



TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

The Sunset City

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
HUACHUCA CITY TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION
SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 AT 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
500 N. GONZALES BLVD.
HUACHUCA CITY, AZ 85616**

AGENDA

A. Call to Order – Mayor

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll Call and Ascertain Quorum

Any prayer/invocation that may be offered before the start of regular Council business shall be the voluntary offering of a private citizen, for the benefit of the Council and the citizens present. The views or beliefs expressed by the prayer/invocation speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by the Council, and the Council does not endorse the religious beliefs or views of this, or any other speaker. A list of volunteers is maintained by the Town Clerk's Office and interested persons should contact the Town Clerk's Office for further information.

The meeting was called to order at: 6:00 pm
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Mayor Wallace

Roll Call.

Present: Johann Wallace, Cynthia Butterworth, Christy Hirshberg, Jean Post, Suzanne Harvey (Not voting), Brandye Thorpe (Not voting).

Absent: Donna Johnson, Joy Banks, Debbie Trate, Thomas Benavidez, Attorney.

B. Call to the Public – Mayor

A.R.S. 38-431.01 states the Public Body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting, subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions, to allow individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Public Body. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the Public Body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the Public Body, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the Public

Body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

C. Consent Agenda - Mayor

All items listed in the Consent Agenda are considered routine matters and will be enacted by one motion of the Council. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Member of the Town Council requests that an item or items be removed for discussion. Council Members may ask questions without removal of the item from the Consent Agenda. Items removed from the Consent Agenda are considered in their normal sequence as listed on the agenda, unless called out of sequence.

C.1. Discussion and/or Action [Director Howe]: Director Howe and Hugh Walker, Environmental Consulting Engineer, will discuss Phases 1-3 of the Landfill expansion, including current landfill construction, anticipated challenges, costs, and capital planning. Council may provide direction to staff regarding next steps.

Motion: Item C.1, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Cynthia Butterworth.

Mayor Wallace recognizes Director Howe and Hugh Walker. Mr. Walker explains that his presentation will cover the recent history of the landfill to present and will provide two options regarding what can be done.

Mayor Wallace informs Council that Mr. Walker is not here to give advice or make suggestions, he is simply going to provide the details of what can be done.

Mr. Walker gives his presentation showing each part of the landfill and how it is currently being used. He also shows what is currently permitted and what the proposed expansion would allow for. He explains that parcel 5 can not be touched until it has an environmental study done on it. If the Town were to decide to do a horizontal expansion, it would stop it's vertical growth. The expansion and closure of the current in use part of the landfill would cost approximately \$3.5 million. The options are to proceed with the permit process as-is, which can be changed later, or consider changing the design, which would continue the current elevation to the new areas, providing much more capacity. This would add more volume which means more money. Or the Town could choose to do nothing and continue with the landfill as it is until closure.

Mayor Wallace asks what the current elevation we can go to is. Director Howe states we can go to an elevation of 4460, we are currently at 43 something. That leaves about 80 more feet. Councilmember Butterworth asks about if they were to expand and keep the current height, there would be a valley in between. How deep would that be and how would it effect rain runoff? Mr. Walker states that it would have no valley if done in a way that he shows on the slides. Director Howe shows Council a drawing of how it would work.

Director Howe tells Council that one of the existing water monitoring wells would have to be relocated.

Councilmember Post asks if it will be dug out before trash starts being placed. Mr. Walker says it will be and then lined as well.

Mayor Wallace states that parcel 5 right now is useless because it can't be touched until it has an environmental study done. Then we could at least use it for cover dirt. Mr. Walker states that it could be used if there were new designs including it. It does have a gas pipeline running through it and that would have to be relocated, which would be a huge cost.

Councilmember Butterworth asks how long it will last with parcels 1,3 and 4 in use. Mr. Walker states that parcel 1 which is in use currently will be ok until approximately 2040, with the addition of 3 and 4, that would extend by approximately 40 more years.

Mayor Wallace states that those are the options. Keep it like it is or move forward with the permit. Getting the permit doesn't hurt, whether we do anything with it or not.

Director Howe states that getting the permit is an asset that gives additional options for the future whether it is decided to move forward with expansion or not.

Councilmember Butterworth states it either up or out. Mayor Wallace adds or both.

Motion: Come back with some options at the next meeting, **Action:** Direct Staff, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Cynthia Butterworth.

Motion passed unanimously.

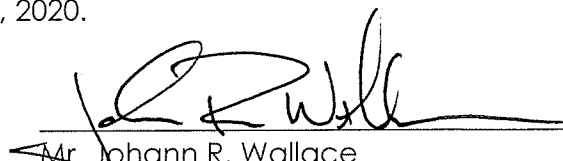
D. Adjournment

Motion: , **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Jean Post.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:30 pm

Approved by Mayor Johann R. Wallace on June 25, 2020.

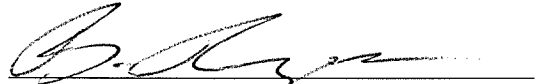

Mr. Johann R. Wallace
Mayor

Attest: 
Ms. Brandy Thorpe,
Town Clerk

Seal:

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Meeting for the Huachuca City Town Council held on June 11, 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.



Ms. Brandy Thorpe,
Town Clerk