

CITY OF WILLIAMS CITY COUNCIL

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**I. PROCEDURES:**

- A. Call to Order Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge and Invocation Chief Nixon led the pledge, and George Glen offered the invocation.
- C. Roll Call Mayor John W. Moore, Vice Mayor Don Dent, Councilmen Craig Fritsinger, Bernie Hiemenz, Frank McNelly, Lee Payne and James Wurgler were present and constituted a quorum. Present from City Staff were City Manager Skylor Miller, Police Chief Herman Nixon, Public Works Director Kyle Christiansen, Finance Director Keith Buonocore, and City Clerk/HR Director Pamela Galvan. Also present, City Counsel Brandon Kavanagh.
- D. Approval of Minutes June 14, 2016 Councilman McNelly made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Wurgler seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0.
- E. Adopt Agenda Councilman Fritsinger made a motion to adopt the Agenda with the amendment of removing item IV A Consent Agenda Items. Councilman McNelly seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0.

**II. PRESENTATIONS - Presentation from Save-MTR: Robin Smith-Eckel**

- ) Came to shed some light on their project.
- ) Mrs. Smith-Eckel pointed out the beginning of this project in 2008.
- ) Was going to build by the rodeo grounds; 1 acre by impound yard.
- ) In the first year she raised \$10,000.00 on her own.
- ) In 2009 they had incorporated, and received their 501c.
- ) Held multiple fund raisers, and raised up \$75,000.00.
- ) In 2014 went to City Manager to obtain a lease agreement, and was denied.
- ) Was eventually offered a piece of property on the other side of the freeway.
- ) Mr. Biasini agreed to help with the blue prints.
- ) Larry Pittenger gave a site bid for \$166,000.00 for the acre.
- ) At an acre they are held to FEMA codes. Need lease rewritten for them to receive a half acre to bring them under.
- ) Cannot afford to build on the acre.
- ) This community has supported them since 2008.
- ) Asking the City to honor the original deal of an acre at the rodeo grounds. They are ready to start building.
- ) Need to do in under \$200,000.00
- ) Mr. Biasini explained that he has been in construction for many years; it's all he has done.

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- ) There are more than money problems with this project.
- ) This piece of property will require considerable utility improvements.
- ) The group came with \$200,000.00, and asked for a 1000 square foot building.
- ) Can do building with \$100,000.00.
- ) There is a fair amount of fencing to be done at a cost of \$40,000.00 leaving \$60,000.00 to do site work.
- ) Received bid from Larry Pittenger for \$165,000, and another \$32,000.00 for rock excavation. Went to another contractor for bid and it was for \$120,000.00.
- ) There is a value problem.
- ) There is no value to the City when you have to invest a large amount of money into the site.
- ) Need to designate a cost effective location to build.
- ) As a community to build at this location it makes no sense there are not enough funds to build at the present location.
- ) Mayor Moore asked that Robin get with the City Manager and bring a plan back to Council.
- ) Councilman Dent said that he and Mr. Biasini have gone over site work and recognize the utility issues as well as the issue with rock.
- ) City Manager Skylor Miller offered to Mayor and Council to meet with Ms. Smith-Eckels to go over this issue and prepare something for Council next meeting.

*Presentation from Coconino Community College*

- ) No one present.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –**

- ) Mr. James Beech from Trips4Tips requested if the City would consider putting satellite kiosks of the Visitor Center at the East and East ends of the City. The purpose would be to help promote those businesses on the outer ends. He drives around quite a bit, and notices that the parking is not utilized.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Approval of Purchase Orders: ) *Amendment removed this item.*  
K. Buonocore

**V. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- B. Council may recommend approval of issuance of a liquor license (#12 Restaurant) to John F. Kennelly, for Bearizona Grill, 1500 Rout 66: P. Galvan  
Councilman Wurgler made a motion to approve the #12 Restaurant Liquor License for John F. Kennelly, Bearizona Grill. Councilman Hiemenz seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0.
- C. Council may recommend approval of issuance of a liquor license (Series 3 Microbrewery)  
Councilman McNelly made a motion to approve the Series 3 Microbrewery for the Grand Canyon Brewery. Councilman Payne

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to John Randall Peasley, for  
Grand Canyon Brewing  
Company, 301 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street: P.  
Galvan

seconded the motion, and it carried, 6-0.

- D. Council will review, discuss  
and may instruct Staff to follow  
up with installation of solar  
stop sign at Grand Canyon  
Blvd. and Edison Avenue: H.  
Nixon

) Chief mention that he, City Manager,  
Councilmen McNelly and Wurgler met  
regarding the signs.

) Came up with plan of placing solar  
LED lights on the North and South  
lanes. Place reflective stripping on the  
poles; replace the blinking 4-way lights  
with LED lights; making the lights  
more visible, and painting stop ahead  
on the ground.

) Will be upgrading all of the signs in  
that area making sure they are up to  
current standards possibly providing  
greater visibility.

) The cost is \$6,000.00 to complete the  
work; this is a reduction from the  
original cost. Most of the labor to  
complete will be internal assisting in  
the reduction of cost.

) Mayor Moore thanked everyone who  
worked on this.

) Councilman Dent inquired on the  
infractions at the intersection. Chief  
confirmed the northbound lanes are  
runners, and only 2 rolled through the  
East and West directions.

) The actual expense is \$3,000.00 for the  
lights labor is internal.

- E. Discussion and possible  
decision for use of former  
Chamber office space at the  
Visitor Center. : J. Moore

) Mayor Moore explains what would or  
could be put into the old Chamber  
space.

) The City Librarian Andrea Dunn came  
forward to express the need to store as  
well as display some of the historic  
photos she has acquired. To rotate  
displays of historical Williams.

) The Council likes the idea of  
showcasing local businesses;

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promoting attractions, and presenting the past flowing into the future.

) Rotating seasonal exhibits and artifacts displays.

) Would not require additional personnel.

) Councilman Payne thanked Andrea for her hard work.

) Mayor Moore knows the gentleman who builds towns to scale, like the one in Bearizona; perhaps he would like to display there as well. He also knows of another individual who may like to help out with some funding.

Councilman Dent made a motion to follow up with the idea from Staff to make the former Chamber office into Living History of Williams. Councilman Payne seconded the motion, and it carried, 6-0.

VI.

**CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION (7:35)**

*Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(4), Council will discuss with Attorney Brandon Kavanagh from Mangum, Wall, Stoops and Warden a possible amendment to a development agreement with La Quinta Inn & Suites to establish a fee payment schedule, and instruct the City Attorney regarding Council's position.*

**RE-CONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION (8:00)**

F. Council will review and possibly approve an amended Development Agreement with La Quinta Inn & Suites to establish a fee payment schedule.: S. Miller

Councilman Dent made a motion to not amend the Development Agreement with La Quinta. Councilman Payne seconded the motion, and it carried, 6-0.

**VII. REPORTS, CURRENT EVENTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

G. Mayor and Council

) None

H. Staff Reports

) Skylor Miller announced that the City has a power purchase agreement due in September. In order for the City Attorney to put the final document together we will have to review it, and approve it at the first meeting in August. He will have it out to Council next week.

