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## **TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014 Town Hall 8:00 A.M.**

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Mayor Volger, Council Member Alley, Council Member Bunning, Council Member Lattin, Council Member Schanzenbaker

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. 5<sup>th</sup> Street Riverwalk Construction** - The Town approved a Developers Improvement Agreement (DIA) for the River Walk Condo's located at 502 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street in 2005 and again in 2013 with new owners. As part of the DIA, an asphalt public riverwalk trail is to be constructed and deeded to the Town for public use. The trail segment the developer is responsible for is approximately 700 lineal feet of 10 foot wide asphalt trail. This trail segment is 205 lineal feet shy of Apache Street. Installing this 205 lineal feet, would provide clear evident public access to the new trail. The 205 lineal foot section of riverwalk would provide connectivity to the Apache Street sidewalk. This segment of trail would require a small easement from a private property owner, who has verbally offered to give the Town an easement for the trail. The engineers estimate for the trail construction is \$44,691. Eventually, as properties develop north of the Condo Development along the river, the trail will continue along the river, then head west to connect with 6<sup>th</sup> Street, along the southern boundary of the Riverwalk Townhomes located at 408 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. The developer has agreed to complete a gravel trail along the entire length from Apache Street to the 5<sup>th</sup> Street alley that will be ready for the application of concrete or asphalt at some time in the future, rather than asphaltting the 700 feet and the town finishing the 205 feet connection. Council Member Lattin moved to direct staff to amend the Development Improvement Agreement for the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Riverwalk Condo Development Project, removing the hard asphalt surface requirement, in exchange for the development to construct the entire 900 lineal feet of trail between Apache Street and the 5<sup>th</sup> Street ROW, with a compacted finished gravel surface that will accommodate a hard surface application at a later date, and direct staff to look into acquiring the easement necessary to complete the riverwalk trail between 5<sup>th</sup> Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Street along the river. Council Member Schanzenbaker seconded, unanimously approved.
- 2. Town Health Benefit Structure** – (Council Member Egan arrived 8:35am, left at 9:40am) The Town Council has requested a review of the Town's benefits package. Health insurance is one of the benefits provided to town employees. Mr. Brian Hillier with Benefit Health Advisors represents the town as its insurance broker. Great West Health Cigna provides the employees with health insurance, this year Cigna has presented a no increase in premiums to the town. Mr. Hillier presented the Town Council with options to changing the structure of the insurance premiums. One option he suggested was adding a premium for the employee only category of \$45 per month. The national average for premiums in employee only category is \$85. He suggested modifying the family premium to 40% split for dependents. The town opt out benefit of \$322 per month was suggested to be decreased to a \$280 per month. Council Member

Bunning suggests \$40 for the employee, add vision and life, reduce employee opt out \$280. Council Member Bunning moved to change employee only premium structure such that the employee pays \$45 per month, change the family plan employee to pay 40% of the increase, reduce opt out payment from \$322 to \$280 per month, offer vision through VSP and implement life insurance for all employees with premium changes beginning January 1, 2015, Council Member Alley, unanimously approved.

**III. ADJOURNMENT** – Upon motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 9:55am.

**Don Volger**  
**Mayor**