duthie advised the Council that he will be negotiating with Snowflake for a break-down of costs similar to the Snowflake-Taylor Police Department, Taylor 45%, Snowflake 55%.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Jane Lee, seconded by Councilman Jared Hatch To approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Navajo County and the Town of Taylor for court collection and criminal justice services in the amount not to exceed \$6,739.50 for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

The vote was unanimous (7-0)

9. Discussion/Action: Approve/Deny request from Taylor Beautification Committee for \$1,800 for FY 2011-2012.

Carmen Shumway reported that last year due to the economy the Beautification Committee received only \$1000 from the Town of Taylor. They spend their money very carefully and are asking for \$1800 this year to help reimburse her for money she spent last year for flowers. Eric said we have \$2000 allocated for the Beautification Committee this year.

A motion was made by Councilman Mark Reed, seconded by Councilman Gary Solomon To approve the request from the Beautification Committee in the amount of \$2000 for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year.

The vote was unanimous (7-0)

10. Discussion/Action: Approve/Deny request from Taylor-Shumway Heritage Foundation for \$5,000 for FY 2011-2012.

Carmen Shumway reported that the Heritage Foundation is a valuable Committee and there are so many people that offer time and help. It is difficult to ask the town for help but 74% of what they do is volunteered by many people with their time and help. Carmen said town staff has helped many times. The Committee takes the history of Taylor to the elementary and intermediate schools so the kids know about our history creating an opportunity to teach our youth.

A motion was made by Councilman Gary Solomon, seconded by Councilman Jared Hatch To approve the request from the Taylor-Shumway Heritage Foundation in the amount of \$5000 for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

The vote was unanimous (7-0)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Cindy Schreiber with the Silver Creek Senior Center issued an invitation to the Council to participate with the “Meals on Wheels” program. Deliveries are made Monday through Friday.

The Senior Center will hold a fund raiser this weekend since they are 85% self-funded. They will have a spaghetti dinner and auction on Saturday June 4, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

**A motion was made by Councilman Jared Hatch, seconded by Mayor Fay Hatch
To adjourn the meeting
The vote was unanimous (9:38)**

Certification of Minutes: I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Public Hearing/Taylor Town Council meeting held on the 1st day of June, 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 2nd day of June, 2011

Kelly Jones
Town Clerk
Town of Taylor