

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD JULY 21, 2009, AT 6:00 P.M., AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS BUILDING, 826 NORTH MAIN STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Joens called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Diane Joens, Mayor
Karen Pfeifer, Vice Mayor
Tim Elinski, Council Member
Duane Kirby, Council Member
Linda Norman, Council Member
Terence Pratt, Council Member

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Darold Smith, Council Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Bartosh, City Manager
Richard Faust, Parks & Recreation Director
George Gehlert, Community Development Director
Scott Mangarpan, Project Manager
Kyla Allen, Executive Assistant to the City Manager

Marianne Jiménez, City Clerk
Rudy Rodriguez, Finance Director
Dan Lueder, Utilities Director
Tim Costello, City Engineer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike Casson, fire chief for the City of Cottonwood.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS BY MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND/OR CITY MANAGER--
THE PUBLIC BODY DOES NOT PROPOSE, DISCUSS, DELIBERATE OR TAKE LEGAL ACTION ON
ANY MATTER BROUGHT UP DURING THIS SUMMARY UNLESS THE SPECIFIC MATTER IS
PROPERLY NOTICED FOR LEGAL ACTION

Mr. Bartosh stated they were planning for Rhythm & Ribs this year and were looking at two days on the 2nd and 3rd of October, and they were probably mostly looking at using local bands. It did not look like the Casino was going to participate this year, although they would allow us to use their stage and some of their equipment. Local bands would be participating although the casino would not. They did have a little bit of leakage at the library from the windows on the north side. It was a warranty issue that Mr. Mangarpan would be working on. He also sent an email to the Council advising them he would be gone the rest of the week to attend the Arizona City Manager's conference in Tucson, but would be available by cell phone.

Council Member Kirby stated along with Linda Norman he had attended the home weatherization assistance workshop put on at the Senior Center

Vice Mayor Pfeifer stated she had attended by phone a NAMWUA meeting on Friday. They would be conducting a workshop at the League of Arizona Cities & Towns conference on what they were working on.

Mayor Joens stated she would be going to attend a wastewater seminar in Flagstaff at the end of the month. On August 17th she would attend a Greater Arizona Mayors meeting in Bullhead City. The Governor's Rural Development conference would be held the last week of August, and the first part of September would be the League of Arizona Cities & Towns conference.

PROCLAMATION—NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Mayor Joens proclaimed August 4, 2009, the Twenty-sixth National Night Out supporting the Cottonwood Police Department and the National Association of Town Watch.

Detective Monica Kuhl, Chair of Cottonwood's National Night Out, stated National Night Out was a unique crime prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. It was scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2009, and would be held between six and eight o'clock. It involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations, and local officials. Last year, 15,499 communities participated nationwide. It was designed to heighten crime and drug awareness, generate support for and participation in, local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships, and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods were organized and fighting back.

PRESENTATION OF THE EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER AWARD TO MORGAN SCOTT

A certificate and a check were presented to Mr. Scott in recognition of his being selected to receive the employee of the quarter award.

PRESENTATION OF THE QUARTERLY SAFETY AWARD TO TROY HOKE

A certificate and a check were presented to Mr. Hoke in recognition of his being selected to receive the quarterly safety award.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES—BUDGET WORK SESSIONS OF MAY 21, 26, & 27, 2009

Council Member Kirby stated on page 8 of the May 27th minutes, there was a typographical error. The word "changed" should read "charged".

Mayor Joens stated on page 1 of the May 21 minutes the word "matter" should read

“manner”.

Council Member Kirby moved to approve the minutes. Council Member Elinski seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NUMBER 547--ADOPTING CHANGES TO THE COTTONWOOD ZONING ORDINANCE ENTITLED “SECTION 404. GENERAL PROVISIONS, Y. GROUP HOME FOR HANDICAPPED, Z. BOARDING HOME REGULATIONS, AA. CORRECTIONAL TRANSITIONAL FACILITY AND BB. BED & BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENTS; AND ADDING NEW DEFINITIONS TO SECTION 201. DEFINITIONS”; SECOND & FINAL READING

Mr. Gehlert stated this was a proposal to amend the Zoning Ordinance and address a variety of different lodging establishments within the City, notably group homes for the handicapped, boarding houses, correctional transitional facilities (halfway homes), and bed and breakfast establishments. The ordinance changes provided for a series of different definitions. It also assigned them to the various use districts, highlighted requirements for conditional use permits for some of them, and acknowledged the significance of the Federal Fair Housing Act requirement to accommodate some of these uses, given certain performance criteria. It established registration and spacing requirements for group homes and for correctional transitional facilities. These matters have been discussed previously with the Council and at the Planning and Zoning Commission level. This was the second reading of the proposed ordinance. Staff recommended Council approval.

Mayor Joens opened the floor to the public. No one from the public chose to speak.

Council Member Pratt moved to approve Ordinance Number 547. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kirby, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Joens asked the City Clerk to read Ordinance Number 547 by title only.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 547

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD ZONING ORDINANCE BY DELETING DEFINITIONS UNDER SECTION 201., DEFINITIONS, AND ADDING NEW DEFINITIONS; AND AMENDING SECTION 404., GENERAL PROVISIONS, BY ADDING NEW SECTIONS Y., GROUP HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED, Z., BOARDING HOUSE REGULATIONS, AA., CORRECTIONAL TRANSITIONAL FACILITY, AND BB., BED & BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENTS.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF PAY ESTIMATE FOR CACTUS ASPHALT FOR THE 2009 PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PROJECT

AWARD OF BID TO AGM SALES AND SERVICE (LOW BIDDER) FOR REPAIR OF EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL GENERATORS FOR THE UTILITY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENTS

Council Member Elinski moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Norman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW OF THE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN PLAN FOR THE NEW UTILITIES FACILITY

Mr. Lueder stated a conceptual layout of the new utility building had been prepared for consideration by the Council. This particular plan involved co-locating the utility and the community development departments. Staff believed there would be benefits to the City and the public by combining the two departments in one building. For many people it would create one-stop shopping. Currently, building permits and fees were dealt with at the community development office in Old Town. Applicants then had to drive to the utility office on Sixth Street to sign up for service and pay the requisite fees. A combined office would no longer require the community development department to accept money. The utility billing staff would be on site in a secure location to accept money. If the Council approved the proposal, the existing community development building would be used to alleviate existing congestion at City Hall. With the planned addition of a second VISTA worker and a city hall administrative assistant, the already overcrowded building would get even more crowded. There would be more room and public access in the new building. The Council would have an area in the existing city hall where it could meet with staff and constituents. Staff recommended accepting the proposal.

Council Member Pratt stated it made sense.

Mr. Lueder stated the plan had come about because the offices originally designated for the police department in the new building had been relocated to the evidence building. This freed up 1,000 square feet of space in the utility wing. Offices for management and work stations for staff would be added. The lack of rigid walls would allow for easy expansion in the future.

Council Member Elinski asked Mr. Gehlert if he saw this benefiting community development.

Mr. Gehlert stated the issues of one stop shopping and simplifying the taking in of money were good. The overall office arrangement details were still being worked out.

Council Member Elinski asked if this would help the overall communication between the two departments.

Mr. Gehlert stated it would.

Council Member Elinski asked Mr. Gehlert if he would have more space.

Mr. Gehlert stated they would have less. Now they had about 3,000 square feet.

Mayor Joens asked if anyone from the public wished to address the subject. No one did.

Council Member Elinski asked what plans were for the current community development building.

Mr. Bartosh stated there was probably a need for it, depending on other decisions the Council would make in the future.

Mr. Lueder stated they expected to move into the new building December 14th. Once that occurred, staff discussions regarding the other building would commence. He wanted to make sure he was going in the right direction. If so, staff would return and present a final design for the Council's consideration in 30-40 days.

Mayor Joens thanked him for the communication and stated she appreciated it.

CONSIDERATION OF WHICH SCOPE OF WORK TO PROCEED WITH FOR THE NEW RECREATION CENTER FOR EITHER ALTERATIONS TO THE EXISTING OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL OR ADDING THERMAL SOLAR PANELS

Mr. Mangarpan stated there were options to be considered for the recreation center complex with funding that had become available. One item concerned the diving end of the swimming pool. It was currently about five feet deep. For competitive swimming, current code required a minimum of five feet, and six feet was recommended. It was necessary to at this point to determine that our equipment would be adequate to circulate and filter the increased volume of water if changes were to occur. Costs included planning, design, and County fees; all of which were necessary if the pool was to be used for competition.

The next option, which had been presented before, from a public fundraising point of view, was adding two lanes to the existing pool and increasing its width to eight lanes, as requested by several local swim groups. Costs for this and deepening the pool would be about \$520,000. This included design and new larger capacity equipment.

A third option was to put in a whole new pool. Cost estimates were \$1.9 million. This option was not recommended by staff.

A final option was to apply the additional funding toward the purchase of solar panels on the roof of the recreation center. Additional cost had already been incurred to the structure in anticipation of such panels being added. Panels would reduce operating costs. The payback was expected to be in seven and a half years. There could also be options for funding the solar panels through bonding or grant funding.

Council Member Kirby stated APS had programs for helping to pay for solar projects.

Mr. Mangarpan stated they did for photovoltaic and hot water systems but for large commercial projects there would be no funding up front. Instead, they gave rebates spread out over ten to thirty years for such hot water systems.

Council Member Elinski stated the Council should support the pool improvements, but he was reluctant to put good money into an old pool.

Mr. Mangarpan stated that was why they did the exercise of determining the costs for the complete demolition of the existing facility and replacing it with a new one. The cost did not include a cover but the plan was for it to be laid out in such a way a cover could be added at a later time.

Council Member Elinski stated ultimately he would like to see a new covered pool as was discussed at one time, but that was a long way off now.

Mr. Mangarpan stated there were also the structure, utilities, and air conditioning to go into that. Such planning would be for a replacement. If we put the money we were talking about into the pool it would create a system for 15-20 years. We would be upgrading all the mechanics which was where a lot of the life issues were. The current fiberglass liner was being removed, concrete was being added as was new plumbing, and the entire pool was being re-plastered. It would be close to a brand new pool.

Council Member Elinski asked if it would be warranted for 15-20 years.

Mr. Mangarpan stated it would have the typical construction warranty: for the pool and construction, 2 years; while each piece of equipment would have its own warranty, usually 5-7 years. By retrofitting the existing pool the County would have to issue a variance for not deepening it at both ends. A new pool would have to have the deeper depth since that was a requirement for a competition pool. There would be no shallow end. A conversion would have the best of both: a competition pool and a pool that could be used by the general public.

Another option, for an additional \$50,000, would be to modify the bottom of the pool in front of the diving well to allow the diving boards to remain and even bring back the three meter board if the City was interested in doing so. The existing depth only allowed a one meter board to be in place.

Mayor Joens asked if there was the money to do that.

Mr. Mangarpan stated the additional \$50,000 required would utilize most all of the money available as identified by the finance director. It could be made to work.

Council Member Kirby asked if the \$50,000 was an additional cost.

Mr. Mangarpan stated it was. The equipment costs listed were incremental costs to go to the next piece of bigger equipment. In other words, the money listed for a heater was just the cost difference for a heater that would serve the existing pool versus a heater that would serve a bigger pool. The same applied for the pump, plumbing, and everything else.

Council Member Kirby asked if there were concerns about people using the three foot end.

Mr. Mangarpan stated not the regular turning end. The concern was at the diving end. The variance was obtained because in many pools, three foot six inches was the standard for turning ends. The deep end would be about six feet. This was not the deep end at the diving well but at the starting blocks.

Council Member Kirby asked how deep that would be.

Mr. Mangarpan stated it would be about 12 feet deep. The depth was not so much the issue as the run out area: that portion beyond the diving board before it sloped up. What existed was not enough to make the boards legal. That would be carved back to give sufficient room. This was the result of newer, stricter safety codes.

Mr. Rick Heisley, of Cornville, the coach for both swim teams, stated there were 12 groups that used the pool. They expected to see some significant changes in the pool, particularly if they were to be asked to pay substantially more for an annual pass than they did now. The options should be considered.

Ms. Nancy Futral, of Cornville, stated the Council should select option number two. It would create a complex that would meet future needs of the community and for the programs of the Cottonwood Clippers to expand. This would generate more revenue for the City. We would have a competition level facility that met State swimming code regulations and be eligible to become a U.S. sanctioned facility. Other communities could use our facility to host their events. If the improvements were made, the aquatic complex created would be unmatched in northern Arizona. Adding solar to the recreation center would not give a return for eleven or twelve years. Option two would fulfill the original mandate which included a new recreation center with an eight-lane pool.

Mr. Paul Cate, of Cottonwood, a swim coach, stated between Prescott and Flagstaff there was not a single year-round civic pool. There was only one regulation, trainable pool in the Verde Valley, and that was located at a private health club. Pool expansion in the way proposed would still allow water aerobics and swim lessons as well as team competitions. Deepening the diving well to allow for a three meter board would increase the potential for college scholarships being offered. Swim meets were a large money maker. The plans show solar panels on the north side of the pool. To make this pool viable year round there had to be a way to offset significant utility bills. Water heating was a major cost. Solar hot water for the pool would be a faster payback than for the recreation center. The Council should select option two and deepen the diving area.

Dr. Bob Richards, of Cottonwood, stated solar panels had an immediate payback of seven percent. He was sympathetic with the people who wanted to use the pool but he was unfamiliar with how much money they put into it. These people were asking the City to expend \$500,000 now and to pay for something that would cost the City a lot of money to operate, without any increased revenues to support the additional cost. The solar panels on the recreation center building would reduce energy costs on the building and give a payback over time. Before giving any more money to the pool, the bottom line needed to be presented showing additional costs and any revenue stream.

Mayor Joens asked Mr. Mangarpan if he had information to help the Council better understand this point.

Mr. Mangarpan stated the solar panels would cost \$400,000, with a break point about halfway through the eighth year. To clarify options: we knew we had to do option one. He did not recommend doing option one with the idea we could do option two down the line somewhere.

Council Member Elinski asked if solar heating was an option down the road.

Mr. Mangarpan stated it could be added at any time. Connections and equipment rooms were already planned.

Mr. Bartosh stated even if panels were not purchased now it was something that would be looked at down the road and would be included for the pool as well.

Vice Mayor Pfeifer asked Ms. Futral if any of the \$269,500 in requested grant monies had received replies.

Ms. Futral stated, no. Some were expected in mid-August and the one for APS in the first quarter of next year.

Vice Mayor Pfeifer asked what was intended with the money should it be received and whether it would be turned over to the pool.

Mr. Futral stated, yes. These grant proposals were strictly for the pool renovation project.

Council Member Kirby asked what kind of income would be netted from the pool.

Mr. Rodriguez stated it would not be very much. It would not be a self-sufficient operation. We would not get any revenues from it, even from the high school.

Mr. Faust stated they normally received \$35,000 - \$40,000 annually, including receipts from swim team, classes, and passes. Costs ran about \$130,000 for a season between May through August. There were additional costs for lap swimming and for Mingus because of extending the season, which cost \$18,000.

Council Member Elinski asked if Mingus Union High School paid anything.

Mr. Faust stated, no.

Council Member Elinski asked for background on why they did not.

Mr. Faust stated they claimed they had no money.

Mr. Bartosh stated there was some exchange of facilities.

Mr. Faust stated we used their gymnasium. If we calculated at \$50 an hour for our adult volleyball league and basketball league, it would amount to about \$3,000.

Council Member Kirby asked if the use of the high school facility would continue in view of the fact that the recreation center would have a gym.

Mr. Faust stated the men's basketball league had already stated its preference for the wood floor surface at the high school. The all-play surface planned would be beneficial for volleyball. Youth basketball was expected to be held at the recreation center.

Council Member Kirby stated Mingus had just put on this big building program and they did not make an effort to put in their own pool. He believed organizations needed to make an effort to put in their own pool.

Mr. Faust stated charges would be implemented for both the pool and the recreation center in line with what other cities were charging. A study of charges was currently being made. Heating, chemicals and labor were expected to be around \$7,000 per month in winter. We would also have to hire more fulltime staff as pool guards. With league play, the registration fees pretty much paid back all of the City's costs. If the men's basketball league chose not to practice at our gym because of the floor surface, they could go elsewhere and there would be plenty of other programs to utilize the facility.

Council Member Kirby asked if there was a simple way to fund the \$524,000.

Mr. Rodriguez stated it was actually about \$440,000 not counting the portion for the library, and it was readily available.

Mayor Joens asked if there were funds available for the solar panels as well.

Mr. Rodriguez stated, not without going into reserves because the original approval called for the recreation center's budget to be \$17 million.

Council Member Kirby asked if the \$440,000 had been budgeted.

Mr. Rodriguez stated it could be done from reserve allocations which could be released. Funding for solar panels would come from a different source.

Council Member Elinski stated we stood a better chance of getting grant money for the solar panels. He supported option two and putting in the additional deepening.

Mayor Joens stated she agreed. The deal was, when it was presented to the community and it was voted on by the community, we would have an eight lane lap pool. We should hold up our end of the bargain the best we could. Both pools would be full. It was a rotten deal that we had to choose between the two options, but she had to go with the people's needs and support option number two. We needed to try to get grants for the solar panels.

Council Member Kirby asked, without taking solar panels into consideration, how much money would have to be raised to fulfill option two.

Mr. Rodriguez stated option two was \$520,000.

Mr. Mangarpan stated with regard to library funding we were holding about \$41,000 retention from the contractor because of various issues including the leaking windows this week. If all claims ended up getting paid to suppliers, we were looking at \$80,000. We would look at trading off scope here to reduce cost. All these numbers were estimates.

Council Member Kirby asked how much would have to be found to finish the project.

Mr. Rodriguez stated, in rough terms, \$520,000. We had \$440,000. We needed \$80,000 plus \$50,000 for the dive well.

Mr. Bartosh the numbers were just estimates and might be lower.

Mr. Mangarpan stated architectural fees were already included. The project contingency had not been tapped into much. He could not commit any of those funds until the end of the project. But if there were any, they could be applied toward the solar panels.

Council Member Kirby suggested proceeding with option number two.

Council Member Pratt stated he had a couple of concerns. We had tabled this because we were going to raise money. His concern was that we hadn't raised the money. We all know competitive swimming is important, but know it only serves a small percentage of the community. If we do approve option two and get some of the grants can that be used for solar panels or the recreation center.

Mr. Rodriguez stated the Clippers would have to donate it back to the City, which he assumed would be fine. It would probably be used for solar panels for the recreation center. Mr. Bartosh stated there was a good chance Ms. Futral would hear about the grants before the money for the pool was spent.

Mr. Mangarpan stated we were up against the wall with the schedule. In order to get the design re-done, it needed to be permitted by the County, bid out, and stay within the

schedule we had established with the construction manager at risk. One of the options being considered because of that schedule conflict was possibly taking this scope of work out of their scope, and treating it as a separate project. It might save us some money, but it was more because we had a schedule conflict where their management team would be ready to pull off in February and March. If we did this scope of work, we would be lucky to get it done by opening in June. They had expressed concerns about the schedule and having to keep a superintendent, project manager, and project engineer involved for this small scope of work, after the large part was done.

Mayor Joens asked if there would be more opportunities for the Clippers and Mingus teams to earn more revenues that they could turn over for their use of the pools.

Mr. Rodriguez stated we would have to enter into some sort of an agreement with them for them to help out operationally. Their fundraising would then be up to them. We would have to look at all the other users of our facilities as well.

Mayor Joens moved that the recreation center project team be directed to proceed with option two, pending final Council approval when final bids are received.

Council Member Elinski asked if she also wanted to deepen the diving well.

Mayor Joens asked if that did not come together as part of option two.

Mr. Mangarpan stated, no, it would cost an estimated additional \$50,000.

Mayor Joens stated she would include that in her motion. It was important to get the three meter diving board.

Council Member Elinski seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2458—REPEALING SECTION II OF THE CITY'S FINANCIAL OPERATIONS GUIDE, PAYROLL POLICY, AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW SECTION II, PAYROLL POLICY

Mr. Rodriguez stated the changes were basically to the forms at the back of the packet items given to the Council. Both the exempt and non-exempt time sheets had been changed. This was a result of the consolidation which had begun with departments, which were in a sense going outside the realm of what they were normally used to. For example, engineering would be encompassing Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) and Street people would be helping in building and park maintenance. In order to keep track of where people were working and the hours they were working in different funds it was necessary to change the time sheets. This would give greater accountability to make sure we did not overstep our bounds on the use of HURF funds, especially when we went from one fund to another. It would also allow us to take advantage of the expertise in the Water Department when it came to irrigation systems. We were trying to account for people's time in the

correct fund, and be able to use them among the different funds, which was part of the original intent of the reorganization.

Council Member Elinski asked if it was up to the individual employee to know which fund they were working hours for.

Mr. Rodriguez stated it was up to them. Recording was expected to be done in hourly intervals.

Council Member Elinski asked if this was something new that had not been done before.

Mr. Rodriguez stated it was as far as accounting for which fund they were working in. It was pretty well accepted. There were several individuals who were going to have a hard time with it, but it could be worked through.

Mayor Joens asked if the general managers reported directly to the City Manager.

Mr. Rodriguez stated, yes. Our hours were automatically costed out to all the funds based on the size of their budgets.

Mayor Joens asked how the City Manager and Judge were handled and if they were answerable to him.

Mr. Rodriguez stated the Judge currently answered to the City Council as did the City Manager. Budget-wise, the Judge was under the Municipal Court and the City Manager under Administration.

Vice Mayor Pfeifer asked if the Judge had a timesheet he needed to fill out.

Mr. Rodriguez stated he would fill out something similar to those shown to the Council.

Mayor Joens asked who tracked it.

Mr. Rodriguez stated Finance did.

Council Member Kirby asked how the Judge was involved. He did not work for any other department.

Mr. Rodriguez stated everyone had to fill out a time sheet, some sort of documentation, to show he was here.

Mr. Bartosh stated he filled out a time sheet showing hours, but not how his time was delineated. The Judge did something similar.

Mr. Rodriguez stated the only thing tracked on the Judge, as it was for the City Council and City Manager, was leave time (sick time, and vacation time).

Council Member Kirby moved to approve Resolution Number 2458, replacing the current Section II, Payroll Policy, of the Financial Operations Guide with the new Section II, Payroll Policy, and establishing an effective date.

Council Member Norman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Joens asked the City Clerk to read Resolution Number 2458 by title only.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2458

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL OPERATIONS GUIDE BY REPLACING EXISTING SECTION II, PAYROLL POLICY; AND ADOPTING A NEW SECTION II, PAYROLL POLICY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

PROJECTS FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE NORTHERN ARIZONA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Costello stated about every two years the Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) had a grant program for local roads projects. This year they were adding projects for the years 2013 and 2014. Additionally, they asked projects scheduled prior to that time be evaluated because the HURF swap program had been eliminated. There was a project programmed for 2011 involving South Twelfth Street between Fir Street and Highway 89A. Now that the HURF program was gone, it did not make a lot of sense to go forward with the grant money dedicated to Twelfth Street because it had the effect of federalizing the whole project. The grant funds in any one of these given years were \$423,000 of federal money. Taking that small amount and adding it to the money for the whole project had the effect of increasing the entire cost by 35 percent. The elimination of the HURF program was expected to continue for the foreseeable future. There was, therefore, the need to reallocate the Twelfth Street money, and to consider vying for the two new years together with the other five communities making up the Verde Valley TPO. Project sheets were submitted and ranked. Ours won for the submission of East Mingus Avenue between Willard and Tenth Street. We received funds for two successive years, allowing this large project to be done. The Mingus extension had doubled the amount of traffic on Mingus Avenue. The surface was in poor condition. This project would be in the order of pavement replacement. The draft of the Safe Routes to School report could add \$250,000 but excluded design work. The reason for only going as far as Tenth Street, was that going as far as Main Street made for a very expensive project and adding federal money which would federalize the whole project. With federal money it was better to keep the project budget close to the amount of federal money available for it.

Council Member Elinski asked how much later it would be before we could finish the rest of the road project.

Mr. Costello stated a year or two.

Council Member Kirby asked if it was scheduled for 2012-2013.

Mr. Costello stated, yes.

Mayor Joens stated the County was getting money for Cornville Road. The projects were ranked and Sixth Street was second, before the Clarkdale project. The new plan put us in third. She asked how that happened.

Mr. Costello stated that was a separate project. This was more long term and part of the normal program, not as a result of stimulus funding. If the Council agreed, this would be considered at tomorrow morning's TPO meeting. From there it would be sent to NACOG.

Mayor Joens asked the Council's opinions. The consensus of the Council was to go ahead with it.

CONSIDERATION OF STARTING THE AUGUST 4 COUNCIL MEETING AT 4 P.M., AND RESCHEDULING THE FIRST REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1 TO SEPTEMBER 8, AND EITHER RESCHEDULING OR CANCELING THE SEPTEMBER 8 WORK SESSION

Ms. Jiménez stated National Night Out was scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, which was the night of the Council's regular meeting. It was recommended the Council begin its meeting on that night at 4 p.m. in order for the Council to be able to attend the National Night Out event. Also, the League of Arizona Cities & Town conference coincided with the September 1 regular Council meeting. All the Council Members and the City Manager would be attending the conference. The Council could reschedule the September 1 meeting to September 8 and either cancel the work session or select another date on which to hold it. A request to department heads asking if there was pressing business for a work session in September had not solicited any responses.

Mayor Joens asked about having a joint meeting with Planning and Zoning on September 10th.

Ms. Jiménez stated Mr. Gehlert had agreed that could be rescheduled, if necessary.

Council Member Pratt stated he would be out of town August 4th.

Mayor Joens stated direction was to proceed as discussed.

CLAIMS & ADJUSTMENTS

Mayor Joens moved to pay the claims and adjustments. Council Member Pratt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MID-YEAR REVIEW OF THE CITY MANAGER—PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.03.(A)(1) DISCUSSION OR CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYMENT, ASSIGNMENT, APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISMISSAL, SALARIES, DISCIPLINING OR RESIGNATION OF A PUBLIC OFFICER, APPOINTEE OR EMPLOYEE OF ANY PUBLIC BODY, EXCEPT THAT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SALARY DISCUSSIONS, AN OFFICER, APPOINTEE OR EMPLOYEE MAY DEMAND THAT THE DISCUSSION OR CONSIDERATION OCCUR AT A PUBLIC MEETING; THE COUNCIL MAY VOTE TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION SUBJECT TO THE CITY MANAGER'S RIGHT TO COMPEL THE COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER IN OPEN MEETING

Mayor Joens stated the City Manager had indicated his desire to have this matter discussed in executive session.

Mayor Joens moved to go into executive sessions. Vice Mayor Pfeifer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

After discussion under executive session, Council Member Kirby moved to reconvene into regular session. Motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Pfeifer.

The Council took no action and had no further discussion under regular session.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Diane Joens, Mayor

Marianne Jiménez, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cottonwood held on July 21, 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called, and that a quorum was present.

Marianne Jiménez, City Clerk

Date

