

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD MARCH 5, 2013, AT 6:00 P.M., AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, 191 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
Terence Pratt, Council Member
Linda Norman, Council Member
Jesse Dowling, Council Member
Ruben Jauregui, Council Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Bartosh, City Manager
Marianne Jiménez, City Clerk
Steve Horton, City Attorney
Rudy Rodriguez, Administrative Services General Manager
George Gehlert, Planner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Margie Beech, the director of communications and community relations for Rainbow Acres, a not for profit organization led the Pledge and then explained that Arizona Gives Day was about all non-profit organizations in Arizona registering and encouraging people to give online to the charity of their choice on March 20.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS BY MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND/OR CITY MANAGER--
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ANY MATTER BROUGHT UP DURING THIS SUMMARY UNLESS THE SPECIFIC MATTER IS
PROPERLY NOTICED FOR LEGAL ACTION

Mr. Bartosh announced the following: they would be opening the alleyway and access to the new parking lot off of Main Street in Old Town pretty quickly and there was a canopy walkway that goes from the parking lot to Main Street; this weekend the police department will be doing a "Cop on Top" fundraiser at Safeway for the special Olympics; they had a total of 661 vehicles show up at the electronic recycling event, and four, 24 foot container trucks were filled up with electronic waste, and they shredded over 11,400 pounds of paper; and we had been invited to participate in the "Days of Remembrance" event on April 7 and if the Council wanted to attend to let him know and he would acquire tickets for them.

Council Member Norman stated yesterday she was approached by Lana Tolleson of the Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce to attend the Chamber legislative day because at the last minute one of their board members could not attend. It was a very good informational day. They heard from the Treasurer of Arizona, the Superintendent of Schools, the senate president, and Andy Tobin was there. They also got to meet with Representative Bob Thorpe and Senator Crandell who shared a lot of good information.

Mayor Joens announced the following: She attended NACOG on Thursday and Kirsten Lennon of the finance department was appointed to the NACOG audit committee, and we were approved for some streets and signs money through NACOG for two projects—sign panels and street markings; there is a list of registered businesses in Cottonwood up on our website; Tom Whitmer, the City Manager and she met with Nick Matiella from Senator McCain’s office to talk about local issues impacting Cottonwood and water issues.

PROCLAMATION—DECLARING MARCH 20, 2013, AS ARIZONA GIVES DAY IN COTTONWOOD

Mayor Joens proclaimed March 20, 2013, as Arizona Gives Day in Cottonwood and presented the proclamation to Margie Beech, the director of communications and community relations for Rainbow Acres.

PROCLAMATION—DECLARING MARCH 30, 2013, AS WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERAN DAY IN COTTONWOOD

Mayor Joens proclaimed March 30, 2013, as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

PRESENTATION—PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION FROM TOYS FOR TOTS TO THE COTTONWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT & AIMEE AND TROY HOKE

Chris Vogler, a Toys for Tots volunteer, presented plaques of appreciation to the Cottonwood Fire Department which were accepted by Fire Chief Kuykendall, Captain Larry Dawson, Firefighters Tim Bishop and Steve Trautman; Captain Troy Hoke and his wife Aimee; and Richard Faust, Parks and Recreation Director, for their volunteer work and assistance with the annual Toys for Tots campaign.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES—COUNCIL RETREAT HELD JANUARY 7, 2013, AND REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2013

Mayor Joens stated she would like to table the retreat minutes.

Vice Mayor Pfeifer moved to approve the regular meeting of February 19, 2013. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norman and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NUMBER 594--AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, FOR A PARCEL OF LAND TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 105 ACRES IN SIZE (QUAIL CANYON SUBDIVISIONS, UNITS I & II;) SO AS TO CHANGE CERTAIN DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND CLASSIFICATIONS THEREOF FROM THE PRESENT ZONING OF R-1L-70 (RESIDENTIAL/SINGLE FAMILY) TO PAD (PLANNED AREA DEVELOPMENT); SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Mayor Joens stated this was discussed in detail at the first reading.

Mr. Gehlert stated this was reviewed by the City Council on February 16 and it is a request for change of zoning for an existing subdivision known as Quail Canyon that is located along the south side of Quail Springs Ranch Road about a mile west of Old 279. It was annexed by the city in 2011. As part of the zoning action we would be adopting a new site plan for the subdivision. It does not change any property boundaries; it simply makes some adjustments to the building envelopes and the areas within which the residential structures could be actually developed. The significance of the planned area development has only to do with the site plan. There would be no changes to the property boundaries or the development standards. The one item that staff highlighted as part of the action had to do specifically with an exception that would be part of the action eliminating the need to submit a master development plan for the subdivision. On January 28, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval subject to the following stipulations: That an exception is approved relieving the requirement to submit a Master Development Plan on the basis that the subdivision is already platted and fully developed and was accepted by the city as part of the annexation which occurred in 2011 and in the interest of protecting the integrity of the existing wash corridors; that the residential sites be developed in conformance with the letter of intent dated December 28, 2012, and with the associated site plan; and that disclosure statements be recorded for the adjacent lots acknowledging the adjusted setback.

Council Member Pratt stated we asked all our questions and there was pretty extensive discussion on this.

Mayor Joens stated the property owner, Mr. Gradijan, is here this evening and questioned if he had a chance to speak.

Mike Gardner, with Casa Verde Consulting in Cottonwood, stated everything has been discussed over and over, but he is available to answer any questions.

Council Member Pratt moved to approve Ordinance Number 594 authorizing a zoning change for the Quail Canyon Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dowling and carried unanimously.

Mayor Joens requested the City Clerk read Ordinance Number 594 by title only.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 594

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, FOR A PARCEL OF LAND TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 105 ACRES IN SIZE (QUAIL CANYON SUBDIVISIONS, UNITS I & II;) SO AS TO CHANGE CERTAIN DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND CLASSIFICATIONS THEREOF FROM THE PRESENT ZONING OF R-1L-70 (RESIDENTIAL/SINGLE FAMILY) TO PAD (PLANNED AREA DEVELOPMENT).

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NUMBERS 2686 AND 2687--APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE CITY'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Mr. Scully stated there is one reappointment, Annabel Sclipa, and one new member, Marie Palowoda. There are three openings and two applications.

Ms. Sclipa and Ms. Palowoda introduce themselves and explained why they wanted to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Council Member Jauregui moved to approve Resolution Number 2686 appointing Annabel Sclipa to the Historic Preservation Commission and establishing her term of office, and Resolution Number 2687 appointing Marie Palowoda to the Historic Preservation Commission and establishing her term of office. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pratt and carried unanimously.

Mayor Joens requested the City Clerk read Resolution Numbers 2686 and 2687 by title only.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2686

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, APPOINTING ANNABEL SCLIPPA A MEMBER THE CITY'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2687

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, APPOINTING MARIE PALOWODA A MEMBER THE CITY'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE.

APPROVAL OF A JOB ORDER CONTRACTING BID SUBMITTED BY ARIZONA NORTHERN EQUIPMENT FOR RAILROAD WASH DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Lueder stated this project has been in the capital budget for several years. Basically what this will do is pipe and improve the storm water drainage from the southernmost entrance into the hospital off of Willard down to almost 89A. The major funding for this project comes from the Yavapai County Flood Control District and there is also a contribution from the Verde Valley Medical Center. There are some lines under the wash that need to be relocated and then the city would be extending the sidewalk from the entrance down to 89A. Staff is recommending approval of the bid from Arizona Northern Equipment in the amount of \$222,000.

Council Member Pratt asked what add/alternate means.

Mr. Lueder stated an add/alternate means that it gives staff the option of excluding that particular portion of the bid from the job should the price come in too high. The base bid includes all the work and the add/alternate is something after we review it we have the option of not including it in the bid.

Mayor Joens stated Railroad Wash has received a lot of funds from the county. These funds come from the property taxes of the citizens of Cottonwood. When you are paying your property taxes to the county, that all goes into a major fund for the county and then the different cities and towns will ask the county to fund projects.

Council Member Pratt moved to approve the bid submitted by Arizona Northern Equipment for the Railroad Wash drainage improvements in the amount of \$222,000 which includes the add/alternate. The motion was seconded by Council Member Norman and carried unanimously.

APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO A PARCEL OF PROPERTY OWNED BY ARIZONA STATE PARKS LOCATED BY THE JAIL TRAIL

Mr. Lueder stated on February 12 the Council was presented with some parking lot concepts and gave staff direction to proceed with one of the concepts. The entrance to the Old Town Jail is actually owned and controlled by Arizona State Parks. What this IGA will allow us to do is go in there and repair that area along with the parking lot. We had hoped to have the IGA completed in time for the council to review the agreement, however, there was a hold up in the Attorney General's office. The City Attorney is very well versed on this, so the motion is subject to final approval of the form of the agreement by the City Attorney.

Council Member Elinski asked if we are approving the IGA separately from the development on the property or are we approving both tonight.

Mr. Lueder stated staff is only asking for approval of the IGA and the actual design will be done within 10-14 days. Regarding the parking lot itself, staff will bring it back to the Council for approval.

Council Member Pratt moved to authorize the city to enter into an IGA with the Arizona State Parks Board for construction and maintenance of a parking lot near the Old Town Jail, and to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement on the city's behalf, subject to approval of the final form of the agreement by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded Vice Mayor Pfeifer and carried unanimously.

REQUEST FROM THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB FOR POSSIBLE FUNDING BY THE CITY

Mayor Joens stated the item was placed on the agenda by Council Member Jauregui and Vice Mayor Pfeifer for discussion.

Connie Detrick, from the Boys and Girls Club, stated we have been restructuring for over a year and right now we are in our funding phase. They have an opportunity of a \$25,000 matching grant and to date we have already raised \$8,000. We are also in the Arizona Gives (day) and we thought this was a good opportunity to come forward and try and get some more money if the city is so inclined to help us through this hardship, but also to give us momentum. We are already doing other things with events planned, but we are fighting to keep our doors open. We are like other non-profits in that it has somewhat been a struggle, but we know that we have cut all of our overhead and we are ready to move forward with just the fundraising part now. We have eight new board members. She met with the regional director today and the operations director and they would be putting together a pretty big campaign plan over the next few weeks. She was here to ask for the city's help. She then introduced the regional director Jane Deal and the board president Tammy .

Jane Berry Deal, the Regional Service Director for the Boys and Girls Club of America, stated the Boys and Girls Club has been doing great things in the community. It is with everyone's help that a Boys and Girls Club can stay alive and well within a community. We use the analogy of a stool and that each leg is important and that it is with corporate support and annual support and also government support. We are very fortunate that in other communities, despite economic hardships, other cities and counties have helped support our Boys and Girls Clubs. The kids are the future of the community and part of the mission of Boys and Girls Clubs is to serve the kids that need them most, and to help create healthy lifestyles, character, and leadership and academic success, so they can go out and become city council people and give back to their own communities.

Mayor Joens stated we do support the Boys and Girls Club and asked if we have ever figured out the value of a building if they would have to rent a similar building.

Mr. Bartosh stated no we have not and it would probably be a \$1 per square foot.

Mayor Joens stated we do provide their building for a \$1 a year, so we do contribute some. She questioned if all Boys and Girls Clubs in every district do annual audits of their books by professional accountants.

Ms. Deal replied they do.

Council Member Jauregui stated being on the Council when this club came to fruition in the community, and speaking at one time with former City Manager Mickelsen, it was always his feeling that the city would probably have to in some way financially support the Boys and Girls Club in the future. They have done a great job of supporting themselves in the past, and we are here at crunch time to lend some assistance to the youth of our community. Our youth are very important to us so he hopes the Council can come to some sort of agreement as to some finances to help this club out.

The following parents addressed the council and relayed the positive impact the Boys and Girls Club had made in their children's life and urged the council to provide financial support to the Club: Michelle Donovan, Colleen Whitehurst, Paula White, Sharon Shapiro, April Romero, Britni Allen, Sequoia Trujillo, Jonathan Jauregui, Randy Koeppel from Cottonwood Elementary, Kat Masten and her son Chris, Shannon Smith, and Gary Horton.

Gary Chamberlain, from Cornville, stated he came with an opportunity that Boys and Girls Club have not taken advantage of. He would suggest that the council get the Boys and Girls Club to partner. He made \$7,000 picking up bags of trash as part of the Adopt a Highway program. It became a platform for others to raise money for their groups. He suggested the Boys and Girls Club members take part in the program to raise money.

Mayor Joens stated it seems to her that they need another kind of signature fundraising event because they had lost the Sedona one. A few months ago she spoke with Lindsay Higginson who is now the president of the Old Town Association who was talking about a fundraiser for the community garden. She called her today and asked about an event where they would talk about the Boys & Girls Club, which Lindsay liked the idea of.

Ms. Dedrick stated she was open to all options. There was another non-profit that wanted to partner and do the Taste of Sedona this year and were located in Sedona, but the Boys and Girls Club was finishing restructuring and the Sedona Taste was labor intensive and a 10 month deal. She wanted to focus on a date for 2014, so she did not really think they lost it, they were just taking a break. We need to grow over here. They had never really partnered in a lot of events over here. They had done a lot of stuff in Sedona but had always served more of their populous over here. Everybody was saying they were starting over, but they were going to come back bigger and better. Non-profits needed to think outside the box and form more partnerships because they all struggle at some point at time.

Vice Mayor Pfeifer stated she believed like Mr. Chamberlain said; involve the children in these fundraisers so they have a place to call home that they've earned and worked for. They can appreciate it a whole lot more if they have earned it and worked for it and that helps the community, their citizenship and everybody all the way around. It was amazing what kids can do and she would like to see the children involved in as much as we can get them involved in with the fundraisers.

Ms. Dedrick stated as part of their new restructuring they had just recently formed a parent task force because they believed that too; that everybody has to work together. They were putting together car washes, so the parents' responsibility is they have to bring them to the

car wash and they have to help. When the community sees that, they were willing to give to the Boys and Girls Club. Times have changed and they also need to be out in the community and giving back and they knew that.

Council Member Jauregui stated there were a lot of good ideas for the long term and he appreciated that. What this club is asking for right now is to get over a difficult time and get over the hump right now. He did not see any reason why we cannot contribute to that at this point and get together and work on all these other issues that we're talking about that are long-term issues. We put out money for the seniors and we gave money to the OTA for advertising or something. He questioned if we're not here to serve this community, what are we here for.

Council Member Pratt stated he was an avid supporter of the Boys and Girls Club and had seen it first hand and what it did for a young boy he was raising and he agreed with Ruben. He questioned how many kids a day were going to the Cottonwood center.

Ms. Dedrick stated it was anywhere from 35-50; it fluctuates. In the summer they were peaking out at anywhere from 75-98 a day. She was going to go to the county and had already put a bug in Supervisor Davis' ear and the county administrator, Phil Bourdon. It was a community effort and they needed to pitch in too. We spend a lot of money on our prison and she talked to them about that and asked why we can't do some preventative medicine. They served a lot of kids in Clarkdale and needed to meet with Clarkdale. This was just the beginning of a big, big, Verde Valley cooperative effort to make sure our kids have somewhere to go because they don't have anywhere to go. Working together they could put in a solid short-range and long-range plan.

Mayor Joens stated she would like to see her go back and meet with our staff, because we have another council meeting before March 31, and talk about your needs. She questioned if the council would just pick a number for funding.

Ms. Dedrick stated she was thinking \$10,000, which would give them \$18,000 and they could raise another \$7,000 and then they were solid. They were taking that \$50,000 and they were going to double it.

Mayor Joens questioned if the 19th would still work for her.

Ms. Dedrick stated it would be great if she went to donors and said the city just matched this \$8,000, because they were almost at \$10,000, so now we have almost \$20,000 and she would get that other \$7,000. Staff and parents were worried. Even though she was saying March 31 she did not want to have to close March 31. She was looking at different angles to see if they could make it till then. She would not have come before them if she did not think it was a dire need. She felt this would give her the momentum to push towards the \$100,000 goal. They had not even begun to hit the pavement. They had just started their momentum and in two weeks they had raised \$8,000. They were making commercials for the radio on Thursday about Arizona Gives Day. They wanted to match the grant, but they wanted to go well beyond that grant. It would be great to have a year's worth of operating

capital in the bank by July 31, so they start an afterschool program and could scholarship a lot more children. They need to get more kids in their doors because the parents could not afford it. There were a lot of kids that weren't served. When she looked at the Boys and Girls Club and you look at the big city and what they have to offer and it's free, we could do that here easily. You could build a club where you're at 200-300 kids a day because we have the strength here and she had seen it.

Council Member Elinski stated he thought the city can and should fund the Boys and Girls Club as part of our annual budget. He was concerned that he did not know before tonight that this was such a crises situation. He was not uncomfortable with giving the money, but he would like to have another meeting where we find out what the situation is and how it got to this point and make a plan to get you over the hurdle, but also make a plan to keep you in the city budget year after year so it doesn't get to this point. He did not think it was too much to ask to meet with staff. He would agree with the Mayor and share with them the situation so we could have another meeting to discuss it. As far as getting them over the hurdle, he had no problem with that at all and did support the Boys and Girls Club; he wished he had known this was a crisis before tonight.

Ms. Dedrick stated they would be happy to meet. She thought it was important and she knew they had a plan they could explain to you exactly how they got there. She had gone over stuff since 2008-2007 to try and figure it out herself when she stepped in. She had a pretty good idea and she knew if it was done right they should never be back here again.

Mayor Joens stated there were 600 non-profits in the Verde Valley and every one of them was as important as each. Verde Valley Caregivers get all their volunteers from Sedona but most of their care happens in Cottonwood.

Ms. Dedrick stated she knew we support the seniors and they have a really beautiful facility. While there were a lot of non-profits out there, she thought they were one of the only ones besides Big Brothers Big Sisters which mentor kids. She thought they really needed to look at that.

Mayor Joens stated she totally supported the children 100 percent. She did not think there was a single person on this council that disputed the importance of the Boys & Girls Club.

Jules Osher stated we have money for old folks like me and we make some contributions, but he saw two things. You have police activity taking care of kids that don't get the care. This is an investment and it would save a lot of money. And besides it does something for us when we give with understanding and knowledge of what's really going on. He commended them on their interest and these parents and children on the meaningful thing they were doing.

Council member Norman stated she agreed with everything that's been said, and was very much in favor of the Boys and Girls Club. She knew how important it is for your children to have a place to go and feel safe and have good guidance. However, she did not think they could make a decision tonight and did not see on the agenda where they can. She thought it

would be a good idea for Ms. Dedrick to meet with our staff and determine what can be done and how much, if possible.

Council Member Jauregui stated we can find out how much right now; we have the financial director sitting right here if he chooses to speak on that.

Mr. Rodriguez stated he was probably going to be the bad guy here. We too are going through some financial difficulties. The last few years we have frozen positions that we haven't filled and his big concern was recently we've had two 501(c)3's request funding. He could see where we're opening up a Pandora's Box where we may find ourselves with more and more 501(c)3's coming in. It's an investment and he thought it was a great idea, however, we do have other issues. He asked where the principal (of the school) was and would like to know how much he was planning to contribute to the same program too. It was very easy to come in here and stand and say we want the city to pony up, but he too has to go out to his board and find out what contributions he can put up. They were asking the city to contribute, but we also need to sit down and find out what is everyone else going to do. He also knew our counterparts and some of the communities are not going to look at how much Cottonwood's going to save, they just want to make sure we contribute the lion's share. There was a point made by our council as far as the program; we don't want to put good money for a program that seems to be dying off. It's on life support. We had the Sedona center close down and he was not sure what the issue is there because we have not been informed of it. We need to know what's going on before we actually put out this kind of money. The city has reserves, but if the council looked at the quarterly reports, he had been mentioning for the last two years that we need to start replenishing our reserves because we have tapped into them extremely heavily. We have a building better community grant program that we stopped about five years ago when we started to struggle and we haven't reinstated it. This program was originally set up to deal with one time type of payments such as this. If the council wants to we can go ahead and reinstate this program and try to run it through as quickly as possible. This would require applications from any 501(c)3; it was a competitive process. We don't have deep pockets and were pushing ourselves to do a lot of other projects for the community. We have expensive street projects going on, we needed some solar projects for our recreation center, we have a lot of things out there that are pending. We can do it, but it's a matter of which pocket are we going to take it out of to put it into this pocket. We were struggling too. Every time we go through budget we have to balance our budget, and in past years we've come back to the council and told them we've cut staff, we've delayed projects and done all these things to try to manage our finances. If they were asking him, he would say we postpone it until the next meeting until we have a chance to talk with them and have a game plan that says they're going to the county, but the county, Clarkdale, and the school districts were in the same boat and probably even worse than us, but that doesn't mean we have the deep pockets to continue funding 501(c)3's.

Council member Jauregui stated we appreciate that and there was one good thing that he said—that if necessary we can find the money to fund this.

Council Member Dowling stated he definitely thinks the program is important. He thought they need to identify what needs to happen to get it over the hump. He supported doing it

and would hate to make an emotional decision on something that's so important for everybody, so he felt it was most logical to try and define what it is that needs to be done and proceed with that. He would like to have a more definite number and have that meeting and the interface as soon as we can and try and get the action through as soon as we can in a responsible manner.

Debbie Pickard, the former board president, stated she wanted to respond to this gentleman and tell him that in 2011 if it was not for the board that was in place those doors would not be open because out of their pocket they put in \$20,000 to keep the doors open. If it was not emotion that was going to get you to put up \$10,000 then she did not know what it is because there is nothing more important. We step up all the time and put in our own money and we are at every fundraiser. We did 18 fundraisers in 2012. Every weekend we were out there. She wanted to thank them for their time, but she also wanted them to know that it was because of these parents and the board that's been in place that we are here today.

Ms. Dedrick stated she just wanted to clarify one more thing. She didn't say she was going to go and leverage that money. She used to work for the county so she knows them all pretty well. She knows a lot of people and actually one of their board members came from his wife that actually works at the county that said you will go do this because our grandsons go there. This isn't about an argument. She agrees with and understands the city is using taxpayer money. We do need to be in the budget every single year, but we need to put together that whole piece of pie that says okay where is all the funding going to come from. But she also did know that she needed to be able to tell her parents if she was going to be open in 30 days. That's how critical this was. She had talked to quite a few people in the community before today and before she came to Call to the Public, about what their situation was. She had met multiple times with different individuals, so she did not think it was new that they were in this situation. It may be new to some on the council, but she did not think it was very new that the situation was in hand. She had done the budget for this year; it's actually in the black we just have to put together the team to make sure that all the stuff that we need to do to raise that money stays. But again, it was critical that we raise that money by July/August so we can start working on 2014.

Mayor Joens stated one thing that is probably is not understood by many people and many members of the public on the animal issue and supporting the Verde Valley Humane Society. State code requires us to take care of animals, so that is why we assist them because if we didn't have the non-profit we would have to pay for all of that ourselves. That is just a point of clarification that we are required to take care of stray animals.

Mayor Joens then stated she thought what she was hearing as the direction of the majority of the council is to work with staff and to bring it back on the 19th for a decision by the council so we can look at our budget and your budget and figure out how we can help you.

Jules Osher stated his concern here is this is preventive care. We don't do nearly enough these days. Maybe these children can be involved in the process and learn.

Mr. Chamberlain stated what he finds puzzling is in partnerships it's a win-win deal and I

look at the fine people who showed up today to support the Boys & Girls Club and I hear about how many kids this benefits and I wonder where all the other parents are who benefit from the money they're asking you to give. That to me doesn't sound like a partnership.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL'S 2013 VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT & STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Mr. Bartosh stated as we have done the last five or six years, we got the council together and went over what we want to try and get accomplish this year and beyond. We have made the changes to the strategic initiatives that council had identified, added those that the council suggested, and took out those that had been completed.

Mayor Joens stated did he notice that we don't have item number 12.

Mr. Bartosh stated there may not be a 12 anymore because we got rid of one of the initiatives.

The council agreed that one was completed and dealt with already.

Mr. Bartosh stated he thinks this is complete and the only thing that we had on the Mission and Vision Statement was a request for Casey Rooney to add in the areas of the Focus on Success economic development plan, and Casey did do that and he will send that out to the council electronically tomorrow.

Mayor Joens asked if we should bring that back at the next meeting. It wouldn't hurt us to bring that back and read it and spend a little bit of time on that.

Mr. Bartosh stated he will bring that back at the next meeting.

Mayor Joens stated she did go over this with a fine tooth comb, and it still does seem to her that we do have a 12.

Mr. Bartosh stated he could double check it.

Mayor Joens stated on strategic initiative 3 on the sixth dot down, it says develop marketing strategies to connect the city to the Verde River, and she really likes that and hopes we keep it, but she thought it said something different than the Verde River.

Mr. Bartosh stated it is a pretty general goal so we can fit quite a bit in there.

Mayor Joens stated she will research it some more and get back with Mr. Bartosh. On item number 4 she questioned if we shouldn't add helping the VFW find a bus in our goals. The veterans are in their 80s and 90s and they can't get into the van anymore and the council may want to, if we have an opportunity, provide an old bus to them.

Mr. Bartosh stated he is not sure there is an initiative that it fits into.

The council agreed to add that into number 8.

Mayor Joens stated on item 8 put the Let's Move under Marianne and Richard.

Council Member Elinski moved to approve the Strategic Initiatives

Mr. Bartosh questioned if that was with the recommended changes.

Council Member Elinski stated with the recommended changes the Mayor asked you to look into. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Pfeifer, and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE RULES & REGULATIONS AND FEES FOR THE COTTONWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Ms. Jiménez stated at the February 12 work session most of the council members were present and she presented a set of draft rules and regulations for the community garden along with a user agreement which the council was okay with. She did add the rule that no railroad ties or tires allowed in the community garden as requested. She expanded the rules a little bit more and was requesting formal approval by the council of the rules and regulations and the user agreement. The council also indicated it wanted the community garden to be an organic garden and all the community members that had been calling anxiously awaiting to get into the garden were very pleased that it was going to organic. Fertilizers or pest control products that were going to be used in the garden had to be listed in the Organic Materials Review Institute's handbook which she had a copy on file in her office and it was also available online.

Mayor Joens stated it looked like it was very thorough.

Council Member Pratt stated it was very good.

Mayor Joens questioned rule number 12 where it referred to the removal of all plants, leaves and temporary structures from the plot, and if we had a place where they could put those and if we expected them to take them home.

Ms. Jiménez stated somewhere in the rules it stated they need to dispose of the weeds, dead plants, and so forth. It was something she needed to look into because there wasn't a dumpster or trash container located anywhere near the garden. The closest one would be at the dog park. We are asking that they remove the material and take it home at this time. It would be an additional charge to add a trash container at the garden that would have to be budgeted for in next year's budget.

Mayor Joens stated if it was a problem the citizens can come to the garden manager and see if there might be a different solution, but we can try this first and see if that works.

Council Member Pratt stated the motion indicated the City Clerk can amend this from time to time if it needs to be. He would say they pass it like it is and if it needs amendment it can

be done; he thought it was complete.

Mayor Joens stated she would agree. She then questioned if there were any comments from the public on this item, and there were none.

Council Member Pratt moved to approve the Cottonwood Community Garden Rules, Regulations, User Agreement and fees as presented; to appoint the City Clerk as the garden's manager and to authorize the City Clerk to amend the Rules, Regulations, User Agreement, and fees from time to time as appropriate. The motion was seconded by Council Member Elinski, and carried unanimously.

CLAIMS & ADJUSTMENTS

Council Member Dowling declared a conflict on this item as his employer was listed on the Claims & Adjustments.

After clarification for the record that the actual number for payroll was \$524,976.82 rather than the listed \$295,711.23, Council Member Elinski moved to pay the Claims & Adjustments with the correction that was just noted. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Pfeifer, and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- ANNUAL 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 she had sent the letter to Mr. Bartosh and he believed he chose to go into executive session. She then moved to convene into executive session. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Pfeifer, and carried unanimously.

After reconvening into regular session, the council took no action and there was no further discussion regarding this item.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Diane Joens, Mayor

ATTEST:

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 March 5, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called, and that a quorum was present.

Marianne Jiménez, City Clerk

Date