

# CITY OF GLOBE

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MUNICIPAL BUILDING 150 NORTH PINE STREET GLOBE, ARIZONA

SEPTEMBER 20, 2010 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Thea Wilshire at 6:00 p.m.

The Invocation was given by Councilwoman Mary Ann Uhl, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Desmond Baker.

### ROLL CALL

Councilpersons present: Wheeler, Wilshire, Uhl, Baker, Casillas and Alderman

Councilpersons absent: Mayor Shipley

City Manager / Legal Counsel present: K. Kane Graves

#### 1. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

##### A. Council Members

1. Vice Mayor Wilshire announced that item 5 A & B – Safeway Sampling Privileges has been withdrawn by Safeway Stores, and will not be considered tonight.
2. Councilwoman Casillas expressed her condolences to the family of Scottie Johnson, the son of former Councilwoman Roberta Johnson who was killed over the weekend.
3. Vice Mayor Wilshire shared that great reports are coming out of the Senior Center, there are new volunteers, new activities happening there, this is great to hear.
4. Vice Mayor Wilshire stated that there was a meeting on Thursday for a startup to organize a farmers market in our community it included the Master Gardeners from Gila County and UofA Cooperative Extension volunteers, this will likely be presented during a future town hall meeting.

##### C. City Manager

Nothing to report.

#### 2. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. Proclamation Declaring Friday, September 24, 2010 As Boys & Girls Clubs Day for Kids in Globe, Arizona.

Councilwoman Wilshire read a proclamation in its entirety declaring Friday, September 24, 2010 as Boys and Girls Clubs Day in the City of Globe.

- B. Presentation by Gila Regional Partnership Council

Hazel Chandler, Regional Coordinator of the Gila Regional Partnership Council addressed the Council presenting the program of First Things First. She explained

that this program was approved by an initiative in 2006 providing greater opportunities for all children birth to five years of age to grow up healthy and ready to learn. She stated that they are funded through the Arizona Tobacco Tax which currently collects .80 cents tax on tobacco. This tax pays for programs for early childhood development and health. She stated that the budget for 2010 and 2011 for this program in Gila County is \$1,479,014.: She presented the Council with a packet of information.

Ms. Chandler stated that this program helps with developmental hearing and vision screening, provides scholarships; training teachers to work in childcare homes. They currently have had over 50,000 volunteers in the last 2 years and expressed that this program is a critical investment in our kids of Arizona. Ms. Chandler introduced volunteer Audrey Opitz and commended her on the many years of service that she has given to our community.

Ms. Audrey Opitz addressed the Council and encouraged everyone to vote no on proposition 302.

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Consideration of waiver of Section 2-4-10 (A) [Prior Discussion Rule] to allow action on the balance of the Consent Agenda:

Passed.

- B. Consideration of Approval of Annual Renewal of Bed Tax Distribution Agreements With:
1. Southern Gila County Economic Development Corporation;
  2. Globe-Miami Chamber of Commerce;
  3. Cobre Valley Center for the Arts;
  4. Gila County Historical Society;
  5. Globe Main Street.

Passed.

- C. Consideration of Approval of Council Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2010
2. Regular Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2010

Passed.

Councilman Wheeler moved to accept the Consent Calendar items A and C 1, and C 2. Seconded by Councilman Alderman.

Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Councilman Baker shared his thoughts of the budget issues currently, many things have changed and he would like to leave the option open to cut funding in some areas at a future date. He stated that these contracts are based on \$100,000 in the City's budget.

Mr. Graves explained that we cut some funding last year to these five organizations. He stated that specific amounts could be considered house-keeping issues. He explained that the 98 agreements provide for a termination clause and asked for Council direction to table or accept this tonight. It was explained that the bed tax does not affect our regular budget.

Councilman Alderman explained that these five entities are a valuable asset to our community, promoting and dealing with tourism issues.

Councilman Wheeler explained the reason for the bed tax and gave a brief history of EDC's establishment, stating that years ago the entities met and determined the percentage to be split between them. He wants to see this item tabled and further studied.

Vice Mayor Wilshire stated that she would like to see this passed tonight, stating that we gave a commitment to a year.

Councilman Alderman moved to approve Item B. Seconded by Councilwoman Uhl.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. **RESOLUTION NO. 1585** - A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLOBE RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 1571

Vice Mayor Wilshire stated that the State has pulled this contract and has cancelled it in its entirety and will keep this discussion to council input only.

City Manager Graves stated that today Councilman Wheeler and Councilman Baker presented him with a new draft of Resolution No. 1585. The Council is in receipt of that document tonight. Mr. Graves stated that the proposal by the state is dead, it is a moot issue, stating that if DOC issues a new solicitation, it would then come back to the Council for consideration of support. It was the consensus of the Council to not consider the new drafted resolution provided by Councilmen Wheeler and Baker and to only discuss the proposed resolution that was provided by staff in Council packets.

Councilman Wheeler stated that he and Councilman Baker feel that people in our community are opposed to the prison, he represents people and it is his duty to represent and rescind Resolution No. 1571. He acknowledged the constitution, "for the people, by the people".

Vice Mayor Wilshire stated that she is in support of Resolution No. 1585 which will rescind the former resolution in support of the prison, she stated that this has been discussed 6 times now, she would like to take this to a vote at tonight's meeting.

Councilman Alderman stated that he wants this voted on tonight, however, we would be a fool to close other doors without listening to any other issues.

Councilman Alderman moved to approve Resolution No. 1585. Seconded by Councilwoman Casillas.

Councilman Wheeler stated that this is not the resolution that he wanted to go with, the other draft brings in facts that there is opposition to the private prison proposed.

Councilman Baker stated that the issue of privatization is taken on a whole new aspect. He stated that this was an idea and we were thinking of a vision of Globe and Economic Development. From day one he was hesitant has since learned that this is not an economic issue: factual or non: it is a moral or social issue in America. This Issue is a divided issue: for him, thinking of the city and where he lives if he is to vote in support of this resolution it would put this issue back to a level of playing field. We now know more than we have ever known about this. He stated that he is opposed to this and asking that we get a chance to address people with our eyes wide open and take a look at it again – this gives us the opportunity. If this RFP comes back: our eyes are much wider open.

Councilwoman Casillas stated that she would like to thank the Moss' for their efforts, and would like to work together to bring issues and ideas that are at the best interest of our community. We have not heard from EDC, we need to be united, not divided, we live here, we must encourage education and jobs for our community so that we may prosper and grow.

Motion carried unanimously.

## 5. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Application for Liquor Store License (Series 9) Sampling Privileges for Safeway #3187 Located at 240 S. Hill St. Globe, AZ. 85501 (Application Withdrawn)
- B. Application for Liquor Store License (Series 9) Sampling Privileges for Safeway #1274 Located at 2448 E. Highway 60, Claypool, AZ. 85532 (Application Withdrawn)

Both items a & b withdrawn.

## 6. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Any citizen desiring to speak on a matter that IS NOT scheduled on this agenda may do so at this time. Comments may be limited to three minutes per person and shall be addressed to the City Council as a whole, and not to any individual member. Issues raised shall be limited to those within the jurisdiction of the City Council. Pursuant to the Arizona Open Meeting Law, the City Council cannot discuss or act on items presented at this time. At the conclusion of the call to the public, individual City Council members may (1) respond to criticism made by those who have spoken, (2) ask staff to review a matter, and (3) ask that a matter be put on a future agenda.

- 1. Linda Gross, Resident and Business owner stated that she is disappointed in tonight's vote, stating that she is also a journalist and DOC called her and assured her that this RFP is not cancelled, stating that they had to pull it to rewrite it for security concerns coming out of Kingman. She stated that she is cautious that that this council did not know this.
- 2. Charles Anderson, former resident of Hardin Montana now a resident of Gila County stated that while he worked in Hardin Montana building a power plant, he was able

to meet employees of DOC, they informed him that Emerald was the developer of the private prison there, the town collapsed.

3. Darren Lowrey, resident in Globe expressed that he is extremely disappointed, if we are talking about moral, God, constituent issue a more due diligence than council, expressing a bigger fight to come.
4. Dorrina Flores, native of Globe Miami encouraging long-term economics for a quality of life, she stated that in looking at this proposal, she sees opportunities, employment, insurance benefits and reiterated her struggles growing up and having to leave the area to work for the private sector, also the City of Phoenix and now her and her husband provide affordable housing to many in Globe.
5. Mickey Nye, County resident and business owner in Globe stated that he has not met an argumentative person to this issue, he respects both sides of the issue. He is the President of the Chamber of Commerce and he solicited ideas to be submitted to the Chamber and EDC, they will be happy to look at any project.
6. CJ Castro, resident of Claypool stated that she doesn't understand paying these groups bed tax funds, they are begging for solutions, maybe we should stop paying them, it is easy to research anything online.
7. Bonnie Lewis, County resident thank council for thinking about these issues, God Bless Councilman Wheeler for remembering for the People and By the People, she is grateful.
8. Earl Christian, Resident of District 1 stated that he was an environmental coordinator for the Forest service and retired a couple of months ago, he stated that it took 3 years to work out how to graze a cow, and doesn't understand why Globe City Council decided to welcome private prisons here, it is a long-term effect. He asked the Council to consider the Economic and Social effects before embracing a prison.
9. Amy Olson, a resident addressed the Council stating that she talked with someone last week that stated that she was misinformed about the prison. She stated that the individual told her that wages for the prison would start at \$23,000. She stated that the poverty level is at \$24,000 this would strap our economy, people signing up for public assistance, and food stamps, are we signing on for more than we can handle.
10. Rick Barela, Resident of Globe stated that he is happy to see this full room, the City needs more participation, get involved in politics, they are considering raising taxes, property taxes, school taxes, utility taxes, sales taxes, this is all a challenge, he stated that when he comes to the meetings there are but a few and he wants to see this town prosper.
11. Janell Wood, Independent candidate running for Governor addressed the Council. She stated that her major platform is education; she wants to see education as Arizona's No. 1 priority. She wants to see people become more involved in their government, government should be put back into the hands of the people, there are many things that the state can do than to raise taxes.

7. SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:

Scheduling of meetings, which may be brought up at this time.

8. ADJOURNMENT.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS/EVENTS:

REGULAR MEETING September 27, 2010  
REGULAR MEETING October 11, 2010  
REGULAR MEETING October 18, 2010  
REGULAR MEETING October 25, 2010

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 the City of Globe held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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Gina A. Paul, CMC, City Clerk