

March 21, 2024

MEMORANDUM TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THRU: Charles P. Potucek, City Manager
Victoria Yarbrough, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Sharon G. Flissar, P.E., Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Request for Agenda Item Placement
Resolution 2024-014, Appointment of Richard
Rhodes to the Sierra Vista Transportation
Commission

Recommendation:

The City Manager recommends approval.
The Public Works Director recommends approval.

Initiated by:

Transportation Commission

Background

The non-regulatory Transportation Commission was established by Resolution 2023-015 on March 9, 2023. Dr. Richard Rhodes has expressed interest and submitted an application to join the new Transportation Commission. If approved, the commission would have four members and one vacancy. The term begins thirty days after Council approval and expires April 30, 2026.

Budget Appropriations:

Not applicable.

RESOLUTION 2024-014

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA; APPOINTING RICHARD RHODES TO THE SIERRA VISTA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 30, 2026, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK, CITY ATTORNEY OR THEIR DULY AUTHORIZED OFFICERS AND AGENTS TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES AND INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have created a Transportation Commission for the purpose of advising the Mayor and City Council on matters relating to transportation, including airport issues; and

WHEREAS, Richard Rhodes has expressed interest in joining the Transportation Commission; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens to have a full complement of Transportation Commission members to address transportation-related concerns;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1

That the City Council policy on term expirations and appointments to boards and commissions when qualified applicants are available is hereby reaffirmed.

SECTION 2

The City Council hereby appoints Richard Rhodes to the Sierra Vista Transportation Commission, said term to expire April 30, 2026.

SECTION 3

The City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney, or their duly authorized officers and agents, are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA, THIS 28TH DAY OF MARCH 2024.

CLEA MCCAA II
Mayor

Approval as to Form:

Attest:

NATHAN J. WILLIAMS
City Attorney

JILL ADAMS
City Clerk

Prepared by:
Sharon G. Flissar, Director of Public Works



City of Sierra Vista

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APPLICATION TO CITY BOARD/COMMISSION

DATE: February 10, 2024

BOARD/COMMISSION: Transportation

NAME: Richard W. Rhodes TELEPHONE: [REDACTED] / [REDACTED] (ONE PER FORM)
(HOME) (WORK)

E-MAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Calle Barona CITY: Sierra Vista, AZ ZIP: 85635

CITY RESIDENT? YES REGISTERED TO VOTE IN CITY? YES

EDUCATION: Ph.D. Aviation & Space; M.S. Aeronautical Science; B.S. Business Admin.

OCCUPATION: Aerospace Engineer

(IF RETIRED, INDICATE FORMER OCCUPATION)

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Directed all planning and execution of Worldwide Intel Conference Air Show at Libby Army Airfield (Ft Huachuca, AZ) in 1995 which included coordin display and demonstration of over 70 Intelligence-platform aircraft including U-2 Dragonfly.

QUALIFICATIONS/INTEREST IN BOARD/COMMISSION: FAA Licensed Private Pilot, Instrument, SEL FAA Licensed Air Traffic Controller, FAA Licensed Aviation Ground Instructor

REFERENCES: 1. Theodore Girouard, LTC (R), [REDACTED]
(NAME) (ADDRESS) (PHONE)
2. Tim Pace, [REDACTED]
(NAME) (ADDRESS) (PHONE)

THIS APPLICATION WILL BE KEPT ON FILE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR FROM ABOVE DATE.

AS A CANDIDATE TO A COUNCIL APPOINTED BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE, YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER MAY BE AVAILABLE TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.

Please return completed application to the city clerk at: CityClerk@SierraVistaAZ.gov

RICHARD W. RHODES, Ph.D.

Current Address:

Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Contact:

E-mail:

Telephone: Cell-

OBJECTIVE:

Appointed position on Sierra Vista, AZ Transportation Commission which allows me to utilize my extensive experience and education to contribute to the planning and direction for the Sierra Vista Airport.

EDUCATION:

Doctor of Philosophy in Aviation and Space. LaSalle University. 1999

Master of Aeronautical Science in Aerospace Management. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. 1994.

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. West Virginia University. 1984.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

August 2013 – November 2023 Paramedic, Operations Supervisor

Manage organizational assets and personnel to efficiently meet operational requirements.

Understand and implement Company priorities and guidance. Maintain open, on-going communication with all EMS organizations and health care facilities. Provide Advanced Life Support to ill and injured patients utilizing skills and techniques, including the placement of peripheral and intra-osseous lines, endo-tracheal intubations, cardiac monitoring and EKG interpretations, defibrillation, and cardio-version. Recognize medical emergencies and make timely and accurate differential diagnosis-based patient physical assessment. Anticipate potentially life-threatening occurrences of cardiac and non-cardiac medical emergencies and provide appropriate emergency intervention within scope of practice. Respond to medical and emotional needs of victims of acute illness or injury with the goal of reducing mortality.

March 2019 – March 2020 Program Director, EMS Programs, Cochise College

Provide guidance, vision and day-to-day oversight of all EMT and Paramedic training programs.

Responsibilities included scheduling, budgeting and management of all allied health faculty.

March 1995 – December 2013 Assistant Program Manager/Operations Manager-

Northrop-Grumman Aerospace Corporation.

Responsible for all activities and personnel related to mission operations and training. Provide vision and managerial direction to four 24-hour per day operations crews, training department, planning section and operational staff including sub-contractor personnel. Hiring, evaluation, promotion and termination authority for 35 DoD contract personnel.

Resume for RICHARD W. RHODES, Ph.D.

March 1975 - March 1995 Commissioned Officer- United States Army
Increasing positions of responsibility directing the staff actions for a senior military intelligence staff, basic training company commander responsible for all facets of initial combat basic training to include health, welfare and training of over 300 soldiers as well as 18 drill sergeants and other company personnel, cavalry platoon leader responsible for 25 personnel and 4 M1A2 main battle tanks and aviation operations officer responsible for dispatch and mission control of 36 flight personnel and 12 rotary-wing aircraft.

CERTIFICATIONS:

Pilot, SEL, Instrument Rating

Air Traffic Controller, Tower Operator

Aviation Ground Instructor

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT-P). 2013

Arizona Certified Emergency Paramedic License.

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